



Peace River Regional District Board Meeting Newsletter

May 28, 2015 Location: Fort St John



Committee of the Whole Meeting

The RCMP discussed service delivery and the financing of police services for the Peace River Region with the Board. They addressed the RCMP policing contract, the structure of provincial policing in BC and the costs of policing in the area.

They acknowledged that policing is challenging due to the vast area that is required to be policed. Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St John, Hudson's Hope and Tumbler Ridge commanders highlighted what is being focused on each community. Traffic, increasing community relations and crime reduction were being prioritized in each community.

Jeff Rahn updated the Board on the 20 year Regional Solid Waste Management plan. Public Education, recycling and new transfer station development were highlighted in the presentation.

Delegations

The Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation curator Rich McCrea shared with the Board that a large-scale (>1,000m²) dinosaur track site was discovered near Williston Lake by a Peace Region resident in the fall of 2008. The current Williston Lake dinosaur track area represents an opportunity for a significant tourism development that could have a regional economic impact. The first step toward development involves site protection and the documentation and analysis of the site by professional palaeontologists. Once the preliminary field work on this site has been completed, the next phase will be to complete a comprehensive proposal to develop the Williston Lake track site into a major tourism destination for the Peace Region, and then seek the financial resources to implement the tourism development plan. The Board will forward a letter of support to the Museum Foundation to aid them in submitting funding applications for this project.

Encana Stakeholder Tour

Directors Sperling, Breti and Hiebert will attend the day-long tour on June 10th.



Carbon Neutral Progress Public Report for 2014 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)

The report highlighting Corporate GHG Emissions and the method(s) of becoming Carbon Neutral will be available on the web site mid-June.

Upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Regional District Office, a committee of the whole meeting will be held to hear a presentation from TransCanada on the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Ltd. project, and an update on 911 and Fire Dispatch.

Contract Awarded

The Regional Board awarded the Landfill Operations Contract to S.S.G. Environmental Services Ltd. in the amount of \$16,495,000, for a five (5) year term, to begin on Aug 1st, 2015.

Farmers Advocate

The Board approved renewing the Independent Land Information & Advocacy Office Contract for an additional one-year term once the current agreement ends on July 31, 2015.

The Farmers Advocacy office provides information and support to landowners in northeast B.C. about proposed oil and gas activities on residential land. It collects pertinent information, and helps resolve issues between landowners and industry.

Next Board Meeting

June 11, 2015
Dawson Creek

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