



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held April 9, 2009

Spectra Energy

Mr. Rodney Locke, Team Leader, Lands & Community Relations and Mr. Dave Isaak, Midstream Operations attended the meeting to present an update to Spectra's operations in the region.

The presentation explained the exploration and extraction process; the asset footprint left by the company; where they are operating in the region; lessons learned through recent incidents and investigations; and the importance of safety, reliability, integrity; public awareness and emergency response. They briefly reviewed the Fort Nelson carbon capture and storage feasibility project; and how they invest in local communities.

Spectra Energy has ten gas processing plants, six compressor stations and approximately 1649 kilometers of pipeline in the region. They have a satellite office in Charlie Lake with two full-time staff and a total of 637 employees in the region. They contributed \$21 million in taxation in 2008 and are planning expansions to both plants in the Peace River Arch area.



Alliance Pipeline

Mr. Trevor Loberg, Team Leader, Grande Paririe and Mr. Harold Kraft, VP Engineering and Construction attended the meeting to give an update on Alliance's Taylor Compressor Station.

The presentation showed the pipeline and where compressor stations and offices are located along the pipeline. During the nine-months of construction, the company contributed more than \$1.8 M into the local economy and contributes \$1.738 M in property tax to various northeastern BC communities. They currently have eight receipt points in northeast BC and are planning to expand into the Montney and Horn basins. Alliance will be working with shippers to determine whether pipe looping and/or compression options will be required in the future, after investigating the possibility of maximizing existing infrastructure and systems.

BC Assessment Authority

Mr. Scott Sitter, Deputy Assessor of the BC Assessment Authority was in attendance to explain the petroleum property assessment process to the Board.

Assessment staff is now monitoring the Oil and Gas Commission website to capture all new activities in order to assess the property as soon as pipelines are in the ground. He also advised that there are a few outstanding pipelines that have not been capture, most of which are very old.



Other Highlights

- ★ During the luncheon recess the Honourable Jay Hill, Member of Parliament, Prince George-Peace River and the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, MLA Peace River South and Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources presented funding announcements to the Regional District and the member municipalities on behalf of the Federal and Provincial governments.
- ★ The Board has requested staff to investigate the tax implications to the Regional District of the proposed addition of lands to create the new Blueberry River South Indian Reserve No. 205A.
- ★ The Board will prepare a resolution to submit to both NCMA and UBCM that will address regional concerns regarding the current stewardship programs.
- ★ The Board will provide a grant to the BC Activity Coordinator's Association Conference scheduled for September 24 to 26, 2009.
- ★ The Board supported the applications to the Emergency Management BC (EMBC) Building Canada Funding for the Sukunka River and the Rolla Dyke erosion projects.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre, located at 10015 100 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC.



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