



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held January 8, 2009

Northern Development Initiative Trust

Ms. Janine North, CEO and Mr. Dean McKinley, Economic Development Manager of NDIT (Northern Development Initiative Trust) were in attendance to provide a review of the successes of the last three years. Over forty-two million dollars has been distributed to date, half of which was repayable. A few of the successful projects consist of nine business programs, two business rebate programs affecting four hundred jobs and a competitiveness consulting program. There are several other projects; include the following:

- Brand the Peace;
- Northern Opportunity Programs; and
- Moberly Lake Fire Protection Facility Improvements.

There will be new board members joining the team in 2009, including Directors Saugstad and Ackerman.

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First Nations “Rising Above”

Mr. John Austin and Mr. Rock Inkster, the Fort St. John Planning Team for the “Rising Above” Conference, attended the meeting to explain the purpose of the conference that will be held March 5 to 8, 2009 at the Stonebridge Hotel in Fort St. John and to request financial support.

The purpose is to address issues that plague many First Nations people and to bring healing through teaching sessions, workshops, sharing circles and individual counselling. The speakers will openly share their stories of how they were able to rise above their own personal abuse issues.

There will be a youth presentation on the first day, followed by other meaningful presentations over the next three days. Although the conference is primarily designed for native Canadians, all citizens are welcome to attend. The conference is intended to help with the healing of the abused and to train the caregivers of those who were abused.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Subdivision - 221/2008 (Miller); and
 - Subdivision - 228/2008 (Dobrowolski);
 - Non-farm Use - 232/2008 (Mason); and
 - Subdivision - 236/2008 (Kitzke)
- ★ Directors were authorized to attend meetings as noted below:
 - Rural Directors to attend the presentation of the final report for the Regional Hospital District Cost-sharing Review in Richmond, BC on February 4, 2009;
 - Rural Directors to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy in Richmond, BC February 4 to 6, 2009;
 - Rural Directors to attend the Northern Economic Summit in Prince George, BC on January 22 and 23, 2009;
 - two directors to attend the Challenge North 2009 Conference in Cold Lake, Alberta on April 22 to 24, 2009;
 - Directors Caton and Hiebert to attend the meetings regarding a restructuring plan for School District No. 59 in January, March and May, 2009; and
 - Director Saugstad to attend the Community to Community - First Nations forum at the Moberly Lake Community Hall, scheduled for February 12, 2009.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office, at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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