



# Board Newsletter

Meeting Date: February 8, 2018

Location: Dawson Creek

## Gallery Comments or Questions

One of the people who took the time to use the Gallery Comments or Questions section in the Board agenda told the Board that he appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Board. Four people took their two minute opportunity to address an agenda item at the Board meeting.

## Delegations

**HD Mining-** Jody Shimkus and Brandon Lewis from HD Mining updated the Board on the Murray River Project. They advised that they will continue to work with the review committee to develop conditions that may be imposed upon the final approval of the project and noted that the support they have received from the area is appreciated.

**Project Webfoot Program-** Meredith Thornton requested that the Board continue to financially support the "Project Webfoot" program delivered by Ducks Unlimited volunteers at McQueens Slough. The program educates youth about wetlands and waterfowl, teaching them about conservation concepts and practices.

**Oil & Gas Concerns in the Farmington Community-** Jim and Pat Strasky (on behalf of the Farmington Community) presented concerns about the cumulative effects of the increased oil and gas activity in the area to the Board, including agricultural, noise and light, increased traffic and flaring impacts. The ambiguity of the multi-well pads being classed as "temporary" and emergency response were also noted as concerning to the community.

The Board authorized staff to send a letter to the OGC and CAPP requesting that a meeting be arranged by the end of March with the Farmington community.

## Digital Road Atlas Locality Boundaries

The Board adopted the Digital Road Atlas Locality Boundaries as defined boundaries within the Peace River Regional District.

## Budget Meeting

A Special Budget Meeting will be held in Dawson Creek on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am to present the draft Financial Plan to the Board.

## Agricultural Land Commission Applications

The Regional Board authorized that both the Stahl non-farm use and Sudnik subdivision applications proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission. The Hollowpoint Contracting Ltd. on-farm use application was refused.

## Blanket Grant Application Policy

The Regional District, through Rural Budgets and the Board, provides millions of dollars in grants each year to organizations that offer facilities and programs to communities in the Region. The Regional Board approved the 'Blanket Grant Application Policy', which establishes minimum standards of information to be collected through grant applications in order to ensure financial accountability and minimum standards of information that is to be provided for grant administration.

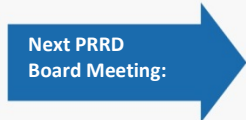
## Chetwynd Public Library Contract Award

The Board authorized that Urban Systems be awarded a contract for up to \$20,000 to develop documents necessary to issue a request for proposals and assist in the selection of a suitably qualified consulting firm to develop two design concepts for an 8000 sq. ft. library to be constructed on the Chetwynd Recreation complex grounds.



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