



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held February 11, 2010

Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association

Mr. Bud Powell, President, NHRATA provided an update on the association's newly structured board of directors. As so much of their work involves the rural areas of the region, NRAHTA is requesting that two Electoral Area Directors of the Regional Board be appointed to their board. They will meet quarterly, with the first meeting to occur in March.

Mr. Dustin Bodnaryk, Tourism Dawson Creek provided a brief update on what Northern BC Tourism is doing in regard to the potential heritage designation of the Alaska Highway. Ms. Kathleen O'Neill will be presenting further details at the March 11, 2010 regional board meeting.



Site C Discussion

Mr. Richard Neufeld attended the meeting as a resident of the region who strongly feels that representatives of the region's municipalities and rural areas need to spend time together to formulate a plan on legacy negotiations and speak with one strong voice on detailed aspects of the project, even in advance of the province's decision on whether they would proceed with the Site C project.

He closed by stating he will be following developments very closely with the Regional District, BC Hydro and the Province.



Secure Energy Services

Mr. Corey Higham, Business Development of Secure Energy Services came to provide details in advance of Secure Energy Services submitting a rezoning application to construct and operate a secure landfill south of Tupper, BC.

Other Highlights

- ★ Director Caton was authorized to attend the Pacific Northwest Economic Region 20th Annual Summit to be held in Calgary Alberta on July 16 to 20, 2010.
- ★ The Board approved a grant to the Jam at the Dam Music Festival Society for the annual event to be held in Hudson's Hope in July.
- ★ Alternate Director Bruce Christenson, a Fort St John city councillor, was nominated as the Regional District representative to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) executive.
- ★ A request for funding from the Step Up N Ride Society was referred to the next meeting of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.
- ★ Staff were requested to work with the Electoral Area Directors' Committee to formulate a resolution for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities regarding allowing agricultural sector utilization of forested fee simple sequestered lands for carbon credit accrual.
- ★ In accordance with the Regional District Strategic Plan to involve residents and students of rural areas and smaller communities in regional board meetings, the following three board meetings will be re-located to:
 - April 8, 2010 in Chetwynd, BC;
 - July 8, 2010 in Tupper, BC; and
 - September 23, 2010 in Buick, BC.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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