



# Board Newsletter

Meeting Date: March 9, 2017

Location: Fort St. John

## Financial Plans

The Board gave first and second reading to the 2017 Hospital Budget, Bylaw No. 190, 2017 and the 2017 Financial Plan, Bylaw No. 2277, 2017.

## Public Engagement - Budget Open Houses

The public can view the budget and make comment any time before the final reading on March 23 at a PRRD office or attend a budget open house.

- Budget Open Houses 1-3 pm
- March 13 Fort St. John PRRD Office
- March 14 Chetwynd Recreation Centre
- March 15 Dawson Creek PRRD Office

## E-Comm 911 Services Contract Award

The Regional Board approved entering into contract with "E-Comm" (Emergency Communications for British Columbia Inc.) for the provision of 911 answering services at a cost of \$865,936 for the five year term.

## Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre Contract

The Regional Board approved entering into a contract with Delnor Construction for the replacement of the arena slab at the Chetwynd and District Rec Centre, including repairs to the refrigeration and ventilation systems and curling rink headers as ancillary works, at a cost of \$2,155,900 plus taxes.

The Regional Board also authorized the sale of the indoor dasher board rink system, through a contract with Sustainabuild to market and coordinate the sale. The potential net proceeds from the sale will be re-invested to the Chetwynd Arena upgrade project.

## Invasive Plant Management Contract Award

The Regional Board approved that the Invasive Plant Management Area Controller contract be awarded to MGP Contracting in the amount of not more than \$50,000/yr, excluding taxes.

## Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Electoral Area Directors Committee (EDAC)

Recommendations from the AAC and EDAC committees that received approval included:

1. The Regional District will continue to review Agriculture Land Commission applications with regard to Regional District Official Community Plan policy and zoning regulations.
2. Staff will bring forward guidelines to be taken into account when reviewing Agriculture Non-Farm Use applications with respect to water storage borrow pit applications.
3. A letter will be forwarded to Sarah Weiss, Environment Coordinator, Site C Clean Energy Project, BC Hydro requesting clarification if the Regional Board's appointee to the BC Hydro Peace Agricultural Compensation Board must be a Board member of if an appointment from a small agriculture commodity group is acceptable.
4. A letter will be forwarded to Kim Grout, CEO, and Agricultural Land Commission to request that the Regional District be notified when one of the three members of the Agricultural Land Commission North Panel is vacant.
5. Mr. Eric Jorgensen, a Councillor at Mackenzie County Alberta, and Chris Addison, Director, Northeast Resource Management and Major Projects, will be invited to a future Board meeting to discuss concerns regarding the species at risk in the Wood Buffalo Reserve and northern BC.
6. The Board authorized that the letter be forwarded to BC Hydro with comments on the Site C Clean Energy Project Agriculture Mitigation and Compensation Plan.

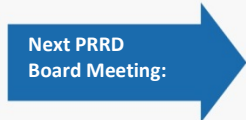
## March is Distracted Driving Month



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