



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 11, 2010

Northern BC Tourism

Ms. Kathleen O'Neill, Outreach Coordinator updated the Board on the progress of the initiative to seek federal designation of the Alaska Highway as a National Historic Site. In June 2008 Parks Canada met with the Regional District and community representatives to explain the process and express their support. The inventory of key sites along the highway is expected to be completed by the end of March. Northern BC Tourism Association is currently conducting consultations with stakeholders, which is one of the steps required for the nomination.

The Board resolved to forward a letter of support to the Northern BC Tourism Association for the nomination of the Alaska Highway and to add the Alaska Highway to the Regional District's registry of historic sites.

Federal commemoration of the Alaska Highway could help progress the region's long-term vision that the historic, wilderness and cultural characteristics of the highway be conserved for the benefit of future generations while respecting the industrial values of this important 'working highway'.



Farmers' Advocate

The Regional District, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), partnered with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to create a contract to provide the services of an Independent Land Information and Advocate Office. Under the MOU a Farmers' Advocate Management Committee was formed and they advertised a Request for Proposal to deliver the Farmers' Advocacy Office service.

The Board discussed the recommendations of the committee at length and resolved to refer the matter back to staff and the Farmers' Advocate Management Committee to re-draft the Terms of Reference for the proposed new office.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Non-farm Use 031/2010 (Field);
 - Non-farm Use 032/2010 (Grizzco Camp Services Ltd); and
 - Subdivision 040/2009 (David).
- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) application was tabled, pending completion of the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan:
 - Subdivision 030/2010 (Boychuk)
- ★ The Annual Budget for the Peace River Regional Hospital District (By-law No. 183, 2010) was given first reading.
- ★ The Annual Financial Plan for the Peace River Regional District (By-law No. 1889, 2010) was amended to remove the provision for a new, full-time paid position for the Charlie Lake Fire Department; and given first reading.
- ★ Staff from the Regional District and the City of Fort St. John will be working together to resolve issues regarding the provision of water to properties outside city boundaries.
- ★ The Board authorized a three-year commitment of \$120,000 per year to STARS which is a change from using the per-capita calculation for each of the past two years.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, March 25, 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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