



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held February 24, 2011

Alaska Highway Community

Alaska Highway Community Board (AHC), a registered society consisting of elected officials and key stakeholders who represent communities and regional districts in northeast BC, is working toward having the Alaska Highway designated a National Historic Site of Canada. Bud Powell, Chair AHC and April Moi, Community Development, Northern BC Tourism Association presented a four-year project, which they believe will generate tourism and economic benefits to the region and foster international relations.

The AHC is requesting a funding split between the Regional District and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality. Once the highway is designated as a national site, other funding opportunities will become available.

The process is hoped to be completed in 2017. The request was referred to budget discussions.



Teck Resources

Ray Proulx, Community Liaison, presented a feasibility study for the reopening of the Quintette mine in Tumbler Ridge, which was closed in 2000. Due to a high demand for coal in China and India, Teck Resources would like to reopen the mine, maximizing the use of existing infrastructure. The open-pit mine is expected to have a fifteen- to seventeen-year mine life, potentially begin operations at the Windy pit by 2013. Mr. Proulx estimated that there could be up to 400 employees at the mine. The company's preference is that the work force be housed in the community.



Charlie Lake/Grandhaven Fire Protection Society

Al Pinkerton, Fire Chief and Doug Allen, President of the Fire Protection Society presented the Society's request to increase its budget for fire protection services to enable the hiring of two additional full-time fire fighters as well as to cover the cost of insurance, metered water and some needed equipment and maintenance items. The funding request was referred to budget discussions.

They also requested that the Regional Board consider taking on the Society's role in delivery of the service.

Ducks Unlimited

Mr. Wayne Janowsky representing Ducks Unlimited Canada requested a continuation and a small increase to the grant for the Project Webfoot "Adopt-a-class" program. Project Webfoot is a curriculum-based program that focuses on educating Grade 5 students across the Peace about the region's ecosystem.

He explained that last year there were a total of 476 students from South Peace school district that toured McQueen's Slough in a three-day period and that there is expected to be up to twenty-nine classes visiting the Slough this year.

The Slough has become a popular place for families to visit. He also advised that there were six advisory signs put up last year in memory of Dannielle Lewis. The request was also referred to budget discussions.



Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Subdivision 11/2011 (Jamar);
 - Subdivision 25/2011 (Hatton); and
 - Non-farm Use 31/2011 (Talisman Energy Inc.).
- ★ The Board extended the recycling contract for a one-year term with the Fort St. John Eco-Depot Recycling Ltd.
- ★ The Board resolved to give notice to the Charlie Lake/Grandhaven Fire Protection Society that the Regional District no longer wishes to contract with the Society to administer the fire protection service.
- ★ The Board appointed Faye Salisbury as Chief Election Officer for the November 19, 2011 Local General Election.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, March 10, 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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