



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held March 10, 2011

Annual Budget By-law No. 1929, 2011

Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer presented the 2011 Financial Plan Budget Packages, five-year budget plans for both the Regional Hospital District and the Regional District. Regional Districts are governed by the *Local Government Act*, Community Charter and various other Provincial Acts and Regulations and must have balanced budgets. The entire budget is in the March 10, 2011 Agenda, on the Peace River Regional District website at www.prrd.bc.ca, under Board, Meetings, Agendas.

The Peace River Regional District operates under various services. All taxpayers participate in Legislative and Administrative and Regional Services. However, for Sub-regional Services, partnerships are formed between electoral areas and/or municipalities to establish a service area and only the taxpayers in those service areas pay the taxes for that specific service. Likewise for a Local Service, only taxpayers participating in that specific service are taxed.

As part of the budget process public hearings must be held, once the budget by-law has received first reading, to give the residents an opportunity to participate in the proposed budget and bring forward any concerns and suggestions they may have.

Budget meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Fort St. John Monday, March 14, 2011, 1p.m. - 3 p.m.

Regional District Office, 9505 100 Street

Chetwynd, Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Recreation Complex, 4552 N Access Road

Dawson Creek, Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Regional District Office, 1981 Alaska Avenue

Please come to the meeting in your area to review and discuss the budget with Mrs. Frech. Your comments and concerns are important to the Peace River Regional District.



Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Subdivision 028/2011 (Keuth); and
 - Non-farm Use 035/2011 (Terra Energy Corporation).
- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) application 034/2011 (Froese) was refused to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).
- ★ Director Caton was authorized to attend the Pacific Northwest Economic Region's 21st Annual Summit, from July 19 to 22, 2011 in Portland, Oregon.
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were authorized to attend the Drought Management Workshop, Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in Fort St. John.
- ★ The Regional District was accepted by the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to participate in a trial project exempting the District for two years from the requirement for ministerial approval of official community plan by-laws and four other types of land use management by-laws.
- ★ The Board approved funding of \$21,000 per year for three years, representing payments based on a \$1-per-capita formula, toward the construction of a residential lodge in Prince George by the Canadian Cancer Society. This new lodge will provide a home away from home for individuals and their caregivers traveling to Prince George for treatment.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, March 24, 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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