



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 25, 2009

Secure Energy Services

The Chair welcomed Mr. Corey Higham, Business Development Representative, Secure Energy Services of Calgary. Mr. Higham introduced Mr. Dan Steinke, VP Marketing and Sales and Ms. Karen Myrheim, VP Business Development.

Mr. Higham provided background on the company and stated that over two million dollars has been spent to date in efforts to fill the need for disposal of industrial waste in this area. Suitable geological formation and clear access are the two main criteria they addressed in the pursuit of an appropriate site.

Secure Energy has located a suitable site and made application for a Non-farm Use Permit (64/2009) to construct a water disposal facility northeast of Dawson Creek. The Board delayed approval of the application to allow time for a public information meeting to be held.



Roadside Brushing

The Chair welcomed the Ministry of Transportation representatives Ms. Renee Mounteney, District Manager Transportation and Mr. Richard Prill, South Peace Operations Manager. Ms. Mounteney explained that they were in attendance to update the Directors regarding activities in the north and south Peace. There are several projects in progress and more that are planned for this year, \$35 million is expected to be spent in the north Peace alone.

They also explained the procedure for brushing and mowing ditches along the highways. The contract requirement is to mow within a half metre from the ground followed with spraying for weeds in the spring. Director Hadland complimented the ministry on the beautiful job done along Alaska Highway. When asked about signage along highways, Ms. Mounteney advised that the ministry will only act when there is a safety concern, such as blocking an intersection or if traffic is forced to detour around a sign.

Other Highlights

- ★ The Regional Hospital Board accepted the 2008 Hospital Financial Statement and the Regional Board accepted the 2008 Financial Statement, as they were presented. The auditors complimented the Regional District on the clean audit statements.
- ★ The Board authorized a public information meeting regarding Agricultural Land Reserve Non-farm Use Application No. 64/2009 (Borek) to construct and operate a disposal well servicing the oil and gas industry.
- ★ Development Variance Permit (DVP) No. 88/2009 (Pinc) was approved to increase the maximum accessory building floor area in order to site a 1920 ft² shop, subject to the registration of a restrictive covenant that would restrict the use of the shop for commercial activity by the present or any future owner.
- ★ The Board approved the decommissioning of the Watson Spring water infrastructure and the water licence being abandoned.
- ★ The Board awarded the operations of the Regional District Landfills at Bessborough, Chetwynd and Fort St. John to Hoban Equipment Ltd. of Prince George, BC for a five-year term.
- ★ The Board awarded a three-year Invasive Plant Spray Contract to Sunrise Environmental Inc.
- ★ The Board had no objections to the Beer Garden Application by the Fort St. John Salvation Army for their event to be held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2009.
- ★ Director Hiebert was authorized to attend the Open House for Murphy Oil at the Cutbank Hall on June 25, 2009.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, July 9, 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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