



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held August 13, 2009



Chair Karen Goodings and the Directors of the Regional Board were pleased to present a cheque in the amount of \$116,520 to Dr. Gregory Powell, President and CEO, who is also the Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Calgary, and other representatives of the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS). She expressed appreciation and support of the lifesaving helicopter emergency transportation service STARS provides in the Peace River Regional District.

### North Wind Healing Centre Society

Mr. Isaac Hernandez, Executive Director and Mr. Robert Horseman of the North Wind Healing Centre Society attended the Regional Hospital Board meeting to request support for the society's proposal to obtain the Pouce Coupe Care Home building from Northern Health. The plan for the building is to operate an expanded detoxification centre with increased numbers of staff, added recovery programs for youth, and more involvement of family members.

The society, established in 1996 in Dawson Creek, presently operates in Farmington where they can service a maximum of ten adults with the existing counselling staff of six. The society claims an eighty-three percent success rate in client recovery. The larger facility would provide supervision and support 24/7, and be open to both aboriginal and non-aboriginal people.



### Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society

Ms. Glenda Farnden, Major Gifts Manager, Dr. Gregory Powell, President and CEO, Linda Powell, Vice President and Mr. Andy Stewart, General Manager and Pilot for STARS were in attendance to provide an update on their activities which are contributing to improved patient outcomes and significant savings in medical costs.



Wayne Hiebert, Director Electoral Area 'D' officially announced the August 5, 2009 presentation of \$1,090,750 toward the \$3 million rural gasification project to service customers between south Pouce Coupe and the BC/Alberta Border. This is the largest new natural gas distribution system to be built in BC in a long while and is only possible through partnerships between PNG, EnCana, the Peace River Regional District and the customer.

### Other Highlights

- ★ The Board authorized ALR Non-farm Use Application 109/2009 (Lamerton) to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.
- ★ The Boards' comment on the referral from Front Counter BC regarding its BC Hydro Application Licence for Occupation for the Site C Dam, was that such a licence would be premature as the environment assessment review has not been completed.
- ★ The Board authorized a \$4,000 grant to the Fort St. John AAA Flyers Hockey Club toward the hosting of the 2010 Allen Cup in Fort St. John that is to be held on April 19 to 24, 2010.
- ★ The Charlie Lake Sanitary Monitoring System installation contract was awarded to Alpha Controls Ltd., Fort St. John.
- ★ Mrs. Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer, was supported and nominated as a Director at Large for the Municipal Insurance Association of BC.



### Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre, 10015 100 Avenue, Fort St. John.



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