



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Board Newsletter

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

Save Our Northern Senior (SONS)

Representatives of Save Our Northern Seniors (SONS), Mrs. Margaret Little, Vice President; Mrs. Jean Leahy, Chair and Mr. Jim Little attended the Board meeting to promote the brochure, *Your Community Health Guide*. The brochure has been in the works for some time now. The representatives are also canvassing for funding assistance in order to publish and distribute the brochure, which they hope to have in production soon.

They distributed copies of the proposed brochure to those at the meeting. The booklet contains pertinent information for seniors in the northeast, including Fort Nelson, and important contact numbers for several relevant agencies. The content is informative and worthwhile; specifically geared toward the seniors and their care-givers residing in northeastern BC. Contact information is to be updated prior to each reprinting.

Smart Growth BC

Mr. Tom Lancaster, Consultant and Ms. Claire Williams, M.A. Planning of Smart Growth BC attended the meeting to explain to the Directors how they are assisting the Development Services staff with the preparation of the South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan.

The PowerPoint presentation outlined the steps the plan process would go through. It demonstrated identified areas of concern and areas where special attention would be required. Eleven draft guiding principles were presented which are to be used to establish plan objectives and policies for land-use development in this area.

Meetings will be scheduled throughout the process for residents to have the opportunity to provide input to the plan. Contact Mrs. Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services at [250] 784-3231 for more information or visit our website at www.prrrd.bc.ca.

Other Highlights

- ★ Directors wishing to be authorized to attend the following meetings:
 - Rural Directors to attend the Provincial Emergency Program's Management BC Elected Officials Workshop on March 23, 2009; and
 - All Directors and Alternate Directors to attend the PRRD Board Strategic Planning Session on February 24, 2009.
- ★ The Chair and Chief Administrative Officer will attend the Regional District CEO/CAO Forum sponsored by UBCM on March 25, 2009.
- ★ The Directors expressed appreciation to the newly-named United Way of Northern BC for their efforts and hard work in the north over the years while operating as part of the United Way.
- ★ The Regional Board recommended that Director Larry White be nominated as Director-at-large of the North Central Municipal Association for 2009 / 2010.
- ★ The Board awarded a contract for the construction of the Buick Creek arena to Venture Pacific.
- ★ Director Hiebert was appointed to participate in the Environmental Assessment Office Working Group for the BC Environmental Assessment Review process for the Proposed Heritage Secure Landfill site.
- ★ The Board authorized a \$1,000 grant to the Rising Above Conference to be held in Fort St. John, BC.
- ★ Director Goodings was appointed to the Public Advisory Group for the Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project.
- ★ Director Lantz will represent the Regional District at the official runway grand opening at the Prince George Airport on February 20, 2009.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre, at 10015 100 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC.



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