



# Board Meeting Newsletter

Issue Date: January 15, 2016

Location: Dawson Creek

## Wind Farms within the PRRD jurisdiction

Since March 2015 four Agriculture Land Reserve and three rezoning applications for wind farms that are within the land use jurisdiction of the Peace River Regional District have been received. There is every indication from industry that more wind farm applications may come forward. The PRRD zoning bylaws at present do not include a "wind farm" as a permitted use.

Staff have been directed to research regulations for wind farms on private land from other Canadian jurisdictions.

## Post Referendum- Potable Water and Sewer

Administration reported back to the Board that as a result of the rejection of the proposed services that no functions were established. There are still costs and risks associated with operating three untreated, and one partially treated water stations and costs to operate the Charlie Lake Domestic Sewage Receiving Facility.

Administration was directed to continue to monitor costs at the Charlie Lake facility and bring back a detailed breakdown of fees and operational costs in a report to the January 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Staff was also directed to invite a Northern Health drinking water officer to attend a future Board meeting to explain the process Northern Health follows regarding the assessment of drinking water.

## ALR Applications

The Board forwarded the Busche and Brown applications to the Agricultural Land Commission.

## Board Procedure Bylaw

The Board Procedure bylaw was adopted by the Board, completing the yearlong revision process of the bylaw.

## Charlie Lake Boat Launch

Wally Ferris, the General Manager of Community Services and Craig Stanley, the Director of Facilities and Grounds for the City of Fort St John presented a preliminary design for the replacement of the Charlie lake boat launch ramp on the south west edge of Charlie Lake to the Board. The request for the PRRD to partner on the capital costs was referred to the Regional Parks Committee with its recommendation(s) coming forward to the February 23 Budget Committee of the Whole meeting

## Invasive Plants Dumping Program Reinstated

The free dumping program for invasive plants taken to the Bessborough, Chetwynd and North Peace landfills, in clear plastic bags, will be reinstated this year.

## Zoning Amendments

The following applications were adopted:

Kris Wuthrich to rezone a 25 ha portion from A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings Zone) to A-1 (Small Agricultural Holdings Zone) to facilitate the subdivision of a 25 ha parcel.

Robert Gardner to rezone the property from A-2 (Large Agriculture Holdings Zone) to I-1 (Light Industrial Zone) to allow for the storage of oil field equipment.

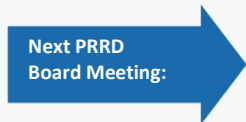


## Proposed O&G Tenure Disposition Affecting Blackfoot Regional Park

The Peace River Regional District will be sending a letter to the Ministry of Natural Gas objecting to the proposed sale of parcel #1511004 and strongly requests that this parcel be withdrawn from the disposition.

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