



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 14, 2010

Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS)

Mrs. Gloria Farnden, Major Gifts Manager and Mr. Mike Werkhoven, paramedic for STARS was in attendance to update the Board on the STARS' activities to date. Prior to updating the Board, Mrs. Farnden presented a picture and plaque in recognition of STARS' appreciation for the support and generous donations over the years. She advised the Board that STARS has received a total of 977 calls, dispatched 668 missions and transported 534 patients over the last three years. In the Peace River area alone, the total calls received were 46, 28 of those resulted in a dispatch, 25 patients were transported and 4 Alberta patients were delivered to BC hospitals.

Mr. Werkhoven explained that he has been on outreach and Live LZ Training to the BC Chain of Survival to demonstrate how to manage safe and efficient landings. They have also developed strong communications with Search and Rescue groups. They are currently developing communications with medical professionals in McBride, Valemont and Prince George.



South Peace Seniors Access Services Society

Mrs. Sharon Miller, Chairperson of South Peace Seniors Access Services Society (SPSASA) was at the meeting to update the Board on the Society's activities. She explained that the Society is there to provide support to all seniors and not just those over 65. They are there to assist seniors in whatever manner they can, including supplying materials and workshops as needed, and are working toward becoming the advocate for seniors in the south Peace. The office is located in the Kiwanis Enterprise Centre behind South Peace Senior Secondary School in Dawson Creek.

The Society is in the process of putting together an information booklet for the south Peace, similar to the one published for the north Peace. They are receiving input from both Save our Northern Seniors and Northern Health. Mrs. Miller asked the Board to consider providing financial assistance to the Society to publish the booklet.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) application was authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Subdivision 149/2009 (Bruneau).
- ★ The Board has decided to hold three of its meetings in the rural areas and smaller communities of the Region. These meeting will be scheduled during May, July, and September.
- ★ Director Lori Ackerman was appointed to sit on the Agricultural Advisory Committee as the Board representative.
- ★ Regional District staff will be working with Peace Region Internet Society to negotiate an agreement that would provide PRiS access to the Lone Prairie Tower in order to provide high-speed internet access for local residents.
- ★ The Regional District will be undertaking a typical clean-up campaign in the spring of 2010 by implementing a pilot voucher system in conjunction with the clean-up campaign for the disposal of bulky waste items.
- ★ The Regional District will continue with the Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area (IPMA).



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, January 28, 2010 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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