



Highlights from Electoral Area “D” and the PRRD Board

WHO KNEW?

As of 2018, PRRD Board Meetings are now being recorded and made available online for the benefit of the public who are unable to attend Board meetings. To view the videos visit the Regional District Board page on the PRRD website, and click on the **AGENDA** of the meeting you wish to view. Don't have time to watch the whole meeting? Click on the blue play button beside a specific item on the agenda to jump to that section of the video. Videos are available on the PRRD website the first Monday after the Board meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Did you know that that the Order of Business at Regular Board Meetings now includes a section on the agenda titled “Gallery Comments or Questions”. Once an individual has been recognized by the Chair during the “Gallery Comments or Questions” section of the agenda, a citizen may come forward to speak about any item on the agenda for two minutes without having to be a delegation. You can speak for or against any topic on the agenda. Make sure to state your name and know what section of the agenda you are discussing. Ask away!

NORTH EAST BC EMERGENCY & PUBLIC ALERTS SYSTEM

The North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts is a community-wide notification system that will directly deliver messages in the event of an emergency. Subscribers will be able to sign up to receive messages via telephone, text or email. The Peace River Regional District will be utilizing the system for the following alerts:

- Emergencies
- Public meetings & “events near me”
- Garbage & recycling service information
- Sewer alerts

The North East BC Emergency and Public Alert (NEBC EPA) system will be rolled out to residents of the Peace River Regional District at the beginning of April 2019.

Residents can sign up through the Regional District website or the website of any municipality by clicking on the “Sign up for North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts” link. **If we can reach you, we can notify you!**





SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Peace River Regional District Plan is the operational and strategic plan for managing regional garbage and recycling systems in the region. Originally adopted in 2009, the Solid Waste Management plan is scheduled to be updated in 2019, and will include public consultation with residents, industry, community organizations, waste haulers, recyclers, and government representatives including First Nations.

SOLID WASTE FAQ FACT SHEET

The Peace River Regional District has developed a “FAQ Fact Sheet” regarding garbage and recycling. For more information, please visit the website at <https://prrd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/page/garbage-and-recycling/SW-FAQ-Fact-sheet.pdf>

BULTERY’S COMMUNITY HOUSE

Electoral Area Directors of Area “E” and Area “D” have given a \$50,000 grant to the South Peace Health Services Society to purchase and renovate the Bultery House. This property will be used to provide affordable accommodations to patients receiving medical treatment or care in Dawson Creek. After renovations, the Bultery Community House will have seven rooms, a shared kitchen and eating area, two lounge rooms, shared laundry, full washroom facilities on each floor, and a carriage house on the property that will be available for contract nurses or visiting doctors.

9-1-1 CIVIC ADDRESSING

It is important to have a 911 address in the event of an emergency. All emergency response agencies (police, ambulance and fire) are provided with maps, which links the address data to provide emergency 9-1-1 services. Go to: prrd.bc.ca/services/emergency-services/911-services/

SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN CARIBOU

The Peace River Regional District is demanding that the province and federal governments suspend any further discussion on caribou recovery until a comprehensive impact analysis is completed on all socioeconomic impacts of any changes to land use in our communities. To understand more about the Caribou issue go to: prrd.bc.ca/engage/18234/southern-mountain-caribou-engagement/

ARE YOU PREPARED?

With the start of a new year, make a resolution to be better prepared for potential emergencies. Start by building an emergency kit and developing a household plan that individuals and families can practice throughout the year. A home emergency kit does not take a long time to create and does not need to be expensive. During a wild fire or flood, phone, gas, electrical and water services may be disrupted, roads could be blocked, stores closed and gas stations out-of-service. Go to prrd.bc.ca/services/emergency-services/get-prepared/



FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE AGREEMENT

The Peace River Regional District Board has conducted a program evaluation of the service provided by the Farmers' Advocate. The final report with recommendations will be on the January 31, 2019 Regional Board agenda. The five year pilot project between the PRRD and the Province had ended on July 31, 2018. The PRRD has renewed the contract until March 31, 2019.

NATURAL GAS

PNG is developing a strategy to get appropriate information regarding costs to Director Hiebert and residents in the area to determine interest by the residents for natural gas.

GRANT WRITER

The Peace River Regional District values non-profit community groups and recognizes the hard work that they do in the community. The Electoral Area Directors have contracted Adlard Environmental Ltd. for a second term to assist not for profit community groups in researching and applying for grants so they can undertake new projects and services.

To contact the Grant Writer email grantwriter@prrd.bc.ca or call 1-250-262-2941

POTABLE WATER SITES

In 2015, the Peace River Regional District proposed to develop a regional model that would will enable the PRRD to improve existing water tank loader facilities, build new potable water sites and maintain these sites in the future. The vote was defeated with only 13% in favor. When broken down by area, both Tomslake and Farmington communities were in support.



Peace River Regional District **GRANTS, BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Recreational Trails Grants: To provide support and supplemental funding to non-profit organizations for the development, maintenance and improvement of recreational trails within the region for public use.

Grants to Community Organizations: To support regional events that have an economic benefit to the region.

Economic Development Grants: Applications may be considered for capital projects, events, and/or programs. Organizations may request multi-year funding up to three years for ongoing projects/programs. Applicants must be a registered BC non-profit society or local government.

Rural Recreational and Cultural Grant-in-Aid: To support recreational, social and cultural non-profit organizations located throughout the electoral areas of the region with grant funding for capital projects, programming, insurance and special events.

Rural Fair Share and Rural Gas Tax Grants: To support rural infrastructure and services.

Health Care Scholarships: These scholarships and bursaries will assist in the recruitment of new health care professionals to the region and encourage health care professionals in the region to expand their skills.

RN/RPN Return of Service: The RN/RPN Return of Service scholarship will provide up to \$5000 to six students. Students must be enrolled in the final year of their RN/RPN program and must agree on two years of employment with Northern Health in the Peace River Regional District.

Health Care Assistant: The Health Care Assistants scholarship will provide \$1,000 for up to twenty students who successfully complete the Health Care Assistant program offered through Northern Lights College and provided that the student has lived in the regional district for two and a half years prior to entering the Health Care Assistant program.

Health Care Certificate or Diploma (Non-Degree Program) Post-Secondary Scholarships: This scholarship is open to students who are enrolled in high school in either School District #59 or School District #60 and are graduating from grade twelve and students who are pursuing a post-secondary diploma or certificate in a health care program.

For more information regarding grants, bursaries or scholarships, please visit www.prrd.bc.ca