

MINUTES of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, February 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

Chair Morey	-Chair
Director Barr	
Director Craddock	
Director Gray	
Director Lutsiak	
Director Middleton	
Director Streeper	
Director Unruh	

STAFF

Pat Bailey	-Administrator
Debbie Walker	-Corporate Administrator
Heather Brown	-Deputy Corporate Administrator
Liana Capes	-Recording Secretary
Randy McLean	-Treasurer

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Joanne Wright	-Chamber of Commerce
Heather Sellors	-Chamber of Commerce
Brent Hodson	-Fort Nelson News
Dwayne Sarafinchan	-Northgate Contractors Inc.
Ed Bulley	-Woodlands Inn
Staff Sergeant Reid	-RCMP
Myrna Blake	

1. CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, Chair Morey called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and proceeded with the business placed before it.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA **MOVED** by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that the agenda for the February 10, 2003 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:

- Northern Rockies Regional District Landfill Tipping Fees Bylaw No. 153, establishment of Public Hearing date

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3. Regional Board
January 27, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Streeper that the minutes of the Regional Board meeting held January 27, 2003 be adopted for implementation as presented, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

4. Council/Board Information Package
January 31, 2003

MOVED by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 31, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Council/Board Information Package
February 7, 2003

MOVED by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that the Council/Board Information Package dated February 7, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

6. 2003 Budget Process - 8:00 PM
Public Question and
Answer Period

There were no questions during the public question and answer period.

CORRESPONDENCE

7. North Central Municipal Association
Re: Request for Resolution to 2003
Annual General Meeting
Deadline Monday,
March 3, 2003 * It was agreed that this item be deferred to the February 24, 2003
Regional Board meeting for consideration.
8. Honours and Awards Secretariat
Re: Order of British Columbia
2003 Call for Nominations **MOVED** by Director Craddock , **SECONDED** by Director Barr that
the Honours and Awards Secretariat be advised that the Board of
the Northern Rockies Regional District nominates Dr. Anthony
Kenyon for the 2003 Order of British Columbia.
- CARRIED**
9. Brent Doyle
Re: Sierra-Yo Yo Desan Road
and the Northern Link Road
For Information **MOVED** by Director Barr, **SECONDED** by Director Gray that the
letter from Brent Doyle dated February 3, 2003 regarding the Sierra
- Yo Yo Desan Road and the Northern Link Road be received for
information.
- CARRIED**
10. Chris Lear, Manager, Forest Education
Council of Forest Industries
Re: Community Educational Forestry Tour
7:30 am, Monday, February 17, 2003
Invitation to Attend Mayor Morey stated she would attend the Forest Education Council
of Forest Industries Community Educational Forestry Tour Monday,
February 17, 2003.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Mile 292 Subdivision Water Utility Committee
January 21, 2003 **MOVED** by Director Barr, **SECONDED** by Director Lutsiak that the minutes of the Mile 292 Subdivision Water Utility Committee meeting held January 21, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

12. Emergency Program Executive Committee
February 3, 2003 **MOVED** by Director Barr, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Administration be authorized to prepare a House and Business Signage Bylaw mandating correct address numbering on all houses and businesses in the Northern Rockies Regional District *and further* authorizing Regional District employees to place proper signage on any houses and businesses within the Regional District that are in non-compliance with the bylaw, with associated costs of installing said signage and labour being recovered through property taxation.

CARRIED

OPERATING REPORTS

13. RCMP (Reid)
January Operating Report Staff Sergeant Reid advised that on January 31, 2003, four additional RCMP members had to be called in due to high crime activity; he indicated February was proving to be extremely busy.

Director Craddock inquired as to why the crime rate was so high in Fort Nelson, to which Staff Sergeant Reid responded that some of the illegal activity was occurring with local residents and some from non-residents.

It was *agreed* that the RCMP Operating Report for January 2003 be received for information.

14. Treasury (McLean)
Cheques Dated December 14, 2002
to January 24, 2003

Mayor Morey reported that as per cheque # 44652 on Page 101 of the Agenda she was not in conflict of interest.

Discussion ensued regarding the necessity to place all cheques statements on Regional Board Agendas.

Treasurer McLean advised the cheque list is placed on the Agenda in it's entirety due to the wishes of previous Council/Board. He further suggested that binders for the cheques could be produced and left in the Bear Pit for Council to review at any given time.

It was agreed that the cheque list would remain on the Agenda package in it's entirety.

Clarification was sought and received on the purpose of some of the cheques issued.

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that cheques numbered 44493 through to 44888, dated December 14, 2002 to January 24, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

15. Cheques Dated January 25, 2003
to February 4, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that cheques numbered 44893 through to 44953, dated January 25, 2002 to February 4, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

*Ed Bulley entered the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

16. Administration Report #16/03
Re: TRANSPORTATION - Air Canada
Jazz, Update on Fort Nelson Operations
For Information
- Administrator Bailey advised that changes were happening with Air Canada Jazz, noting that it was for sale and that there was no longer a base manager out of Fort St. John. She further noted that she would keep Council/Board apprised of any new information.

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that Administration Report #16/03 Re: Transportation - Air Canada Jazz Update on Fort Nelson Operations be received for information.

CARRIED

*Heather Sellors left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

17. Administration Report #17/03
Re: MATERIAL & SUPPLY
2003 Stationery Tender
For Review and Award
- MOVED** by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that the 2003 Stationery Tender be awarded to Corporate Express of Edmonton, Alberta, in the amount of \$30,707.53, taxes and shipping included.

CARRIED

18. Administration Report # 19/03
Re: OIL & GAS -3 Annual BC natural
Gas Symposium, May 7 & 8, 2003
Participation & Attendance
- MOVED** by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Chair Morey, Director Streeper, and the Administrator be authorized to attend the 2003 BC Natural Gas Symposium in Vancouver on May 7, & 8, all expenses paid as required, AND that Chair Morey represent the Northern Rockies region on the Symposium's local government panel.

CARRIED

19. Administration Report #20/03
Re: TRANSPORTATION - Transportation
Conferences: Canada West Foundation
"Building the New Dream" Conference,
March 6 to 7, 2003, Calgary AND National
Transportation Conference, May 26, to 29, 2003,
Edmonton, Request as to Interest
in Attendance

It was suggested that the Transportation Conference Canada West Foundation was intended for elected officials; however, if no elected official could attend, a citizen with transportation interests could be invited to attend.

MOVED by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Lutsiak that all expenses be authorized for one elected official or staff member to attend the Canada West Foundation "Building the New Dream" Conference in Calgary, AB March 6 to 7, 2003.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that Director Lutsiak and Director Streeper or be authorized to attend the National Transportation Conference in Edmonton on May 26 to 29, 2003 and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba May 30 - June 2, 2003, all expenses paid.

CARRIED

20. Memorandum from Treasurer McLean
Re: Status Report on
3M Committee

Treasurer McLean advised that he was unable to attend the last 3M Committee meeting but would attend the next one on Friday, February 14, 2003 in Fort St. John.

MOVED by Director Craddock, **SECONDED** by Director Streeper that Treasurer McLean's Memorandum status report on the 3M Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

BYLAWS/POLICIES

21.

For Third Reading
Northern Rockies Regional District
The Rural Land Use Amendment
(Northgate Contractors Inc.)
Bylaw No. 151, 2003

Declaring a conflict of interest in the matter to follow Director Barr left the meeting at 7:30 pm and did not participate in the discussion or decisions. Reasons for declaring said conflict was a potential for employment with Northgate Contractors Inc.

Director Craddock stated that he was not in favour of the Rural Land Use Amendment (Northgate Contractors Inc.) Bylaw No. 151, 2003 for the following reasons:

- More review was needed on the long term plan for the Industrial area before any decision was made.
- Not a fair competition for hotel owners in commercial zoned areas.
- Control over what was being constructed would be lost.

MOVED by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Northern Rockies Regional District Rural Land Use Amendment (Northgate Contractors Inc.) Bylaw No. 151, 2003 be given third reading.

OPPOSED - Director Craddock
- Director Middleton

CARRIED

22.

For First, Second and Third Reading
And For Adoption
The Northern Rockies Regional District
Procedure Bylaw
No. 152, 2003

MOVED by Director Craddock, **SECONDED** by Director Gray that the Northern Rockies Regional District Procedure Bylaw No. 152, 2003 be *deferred* to the February 22, 2003 Capital Budget meeting for discussion.

CARRIED

*Dwayne Safafinchan left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

*Director Barr re-entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and resumed his seat.

23. For First and Second Reading
The Northern Rockies Regional District
Landfill Tipping Fees and Regulations
Bylaw No. 153, 2003

Director Craddock inquired about the weekend hours of operation at the Landfill, noting that commercial carriers were being turned away and directed to deposit at C.F. Wright Farm.

Director Streeper reported that as a commercial carrier, he had been turned away at the landfill and directed to the C.F. Wright Farm; he was advised the landfill would accept only household waste on the weekend because the landfill was not open on the weekends.

Corporate Administrator Walker advised that DOP Hupman was looking into the matter to determine if the landfill was open on weekends for commercial carriers.

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that the Northern Rockies Regional District Landfill Tipping Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 153, 2003 be given first and second readings.

CARRIED

24. Landfill Tipping Fees and Regulations
Bylaw No. 153, 2003
Public Meeting Date

Corporate Administrator Walker requested that a public hearing date be established for Bylaw No. 153, 2003.

MOVED by Director Craddock, **SECONDED** Lutsiak that the Public Hearing date for the Landfill Tipping Fees and Regulations Bylaw No. 153, 2003 be established for February 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

25. Resolution
For Adoption
- MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Lutsiak that the decisions of the meeting of the Town Council as held preceding this meeting of the Regional Board be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

26. 2002 Firefighter's Awards Dinner
6:00 pm, March 1, 2003, Fort Nelson Curling Club
Invitation to Attend and
make Presentations
- Chair Morey, Director Lutsiak, Director Craddock, Director Barr, Director Gray, and Director Middleton confirmed that they would be able to attend the 2002 Firefighter's Awards Dinner at 6:00 pm, March 1, 2003, Fort Nelson Curling Club. Director Streeper indicated he would confirm his attendance later in the week.

27. For Ratification
Regional Transportation Advisory
Committee Candidates, Support for
Appointment by Minister of Transportation
to Northeast Regional Transportation
Committee (NERTAC)
- MOVED** by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Ministry of Transportation be advised that the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional District supports the applications of Fort Nelson Mayor and Chairperson of the Northern Rockies Regional District Chris Morey and Town Councillor and Regional Director Bill Streeper to act as Regional Board representatives to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee AND that the Regional Board supports the applications of James (Jim) Campbell, Kevin Hall, Kevin Kuhn, Town Councillor and Regional Director Keith Lutsiak, Bill Moore, Jack Sime, Derek Stewart and Joanne Wright as member so the RTAC.

CARRIED

Barclay Pitkethly, Projects Coordinator, was commended on his excellent work in assisting candidates with their applications.

28. Request for Information Regional Board Meeting
with Malcolm Maxwell, CEO Northern Health Authority
Andrew Neuner, CEO for North East and
Bryan Redford, Health Services Administrator,
Fort Nelson General Hospital,
12:00 Noon, Tuesday, February 18, 2003
Pantry Restaurant
(Hosted by Northern Health Authority)

Confirmation of Attendees Discussion ensued regarding the Informal Regional Board meeting with Malcolm Maxwell, CEO Northern Health Authority Andrew Neuner, for North East and Byran Redford, Health Services Administrator, Fort Nelson General Hospital, with the following being suggested for discussion during the meeting:

- Funding concerns regarding financial and equipment donations being made to FN General Hospital and whether donations are utilized in Fort Nelson or "pooled" for use in the Peace Region.
- Update on Northern Medical Program, specifically with regard to fundraising.
- Appointments to the Northern Health Authority
- Physician recruitment

It was noted that Chair Morey, Director Craddock, Director Gray, Director Lutsiak, Director Streeper and Director Unruh would attend the meeting.

29. Emergency Regional Board Meeting
Re: Muskwa-Kechika Presentation
7:00 pm, Wednesday,
February 19, 2003

It was noted that an Emergency Regional Board meeting regarding the Muskwa-Kechika Presentation would be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

30. Emergency Regional Board
with BC Hydro Representatives
12:00 noon, Thursday,
February 20, 2003

It was noted that an Emergency Regional Board meeting with BC Hydro Representatives would be held at 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 20, 2003.

31. Emergency Regional Board InCamera Meeting
with Ministry of Energy & Mines Representatives
5:00 pm, Thursday,
February 20, 2003 An Emergency Regional Board InCamera meeting with Ministry of
Energy & Mines Representatives would be held at 5:00 p.m.,
Thursday, February 20, 2003.
32. Emergency Regional Board InCamera Meeting
with Duke Energy Representatives
5:00 pm, Monday,
February 24, 2003 An Emergency Regional Board InCamera meeting with Duke Energy
Representatives would be held at 5:00 pm. Monday, February 24,
2003.
33. Request for Informal Regional Board Meeting
with Iain Johnstone, BC Gas, 12:00 Noon,
Thursday, February 27 OR Friday, February 28, 2002
Date & Location to be Determined
(Hosted by BC Gas)
For Confirmation Chair Morey noted she would attend the Informal Regional Board
Meeting with Iain Johnstone, BC Gas (Hosted by BC Gas) and
encouraged all Board Members to attend. Administration was
requested to establish and confirm a meeting date with Mr.
Johnstone, and advise Board members.
34. Mayor's Appointment of Single Tier
Government Committee Citizen Members
Lynn Chabot & Abigail Neville Chair Morey announced the appointment of Lynn Chabot and
Abigail Neville as citizen members to the Single Tier Government
Committee.
35. Subjects For
Municipal Bulletin It was suggested that 911 service and residential and commercial
street numbering be included in an upcoming edition of the
Municipal Bulletin.

36. Subjects For
Radio Call-In
- It was noted that the topics and confirmation of Council/Board attendance for the Feb 28, 2003 radio Call-In Program would be discussed at the February 24, 2002 Regional Board meeting.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

37. Director Middleton
- Director Middleton noted she had attended a Historical Society meeting the first of the month.
38. Director Streeper
- Director Streeper noted he attended an informative PEP meeting in Fort St. John. He indicated it was a good experience, noting a lot of training is done in BC.
39. Director Barr
- Director Barr stated that there had been a Mile 292 Water Utility Subdivision Committee meeting on January 21, 2002 and that new citizen members were appointed to the Committee. He further stated new hardware was being installed and inquiries had been made on the status of the grant application.

40. **ADJOURNMENT**
- MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Streeper that the Regional Board meeting dated February 10, 2003 be declared adjourned at 8:28 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2003.

Chris Morey, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Liana Capes, Recording Secretary