



Peace River Regional District &
Peace River Regional Hospital District
Board Meeting Newsletter

January 12, 2012 Location: Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC



Fort St. John Hospital Commencement Art Project – Call for Proposals

The Peace River Regional Hospital District board has identified \$50,000 for a dedication art piece to commemorate the opening of Fort St. John Hospital, scheduled to open in September 2012. In partnership with the Fort St. John Community Arts Council, proposals from artists are being sought by February 15, 2012. The artwork design and materials, to be located in the 2-storey stairway, is to bring the natural, healing elements of the outdoors indoors for patients, staff and families; promoting a gentle, healing and welcoming atmosphere that is the “northern way of caring.” The **Fort St. John Community Arts Council** will adjudicate the submissions. Expressions of interest are due on January 18, 2012 and the selected proposal will be announced on February 24, 2012; the artist will make a presentation to the PRRD board on March 8, 2012. Visit www.fsjarts.org for more information.



RCMP Contract: Technical Briefing Sessions

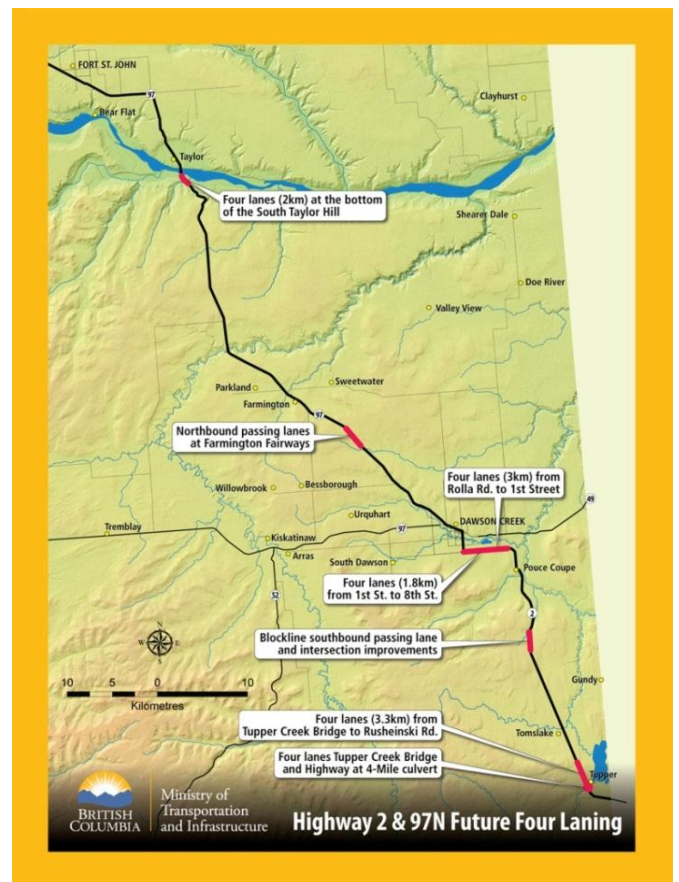
The directors attended a confidential webinar led by UBCM Committee Chair Mayor Peter Fassbender, and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to better understand the new RCMP Contract Policing agreement in principle reached between the province and the federal government. The 20 year, 2012-2032 Police Services Agreement between the Province of BC and the Government of Canada will come into effect on April 1, 2012. The new agreement address local government issues affecting the quality and standards of contract policing, as well as promising a fairer sharing of actual costs of operating a police service in each jurisdiction.

January 12th Board Meeting Highlights:

- The 2012 provisional budget for the Peace River Regional Hospital District was approved.
- Participation in the environmental assessment process for the CCS Wolverine Secure Landfill was authorized.
- The strategic planning process results and work plan, undertaken January 3-4, 2012, was adopted.
- The new five-year “Fire Services Agreement” with the City of Dawson Creek was adopted.
- A resolution for the North Central Local Government Agency (NCLGA) and UBCM meetings will request support from the province to address retrieval and disposal of junk, including vehicles, from Crown Land.
- PRRD will be registered as an intervener with the BC Utilities Commission, in both the FortisBC Amalgamation & Rate Design application and the FortisBC 2012-2013 Revenue Requirement and Natural Gas Rates Application, in order to receive hearing documentation.

The Future is Four Lanes – Highway #2 Dawson Creek to the Alberta Border

Spencer King (Regional Project Manager), Oliver Schwuchow, (Regional Project Technician), and Scott Maxwell (District Manager) from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure presented a summary of the public consultation processes and progress for the planned expansion and improvements to Highway #2 between Dawson Creek and the Alberta border. The projects are in the early research stage of geotechnical considerations and engineering design. The public can call the PRRD office to obtain a printed copy of the presentation.



Also, go to the BC Government News Room for the news release and more information on the project:

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2011TRAN0056-000919.htm

Next PRRD Board Meeting in Dawson Creek

Date: **Thursday, January 26, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.**
Location: PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue,
Agendas are posted six days before the meeting at:
<http://www.prrd.bc.ca/board/meetings/agenda/index.php>