



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held October 23, 2008



### **In Honour of Director Calvin Kruk**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chair Goodings called for two minutes of silence in honour of the late Calvin Kruk, Director and Mayor of the City of Dawson Creek. Director Kruk lost his short battle with cancer on October 19, 2008. Regional District staff and Directors were offered an opportunity to share tributes and memories of Director Kruk.

Director Kruk served as Councillor for the City of Dawson Creek for six years prior to being elected as Mayor for the City of Dawson Creek in 2005, during which time he also served as a Director for the Peace River Regional District. Director Kruk was respected by both his fellow Directors and by the staff of the Regional District. His smiles, energy, forethought, insight and humour will be greatly missed by all.

### **Road Conditions and Usage**

Irmi Critcher, President and Garnet Berge, Chair of the Transportation Committee of the BC Grain Producers Association were in attendance to express concerns regarding road conditions in the Peace region. The concerns expressed were that the extent of damage a road gets to before being addressed and using out-dated standards that are used when rebuilding the roads.



### **SD 59 WOW Bus**

Gloria Cleve, Early Learning Project Manager and Candice Koetchier, Director of Instruction, Building Learning Together Society were in attendance to present the Words on Wheels (WOW) Bus Project, a community literacy plan. Appreciation was expressed to Electoral Area Directors Wayne Hiebert, Area D, and Director Tim Caton, Area 'E', for providing funding toward the WOW bus project.

The bus takes books, games, toys and information to children six and under by traveling the rural areas every two weeks or monthly. Each child is given a 'learner's licence' when they get on the bus. After five visits the child can choose one of the stuffed toys hanging from a string that runs the length of the bus.

After the presentation, the Directors took the opportunity to tour the WOW bus and take photographs.

### **Other Highlights**

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission:  
Subdivision - 67/2008 (Milligan Creek Farm); and  
Subdivision - 194/2008 (Gortman);  
Subdivision - 195-2008 (lock)  
Subdivision - 198/2008 (Howard).
- ★ Directors were authorized to attend the Northern Gateway Open Houses, November 3, 2008 in Tumbler Ridge or November 4, 2008 in Dawson Creek; and 2009 ICLEI World Congress in Edmonton on June 14 to 18, 2009;
- ★ Director Caton will be attending the Caribou Road Service Stakeholder meeting in Chetwynd on October 28, 2008.
- ★ Colleen Brown, Aeolis Wind, advised that the Hackney Hill and Thunder Mountain projects are progressing. The Directors will provide a letter of support, providing all conditions set out in the Environmental Assessment are met and that the assessment receives consent from both Federal and Provincial agencies responsible for wind power.



### **Next Regional Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre, at 10015 100 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC.



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