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Board of Directors  
Peace River Regional District  
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Attention: Board of Directors

Please accept this as a letter of introduction for the representatives of the North Peace Branch of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) who shall be attending a meeting of the PRRD Board on November 7, 2011.

The North Peace Branch of the BC SPCA has existed informally since at least the early 1960s, and received its formal warrant in the early 1970s. Abandoned, abused and stray animals from the North Peace were cared for through a volunteer network of foster homes until 1995, when a shelter was built in Fort St. John, and paid staff were hired for the first time.

The North Peace Branch is part of the provincial BC SPCA, which is the largest animal welfare organization in Canada, and one of the leading animal welfare organizations in the world (please see the attached backgrounder). The Society was founded in 1895, and has operated since then under its own legislation, the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*.

The delegation attending the PRRD meeting will consist of two people. The first, Rosolynn Kalb, has been a volunteer with the North Peace Branch for nearly 30 years, during which time she served on the Branch Board of Directors and then, subsequent to a Bylaw restructuring in 2001, on its successor Community Council of which she is currently the chair. She has volunteered as the shelter manager since the facility opened in 1995, and received numerous awards in recognition of her exceptional dedication, accomplishments and hard work with the Society. Rosolynn lives in Fort St. John.

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Peter Havlik has been a volunteer with the BC SPCA since 1994, and served as the president and then chair of the North Peace Branch from 1996 to 2010. Peter has also served on the BC SPCA Board of Directors from 1996 to 2005, and again since 2010. During this time, Peter has served, and continues to serve, on numerous committees and task forces of the Society. He currently sits on the Board as the Regional Director for the North Region, covering all BC SPCA branches in the Province north of Prince George. Peter lives in Charlie Lake, BC.

Peter and Rosolynn would like to thank the PRRD Board for the opportunity to make a presentation regarding the North Peace Branch of the BC SPCA, and look forward to meeting you.

Signed,

Peter Havlik  
Director, BC SPCA

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## THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

### OUR MISSION:

To protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in B.C.

### OUR VISION:

To inspire and mobilize society to create a world in which all animals enjoy, as a minimum, five essential freedoms:

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst;
2. Freedom from pain, injury and disease;
3. Freedom from distress;
4. Freedom from discomfort;
5. Freedom to express behaviors that promote well-being.

The BC SPCA is a not-for-profit reliant on support from the community (Registered Charity BN 11881 9036 RR00010).

The society was created under the auspices of the provincial Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act in 1895, and is the only animal welfare organization in B.C. which has the authority to enforce laws relating to animal cruelty and to prepare cases for Crown Counsel for the prosecution of individuals who inflict suffering on animals.

Through its 37 branches located around B.C. and its provincial office in Vancouver, the BC SPCA provides a wide range of services and programs to help nearly 34,000 animals in distress and need each year.

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## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Enforcement of animal cruelty laws through investigations into cases of animal cruelty and neglect
- Sheltering and adoption of homeless, surrendered and abandoned animals
- Low-cost spay/neuter programs and services to reduce pet overpopulation
- Emergency medical treatment and after-hours rescue
- Youth programs, including school programs, summer camps and the BC SPCA Kids Club
- Advocacy on animal-related issues, such as campaigning for stronger anti-cruelty laws, help for chained dogs, campaigns against puppy mills and improved transport conditions for farm animals.
- Cruelty prevention and education programs for adults
- Outreach programs, including pet food banks and a free monthly vet clinic in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside
- Reuniting lost pets with their owners
- Protection and advocacy for farm animals, including the SPCA Certified labeling program to ensure high standards of animal welfare by producers of meat, eggs and cheese
- Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation
- Animal welfare research
- Leading-edge work in temperament assessment and matching programs to increase animal welfare and success of adoptions
- Emergency disaster response

## STATS AT A GLANCE:

The Society has 433 staff members (full-time, part-time and auxiliary) and nearly 4,000 volunteers throughout the province.

Our staff includes 26 full-time Special Provincial Constables, who are trained and authorized to investigate complaints of animal cruelty and neglect. Thirteen additional constables work in branches full-time and assist with investigations in their communities.

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*In 2010 the BC SPCA:*

- Operated 30 animal shelters, two education & adoption centres, one store-front adoption facility, three volunteer-run branches without facilities and Wild ARC, a wildlife rehabilitation centre in Metchosin on Vancouver Island;
- Rescued 33,762 injured, homeless, neglected and abused animals (companion, farm and wild);
- Reunited 5,169 lost animals (including 4,004 dogs, 1,036 cats and 14 rabbits) with their anxious families;
- Transported 5,566 animals between shelters to maximize adoption and adopted 889 animals through our satellite adoption centres;
- Found new, loving families for 18,144 homeless animals (5,344 dogs, 11,306 cats, 407 rabbits, 1,087 (small animals & other));
- Helped 1,848 injured and orphaned wild animals (1,283 birds, 561 mammals, two amphibians and two reptiles at Wild ARC, the BC SPCA's wildlife rehabilitation centre in Metchosin on Vancouver Island. An additional 690 wild animals were also received in BC SPCA shelters;
- Conducted 7,147 new cruelty investigations;
- Removed 1,249 animals from dangerous or neglectful situations through cruelty investigations and rescued an additional 2,518 injured animals;
- Executed 117 warrants under the Criminal Code of Canada, the PCA Act and the Offense Act;
- Submitted 78 charges of animal cruelty and neglect to Crown Counsel;
- Offered humane education programs for thousands of children, youth and adults in B.C.;
- Provided more than \$2 million for a wide range of programs to reduce pet overpopulation, including free and low-cost spay/neuter services provided by the BC SPCA Vancouver animal hospital and the BC SPCA spay/neuter clinics in Prince George and Kamloops and through low-cost spay/neuter funds administered by SPCA branches across the province. The society also maintained its goal of 100% pre-adoption spay/neuter of dogs, cats and rabbits in all of its branches in 2010.
- Helped thousands of injured homeless animals through the BC SPCA Vancouver animal hospital. The hospital offers full-service medical care, as well as low-cost spay/neuter and extensive charitable work for low-income pet guardians and local animal rescue groups;
- In 2010 we received 1,906,615 visits to our website from users seeking information on animal care, advocacy and SPCA programs and activities and had 6,057 Facebook fans and 3,200 Twitter followers.

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## BC BRANCHES & FACILITIES

100 Mile House & District  
Abbotsford/Langley  
Alberni/Clayoquot  
Burnaby  
Campbell River  
Chilliwack  
Comox Valley & District  
Cowichan & District (Duncan)  
East Kootenay (Cranbrook)  
Haida Gwaii  
Kamloops  
Kelowna  
Maple Ridge  
Nanaimo & District  
Nelson  
North Cariboo (Prince George)  
North Peace (Fort St. John)  
Parksville/Qualicum Beach  
Port Coquitlam (Education & Adoption Centre)  
Powell River & District  
Prince Rupert  
Quesnel & District  
Richmond (Education & Adoption Centre)  
Salt Spring Island  
Shuswap (Salmon Arm)  
South Okanagan-Similkameen (Penticton)  
South Peace (Dawson Creek)  
Squamish  
Sunshine Coast  
Surrey  
Trail Regional  
Vancouver  
Vernon  
Victoria  
West Vancouver  
Wild ARC (Metchosin)  
Williams Lake & District



Background re: **D-1**  
**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

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October 25, 2011

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Dear Ms. Way and Ms. Davies:

Thank you for your presentation to our board on September 22. Your efforts in trying to ensure the best of health and welfare for animals in the region are to be commended.

You have requested that the Peace River Regional District, and all municipalities, work with the SPCA to rectify the growing problems it is experiencing. The Board has requested additional information from the North Peace SPCA in order to obtain a regional perspective. Mr. Peter Havlik, North Peace SPCA, has confirmed that he will come as a delegation to our November 10, 2011 meeting in Dawson Creek at 10:30 am to make a presentation. You are welcome to attend the meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> to hear Mr. Havlik's presentation.

As well, when you made your presentation to the Regional Board, Ms. Davies stated that she had some fact sheets with specific numbers of animals that have been cared for at the facility. Would you please provide us with this information? If you could break it down by cities, villages, and rural areas it would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Faye Salisbury,  
Corporate Officer

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