



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT *Board Newsletter*

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

2009 Annual Financial Plan

Both the Peace River Regional District 2009 “Annual Financial Plan Budget By-law No. 1848, 2009” and “Peace River Regional Hospital District Annual Budget By-law No. 182, 2009” were given first readings.

Three public open houses have been scheduled to provide residents an opportunity to view the Financial Plans:

- Monday, March 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Regional District offices located at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, B.C.;
- Tuesday, March 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Regional District offices located at 9912 – 106th Avenue, Fort St. John, B.C.; and
- Wednesday, March 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Chetwynd Arena Lobby located in the Recreation Centre at 4552 North Access Road, Chetwynd, B.C.

Peace Environmental Safety Trustees (PEST)

Mr. Brian Derfler and Mr. Ken John and a delegation of concerned citizens attended the meeting to express concerns regarding drilling occurring in the Farmington area. Residents feel that quality and standards for health protection are inadequate as no base line studies are being carried out. They would like to see a stay of drilling activity around rural schools at least until an official setback distance from schools can be established. The Regional Board will forward a letter to the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in support of the residents request.

West Nile Virus Reduction Funding

The Regional District will be participating in the 2009 West Nile Virus Reduction Funding program, partnering with Northern Health for the purpose of operating a West Nile Virus monitoring and surveillance program for the region.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) application was supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
- ALR-Non Farm Use - ARC Petroleum Inc.
- ★ Residents living in the vicinity of the ARC Petroleum Plant site proposal were in attendance and given the opportunity for comment on this application. As a result of these comments, a letter will be forwarded to ARC Petroleum Inc. requesting that the company take into consideration the concerns expressed by the residents within the 3 km radius of the proposed ARC Petroleum plant site, i.e. buffer zone using trees, make plant site buildings aesthetically pleasing to the eye.
- ★ Inter-Provincial / Inter-Municipal Peace Region meeting scheduled for April 3, 2009 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office, at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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