

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL**

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**



**May 22, 2008**

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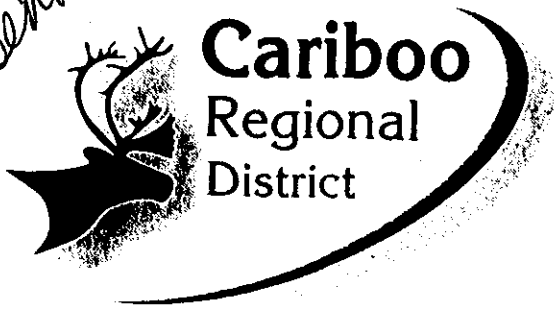
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**for the May 22, 2008 Meeting**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

HCA-1 Copy of April 30, 2008 letter from the Chairs of six regional hospital districts to Premier Campbell and the Ministers of Education and Health regarding the recent establishment of the Capital Planning Secretariat.

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April 30, 2008

Premier Gordon Campbell  
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The Honourable Shirley Bond  
Deputy Premier, Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045, Stn. Prov. Govt.  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

The Honourable George Abbott  
Minister of Health  
PO Box 9050, Stn. Prov. Govt.  
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Dear Premier and Honourable Ministers:

**Re: Capital Planning Secretariat**

We have recently become aware of the establishment of a Capital Planning Secretariat within government which will be responsible for the evaluation and prioritization of funding for capital projects from all Ministries and all regions of the Province. As the Chairs for the Regional Hospital Boards throughout north central British Columbia, we write to confirm our expectation that small, rural communities throughout the province will not be overlooked by a central evaluation process and that the capital needs of these communities will not be competing with the needs of large urban areas.

While we appreciate the complexity of managing the competing demands of various Ministries and the vast regions of our Province, we wish to ensure that the unique needs of providing an acceptable level of health care in small, rural communities will not be lost by competition to determine degree of benefit based solely on statistical factors such as population. Meeting the health care needs in interior British Columbia, combining urban centres with sparse populations of rural and First Nations residents spread over vast areas, is a unique challenge that cannot be readily compared to health care services in large urbanized areas. Accordingly, the funds required to meet these diverse needs, cannot be compared against each other in any meaningful manner and should certainly not be considered to be in competition with each other.

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Municipalities: Quesnel, Wells, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House

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Electoral Areas: A. Red Bluff - Quesnel B. Quesnel West - Bouchie Lake - Ten Mile C. Barlow - Bowron D. Wildwood - McLeese Lake  
E. Erler - Dog Creek F. 150 Mile House - Horseshoe-Likely G. Lac La Hache - 108 Mile H. Canim Lake - Forest Grove I. Narcosis - Naska  
West Chilcotin K. East Chilcotin L. Lone Butte - Interlakes

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We thank you for the opportunity to express our perspective at the outset of this undertaking to ensure that difficulties are not encountered at a later date, and look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you.

Yours truly,

*Al Richmond*

Al Richmond, Chair  
Cariboo Chilcotin  
Regional Hospital District

*Don Zurowski*

Don Zurowski, Chair  
Fraser-Fort George  
Regional Hospital District

*Tony Briglio*

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North West  
Regional Hospital District

*Chris Morey*

Chris Morey, Chair  
Northern Rockies  
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*Karen Goodings*

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*Bernice Magee*

Bernice Magee, Chair  
Stuart-Nechako  
Regional Hospital District

c. All Regional Hospital Districts

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