



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held January 13, 2011

TransCanada Pipelines Operations

Brenda Walton, Stakeholder Engagement Representative introduced three high level representatives from Fairview Alberta who travelled to the meeting to provide an update to local government, particularly in relation to the company's commitment of meeting all applicable federal and provincial safety standards.

In conjunction with a ten minute video on emergency management, the delegation provided safety and emergency information relating to the Groundbirch Mainline, which is an extension of the Alberta System from a tie-in point downstream of the existing Gordondale Meter Station to the Groundbirch area in northeast BC. The Groundbirch Mainline Project pipeline was constructed for the purpose of transporting sweet natural gas. TransCanada uses a variety of markers and signs along the rights-of-way to alert people to the general location of its pipelines.

Chair Goodings thanked the representatives for coming to the meeting.



Northern Literacy Alliance

Erin Evans, Literacy Outreach Coordinator for the North Peace Literacy Alliance provided a statistical comparison of the region's literacy profile as compared to the provincial standard. The Canadian Council on Learning research report titled the "Future of Literacy in Canada" states that Canadians with low literacy have more health problems, earn less money and live shorter lives.

Ms. Evans displayed a YouTube video entitled "Literacy is Like Velcro" which shows how improved literacy skills assist in developing better relationships; supporting higher learning goals; building stronger families and healthier communities. She stated literacy is the glue that sticks communities together. It is a skill that can be learned and built upon and in turn the highly literate and skilled community creates vibrant, engaged citizens.

The Directors thanked Ms. Evans for the presentation and declared January 27, 2011 as Family Literacy Day and January as Literacy Month in the meeting minutes.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) application was authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Exclusion 155/2010 (Fleet).
- ★ Owen Bloor was appointed as the By-law Enforcement Officer for the Peace River Regional District.
- ★ The Directors were authorized to attend the Interprovincial / Intermunicipal Meeting in Bear Canyon, Alberta on April 1, 2011.
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were authorized to attend the Electoral Area Directors Forum on February 15 and 16, 2011 in Richmond at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel.
- ★ Directors wishing to do so were authorized to attend BC Hydro information/consultation meetings to discuss boat ramps in their area.
- ★ Staff will be submitting an application for funding assistance to Towns for Tomorrow to improve accessibility and increase energy efficiency of the Peace River Regional District office in Dawson Creek.
- ★ The Regional District will be writing letters voicing opposition to the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) moving its Engineering Division Office to Kelowna. Chair Goodings was authorized to attend meetings arranged by the City of Fort St. John with Minister Tompson and senior OGC staff.
- ★ The Regional District will support and co-sponsor the Public Water Awareness Open House on March 22, 2011 in Dawson Creek.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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