



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 24, 2011

BC Housing Corporation

In response to an invitation from the Regional Board, Malachy Tohill, Regional Director, for BC Housing Management Commission provided data on the current managed housing situation in the northern communities from Quesnel north to the Yukon border and from the Alberta border west to Haida Gwaii. The Directors questioned Mr. Tohill on the admission requirements, particularly as they relate to the shortage of housing for local aging pioneers.



Capital Power Quality Wind

Steve Owens, Quality Wind Project Manager and Jason Tusor, Manager Public Consultation provided an update on the 142 MW wind project near Tumbler Ridge, BC which is expected to be in operation by late 2012. Job fairs to engage local contractors are planned for May 2011.

Both delegations' power point presentations are available for viewing at www.prrd.bc.ca within the March 24th agenda.



Alaska Highway Community – Budget Request

Bud Powell, Chair answered questions during board discussions of the Economic Development Function line item 401 that would provide fifty percent of the funding for their initiative to obtain Federal Heritage Designation of the Alaska Highway. In regard to board concerns on where the AHC board would acquire the other fifty percent, he advised they have some tentative commitments and they would not proceed with the project until all funding is secured.



Charlie Lake Fire – Budget Request

After a lengthy discussion period, the Board resolved to reduce the total Charlie Lake Fire Function budget to the previous year's amount of \$475,311.

Annual Budget By-laws No. 184 and 1929, 2011

Following discussions and first readings on March 10, 2011 of Annual Budget By-laws No. 184 and 1929, 2011, and three public meetings throughout the region, where residents were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and bring forward any concerns and suggestions; second and third readings were given to the by-laws which included the revised report and discussion changes. The Board then went on to adopt both the Regional Hospital District Annual Budget By-law No. 184, 2011 and the Regional District Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1929, 2011.



Other Highlights

- ★ After a vote on two submitted names, the Board nominated Dawson Creek Councillor Cheryl Shuman to be considered as the Regional District Representative to the North Central Local Government Association Executive.
- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):

Exclusion	32/2011 (Toews)
Subdivision	33/2011 (Wiebe);
Subdivision	45/2011 (Piper); and
Subdivision	50/2011 (McLean);
- ★ ALR Subdivision application 39/2011 (Calahoo Inspection and Consulting Ltd.) was refused on the basis that it does not conform to the OCP or Zoning.
- ★ The Dawson Creek Transfer Station Site Attendant Contract was extended to January 1, 2012.



Next Regional Board Meeting

10 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2011 in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre
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