

# Board Newsletter

Meeting Date: December 8, 2017

Location: Fort St. Jon

### **Delegations**

### **Save our Northern Seniors (SONS)**

The Regional Board was provided with an update on the activities of Save Our Northern Seniors, and concerns and goals regarding seniors housing and care in the North Peace. The Regional Board directed staff to contact the UNBC Community Development Institute to request that the 2006 Fort St. John and Area Seniors' Needs Overview be updated; and further, that costs to complete same be included in the 2018 budget under Economic Development.

## Visit from MP Zimmer, MLA Bernier, and MLA Davies

MP Zimmer, Prince George – Peace River – Northern Rockies, MLA Bernier - Peace River South, and MLA Davies – Peace River North spoke with the Board with updates on various issues affecting the Regional District

Topics included the *Cannabis Act*, Trans Mountain Pipeline, wind farms, HD mining International Ltd. (caribou habitat, public access to back country) the Taylor bridge and hill, and area roads. Also discussed was the Blackfoot Regional Park boat launch and the proposed Pink Mountain Ecological Reserve.

# Agricultural Land Reserve Applications and Zoning Amendment

The Regional Board authorized that the McKay and the Jenneson applications proceed to the ALC. A public information meeting will be held for the ALR non-farm use application (Stahl) on January  $4^{\rm th}$  at 7 pm at the Charlie Lake Community Hall.

There will also be a public information meeting for the ALR non-farm use Application (Fellers) on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Cutbank Community Hall.

### **Inclusion Employment Program**

The Regional Board directed staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian Union of Public Employees to establish an inclusion employment program. This means the Peace River Regional District will gather information about creating generalized job opportunities for those with developmental disabilities.

### **Holiday Tree Recycling Events**

The Regional District is hosting two Holiday Tree Recycling events on January  $6^{th}$  and  $7^{th}$  from 11-3

Bring your real Christmas tree to be chipped and reused! Tree Chipping provided by Northern Rockies Tree Service. Meet the Charlie Lake Fire Department or the Moberly Lake Fire Department and learn more about Recycling!

There will also be bins for recycling Christmas lights, smoke alarms and small batteries.

In case of weather changes check the PRRD Facebook Page and website. Please no early tree drop-offs, ornaments, wrapping paper or artificial trees.



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