

MINUTES of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

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
Pat Higgins - Deputy Treasurer
Linda Wallace - DRDS
Bruce Hupman - DOP
Sylvia Hayes - Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Brent Hodson - Fort Nelson News

1. Call to Order A quorum being present, Chair Morey called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM and proceeded with the business placed before it.

2. Adoption of Agenda **MOVED** by Director Craddock, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the agenda for the February 24, 2003 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:

- ~ MP Jay Hill, request to meet with Board members February 26, 2003, establishment of time for meeting
- ~ Emergency Regional Board Minutes, January 21, 2003
- ~ Emergency Regional Board Minutes, February 5, 2003
- ~ Emergency Regional Board Minutes, February 10, 2003
- ~ Public Hearing Re: Regional District Rural Land Use Bylaw No. 105, 1998 Amendment Minutes, February 10, 2003

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

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MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3. Emergency Regional Board
Minutes
January 21, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that the minutes of the Emergency Regional Board meeting held January 21 2003 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

4. Emergency Regional Board
Minutes
February 5, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that the minutes of the Emergency Regional Board meeting held February 5, 2003 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

5. Emergency Regional Board
Minutes
February 10, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that the minutes of the Emergency Regional Board meeting held February 10, 2003 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

6. Public Hearing Re: Regional District
Rural Land Use Bylaw No. 105, 1998
Amendment, Minutes
February 10, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that the minutes of the Public Hearing Re: Regional District Rural Land Use Bylaw No. 105, 1998 held February 10, 2003 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

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7. Regional Board
Minutes
February 10, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that the minutes of the Regional Board meeting held February 10, 2003 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

8. Council/Board Information Package
February 14, 2003

Chair Morey referred those present to a letter on pages 14-17 of the Council/Board Information Package regarding the North Central Municipal Association's call for nominations for the 2003/04 NCMA Executive. She advised the Board had appointed her to the NCMA Executive until elections took place. She further advised the NCMA Executive meet by teleconference once per month and in Prince George every second month. She noted that a second elected official from the Northern Rockies Regional District could be nominated for the position of Director at large.

MOVED by Director Craddock, **SECONDED** by Director Streeper that Chair Morey remain the representative for the Northern Rockies Regional District for the North Central Municipal Association.

CARRIED

9. Council/Board Information Package
February 21, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Council/Board Information Package dated February 21, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

10. Stacey Loe, Re: Presentation
to Departing Employee

It was noted that Ms. Loe was unable to attend the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

11. Women's Resource Centre
Re: Nominations for Women of the
Year Award
- It was noted nominations for this award should be forthcoming from community members, not elected officials.
- MOVED** by Director Streeper, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that the correspondence received from the Women's Resource Centre dated February 18, 2003 be received for information.

CARRIED

12. Fort Nelson and District Chamber
of Commerce
Re: Trade Show
May 3 & 4, 2003
- It was queried if the booth for the trade show had been booked previous to the Board meeting.
- It was noted the booths are reserved from year to year so the Board receives the same area each year.
- It was noted Director Middleton would be available to help out at the trade show.
- MOVED** by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Gray that the Fort Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District would participate in the 2003 Trade Show and that the cost of 2 booths in the amount of \$700 plus taxes be authorized and further that administration proceed with all necessary arrangements and provision of relevant information.

CARRIED

12. Continued
- It was agreed this item would be brought forward at the March 10 Regional Board meeting for further discussion.

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13. Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Re: Annual Conference,
May 30 - June 2, 2003

Director Streeper advised he would confirm his attendance at a later date. Mayor Morey indicated she would be available to attend the FCM Conference if Councillor Streeper was unavailable.

MOVED by Director Craddock, **SECONDED** by Director Barr that Director Lutsiak and Director Streeper (or Mayor Morey) be authorized to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference May 30 - June 2, 2003, all expenses paid.

CARRIED

14. Union of British Columbia Municipalities
Re: Provincial Response to 2002
Resolution Endorsed by UBCM, regarding
Protection of Municipal
Water Systems

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Middleton that a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Aboriginal and Women's Services clarifying the Town of Fort Nelson's concerns regarding the Ministry's response to the 2002 resolution endorsed by UBCM regarding the Protection of Municipal Water systems.

CARRIED

15. North Central Municipal Association
Re: Request for Resolution to 2003
Annual General Meeting, Deadline
Monday, March 3, 2003

MOVED by Director Barr, **SECONDED** by Director Lutsiak that the letter dated January 26, 2003 from the North Central Municipal Association be received for information.

CARRIED

OPERATING REPORTS

16. Treasury (McLean)
Cheques dated February 5, 2003 to
February 20, 2003

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that cheques numbered 44957 through to and including cheque number 44154, and excluding cheques numbered 44990 and 45100 be received for information.

CARRIED

Declaring a conflict of interest in the matter to follow Chair Morey exited the meeting at 7:45 PM and did not participate in the discussions or decisions on the same.

Director Barr assumed the seat of Chair.

MOVED by Director Lutsiak, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Cheques numbered 44990 to and including 45100 be received for information.

CARRIED

Chair Morey re-entered the meeting at 7:46 PM and resumed her seat.

BYLAWS/POLICIES

17. For First, Second and Third Readings
The Board Remuneration and Travel Expense
Policy Amendment
Bylaw No. 154, 2003

MOVED by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Lutsiak that the Board Remuneration and Travel Expense Policy Amendment, Bylaw No. 154, 2003 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

18. For Adoption
The Board Remuneration and Travel Expense
Policy Amendment
Bylaw No. 154, 2003

MOVED by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Lutsiak that the Board Remuneration and Travel Expense Policy Amendment, Bylaw No. 154, 2003 be adopted.

CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

19. Resolution for Adoption
- MOVED** by Director Gray, **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

20. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin
- Discussion ensued regarding subject matter for the Municipal Bulletin whereby the following was noted:
- ~ the decision made by Board members regarding the SYD and Northern Link Road
 - ~ request for information pertaining to areas of historical significance to the community other than the HME hill

21. Subjects for Radio Call-In Program

Board members available for the Radio Call In program included Chair Morey, Director Lutsiak, and Director Middleton.

Suggested topics for discussion included the budget process and Long Term Strategies, future 911 service, the house and business signage bylaw and the recent meeting with the Northern Health Authority.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS

22. Director Craddock
- Director Craddock advised Treasurer McLean and he were to attend a Municipal Finance Authority Conference, but upon review of the agenda items felt it was unnecessary to attend.
23. Director Middleton
- Director Middleton noted she attended the performance of Tales of a Catskinner held at the Phoenix Theatre February 21 and 22, 2003. The performance was very well received and playwright Cynthia Livingstone noted "the community of Fort Nelson rocks in hospitality."
24. Director Streeper
- Director Streeper advised there is 100% utilization of drilling rigs in the area and he has contacted the American company Apache to inquire if they would be interested in establishing a Fort Nelson base.
25. Director Unruh
- Director Unruh advised she had attended an Action North meeting and the Action North Committee was drafting a letter to the Northern Health Authority regarding the funding of detoxification beds in the Fort Nelson General Hospital. She noted the RCMP had made a DARE presentation at the Action North Meeting.

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26. Director Barr Director Barr noted there were several water outages at Mile 292 Subdivision recently due to airlocks in water lines; however, with the installation of a new system valve, the problems have been rectified.
27. Director Craddock Director Craddock advised the Newly Elected Officials Workshop in Vancouver was a good learning experience for everyone and a very enjoyable time.
28. Chair Morey Chair Morey advised she would be doing a presentation at the next Fort Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce to update Chamber members on various topics the Board is currently dealing with. The meeting would be held February 25, 2003 at the Pantry Restaurant.
29. Adjournment **MOVED** by Director Gray, **SECONDED** by Director Streeper that the Regional Board meeting dated February 24, 2003 be declared adjourned at 7:50 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2003.

Chris Morey, Mayor/Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Sylvia Hayes, Recording Secretary