



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held November 12, 2009

## Buick Creek Arena Funding

The Honourable Jay Hill, MP Prince George - Peace River announced, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification that a grant in the amount of \$930,267 will be issued through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program.

The funds will assist in the construction of the Buick Creek arena, specifically upgrades to the ice surface. As the upgrades will include new features, the expected completion date has been moved to the end of March 2010.



## North Pine Farmer's Institute

Larry Houley, President of the North Pine Farmer's Institute attended the meeting to request assistance and support in the Institute's endeavours to acquire and operate the Cargill elevator facilities on the Rail Head Land.

The Board supported the application for a \$965,416 loan from the Northeast Development Account of the Northern Development Initiative Trust to acquire the rail head and elevator to serve the agricultural industry in northeastern BC.



## Northeast Regional Auction Mart

Connie Patterson of the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association explained the application by the Northeast Regional Auction Mart to the Northern Development Initiative.

The Board supported the application for a \$522,800 loan from the Northeast Development Account of the Northern Development Initiative Trust to rebuild the old Dawson Creek auction facility that had burnt down in 2004. The new facility, to be constructed in three phases, is proposed to have a livestock sales pavilion with offices, concession, bathrooms, bleachers, ring, and livestock scale.

## Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
  - Exclusion - 1206/2009 (Meek);
  - Subdivision - 153/2009 (Thompson);
  - Non-farm Use - 162/2009 (Teichroeb); and
  - Exclusion - 124-2009 (Illiance River Development Corp.).
- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were refused:
  - Subdivision - 154/2009 (Pederson);
  - Subdivision - 156/2009 (Sutherland); and
  - Non-farm Use - 165/2009 (King).
- ★ All Directors were authorized to attend the Wildlife Mitigation meeting in Fort St. John on December 3, 2009.
- ★ Director Jarvis was authorized to attend the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation meetings in Victoria on November 21 and December 1, 2009.
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were authorized to attend a meeting with the Agricultural Land Commission regarding the Farming and Oil and Gas Development in the Agricultural Land Reserve on November 21, 2009 at the Farmington Hall.
- ★ Chair Goodings was authorized to attend a meeting with Mike Lambert of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to discuss water issued related to the Oil and Gas industry on November 13, 2009.



## Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, November 26, 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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