



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held May 28, 2009

South Peace Traffic Services

Sgt. Kurt Peats, NCO, of the Dawson Creek RCMP detachment attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Directors and to present a quarterly update on traffic offences and concerns.

There are five traffic officers in Dawson Creek and two in Chetwynd who are responsible for one thousand kilometers of highway. In 2008 the top three reasons for fatal accidents were failure to wear seatbelts, aggressive driving and alcohol; therefore, this year traffic officers will be focusing on these three issues. He also explained that cell phone use while driving is a concern. The RCMP will work toward education, engineering and enforcement in an attempt to reduce accidents and fatal crashes.



Save Our Northern Seniors (SONS)

Representatives of Save Our Northern Seniors, Mrs. Jean Leahy, President, Mrs. Margaret Little, Vice President, and Mr. Jim Little, attended the meeting to distribute copies of *Your Community Health Guide* developed by SONS. The guide contains a wide variety of useful information for seniors, patients and care givers. The layout was designed, with the assistance of professionals, to assist the user to easily identify the various areas of importance, including colour-coding to assist the visually impaired. The publication is expected to be posted on all community websites.

The delegates are looking for input for the next printing. The second printing will include contact information for the new facilities currently being constructed as well as any other pertinent information provided to them, such as contact information for facilities in the south Peace.

The Directors complemented the delegates on the excellent publication and suggested that it be shared with the North Central Municipal Association as a standard for other communities to follow.

Other Highlights

- ★ Development Variance Permit No. 58/2009 for Mr. and Mrs. Bueckert to reduce the rear parcel line setback of the property in order to construct an addition to the existing shop was approved for issuance, providing the addition to the shop be built without windows facing the rear parcel line to reduce any fire hazard.
- ★ Mr. Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer was appointed to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2009 Regional Hospital District Cost Sharing Review Implementation Team.
- ★ The Board authorized a director to attend one of the Pipeline Community Advisory Board meetings for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project scheduled to be held in June and July in various communities.
- ★ The Board authorized the Directors to attend the public discussion with author Andrew Nikiforuk on June 3, 2009, hosted by the Peace River Organic Producers Association and Citizens for Responsible Energy Development in the Peace.
- ★ At the request of the North Peace Cemetery Seekers, the Directors approved the addition of the Hudson's Bay Company Cemetery, located in Old Fort, on the Peace River Regional District Heritage Registry.
- ★ Director Jarvis was appointed to the Public Advisory Group for the Forestry-based Pilot Project.
- ★ The Peace River Regional District will be adding its name to the list of supporters for the Ridley Terminals Inc. to remain as a public facility and not sold to a private enterprise.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre, located at 10015 100 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC.



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