



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held June 11, 2009

BC Ambulance Service (BCAS)

Mr. Randy L'Heurex, Director Airevac /Critical Care Transport Program; Mr. Mike Michalko, Executive Director Northern Region Mr. Rod McCartney, Superintendent Peace River District and Mr. Darryl Key, Chief Paramedic attended the meeting to review the services provided by BC Ambulance Service. It is provincially operated with four dispatch centres; three ambulance centres in Victoria, Vancouver, and Kamloops and the Provincial Air Ambulance Coordination Center (PAACC) which dispatches all air ambulance services for the province.

They spoke about the challenges they have, such as resources, funding, recruiting and retaining staff, and the vast amount of rural area to be covered. They feel they have come a long way since the Provincial system came into being in 1974.



Rupert Peace Power Corp. (RPPC)

Mr. Mark Grant, Director Public and Government Relations and Public Affairs and Mr. Garry Hamilton, Environmental Consultant were in attendance to make the Regional Board aware of Rupert Peace Power Corp.'s activities in BC. They were formed in 2001 to develop, finance, construct, own and operate wind energy generation facilities in BC. To date they have tenure across twenty-seven sites in BC, a total of 170,000 acres.

Four main regions have been identified in BC that possess excellent wind conditions and have close proximity to infrastructure links. Three of these regions, Peace, North Coast and Vancouver Island, currently have RPPC sites, the fourth, Southern and Eastern Interior is yet to have locations identified for development.



Other Highlights

- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision application No. 74/2008 (Dick) was refused.

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- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision application No. 66/2009 (Unrau) was supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.
- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision application No. 78/2008 (MacLand) was referred to a future meeting, pending a public information meeting:
- ★ Development Variance Permit No. 76/2009 from Mr. and Mrs. Phillips to replace an existing non-conforming dwelling with a new one and to reduce the variance of the interior side setback from 3 m to 2.4 m was approved.
- ★ The Board authorized Chair Karen Goodings, Mr. Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer, and a municipal Director to participate in the province-wide focus group to discuss ideas to strengthen the regional district process to be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in Richmond.
- ★ The Board adopted a resolution to join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection program.
- ★ The Board renewed the Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant contract for a two-year term.
- ★ As the City of Dawson Creek's site was forced to close, the Directors approved a pilot project for the operation of a commercial clean-soil disposal site at the closed Dawson Creek landfill from July 2009 to November 2009, after which time it will be evaluated to determine the feasibility of becoming a permanent operation. The facility will accept commercially-hauled clean fill during regular transfer station operating hours.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, June 25, 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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