



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT



# Board Meeting Newsletter

Issue Date: February 25, 2016

Location: Dawson Creek

## Groundbirch Container Transfer Station

Solid Waste staff were authorized to draft a modification agreement with the Progress Athletic Association, the Regional District will now compensate the Association \$500 per year for lease of land for the Progress Refuse Transfer Station.

## Fish and Wildlife Program

The Board directed that Dan Bouillon, Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program Peace Region Manager, be invited to attend a future Board meeting to discuss Peace Region Grant eligibility.

## Kwadacha Nation Biomass Project

A letter will be forwarded to Kwadacha Nation in support of their funding application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 towards the purchase and commissioning of a community biomass facility.

## Pacific Northwest LNG Project Environmental Assessment

The Board will forward a letter to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in support of the Pacific Northwest LNG Project.

## Natural Gas Availability in Rural Regional District Areas

The Board authorized Electoral Area Directors to meet with the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of NG Development, and other Ministers as necessary, to discuss natural gas availability in rural Regional District areas. The Board will also invite Minister Coleman to a future Board Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss development of the region as it relates to natural gas availability to residents and businesses in the Regional District area.

## South Peace Fire Training Center

Staff were directed to consult with all member municipalities and societies operating rural fire departments in the region to:

- 1) Determine if they are interested in the Regional District contributing funding to the City of Dawson Creek through the South Peace and North Peace Economic Development Commissions over a three year period starting in 2017 to construct a Fire Training Centre in Dawson Creek; and
- 2) Identify whether these member municipalities and societies would be willing to contribute a small annual maintenance fee in order to have unlimited use of the facility; and
- 3) Determine whether a long term agreement could be reached between all potential local government users and fire department societies to ensure long term access to the facility.

## Zoning Bylaw Amendment Applications

The Regional Board refused "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2214 (Blair's Sand and Gravel Ltd.), 2015" as the uses applied for are incompatible with surrounding uses.

## Alaska Highway Community Society Delegation

Chair Bud Powell, Administrator April Moi, and Heritage Consultant Julie Harris updated the Board on the Alaska Highway Heritage Project and the Northeast Heritage Strategy. The \$40,000 funding request was referred to the budget deliberations.



The mud was deep in the spring of 1943. This muddy section of the Alaska Highway shows the importance of proper drainage. Credit: Yukon Archives, Phillip Neal Fonds, 93/9 #46.

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Board Meeting:

March 10, 2016  
10:00am  
Dawson Creek

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