



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held October 22, 2009

National Energy Board

Representatives of the National Energy Board, Bob Mahnic, Socio Economic Specialist, Kent Lien, Technical Specialist, Environment and Brenda Price, Socio Economic Specialist attended the meeting to explain the regulatory and environmental assessment process for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project. The project includes two parallel pipelines one to carry crude oil to the coast and the other will carry condensate back inland. In total there is a 1150km right-of-way from Kitimat to Bruderheim.

The presentation included information regarding the proposed pipeline and marine terminal project, the roles of the National Energy Board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency as well as the Joint Review Panel process and the Participant Funding Program. The PowerPoint Presentation is available on our website at <http://prrd.bc.ca/board/meetings/agenda/index.php>



Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure representatives Ken Nash, Area Manager, Renée Mounteney, District Manager Transportation, Derek Drummond, North Peace Operations Manager, and Eric Lachmuth attended the meeting to present the recently completed Alaska Highway Corridor study. The study and review of Highway 97, conducted by Opus Hamilton, suggests existing and future improvements for the Alaska Highway between Dawson Creek and Fort St. John to ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods and people. The PowerPoint presentation showed where road improvements are required for current and future safety and service concerns. The study included long and short term recommendations.

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (continued)

The presentation and study are both available for review on the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure website at www.th.gov.bc.ca. The PowerPoint presentation is also on our website at: <http://prrd.bc.ca/board/meetings/agenda/index.php>



Other Highlights

- ★ The Board authorized feasibility funding to complete a Peace River Lookout conceptual design, development plan, cost estimate and timeframe. The study was awarded to Focus Corporation.
- ★ Peace River Regional District staff have been authorized to investigate the feasibility and to determine the options available for establishing water functions in each Electoral Area.
- ★ The Board has authorized staff to approach TransCanada Pipelines Limited and Pacific Northern Gas (NE) Ltd. (PNG) to request the companies investigate supplying local residents with natural gas. The Regional District is suggesting that TransCanada add two or more sales taps on the pipeline that is to be built from Groundbirch to Gordondale in order to provide natural gas to PNG for distribution to rural residents within the area.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, November 12, 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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