



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held September 24, 2009

## Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care Project

Mr. Tom Sparrow, Project Director, Northern Health, provided a presentation on the Fort St. John Hospital and Residential Care Project. He explained that the facility will consist of a fifty-five bed acute and ambulatory care hospital and a one hundred and twenty-three bed residential care facility for seniors. It will also consist of a support service program that will provide laundry, material services and food services for the facility. The project will be delivered via a public private partnership with Innisfall Health.

The facility will be constructed on a forty acre site, donated by the City of Fort St. John, which will allow for future expansion. The Peace River Regional Hospital District is providing \$98 million in funding for the new facility. The project is to be completed by the summer of 2012.



## Watson Spring

Ms. Melody Blaney was in attendance to address the Board regarding the Regional District's decision to decommission Watson Spring. She presented a petition with 180 names respectfully asking that the Regional District keep Watson Spring open and available for public use as an untreated water source.

Mrs. Shirley Withrow, Manager, Public Health Projection, Northeast Region of Northern Health advised that under the *Water Protection Act*, all public surface water sources must be disinfected. The Board suggested that the petitioners approach their local MLA for assistance as the Regional District is bound by provincial Acts.



## Other Highlights

- ★ The following Development Variance Permit (DVP) applications were approved for issuance:
  - 116/2009 (Kerpan); subject to a restrictive covenant prohibiting the operation of any home-based business or commercial activity within the 528 ft<sup>2</sup> garage; and
  - 121/2009 (Sinclair) to vary the front parcel line setback to build a detached garage.
- ★ The Regional Hospital District Board will forward a letter to the North Wind Healing Centre Society supporting, in principle, their initiative to acquire either the Pouce Coupe Care Home building or the Peace River Haven building from Northern Health.
- ★ The Board was advised that the Emergency and Health Services Commission has agreed to accept the Regional District's 911 address files for use by emergency response agencies.
- ★ The Board approved its membership renewal for the 2009/2010 term with the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation.
- ★ The Solid Waste System Review and Audit was awarded to Sperling Hansen Associates.



## Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, October 8, 2009 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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