



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held April 22, 2010

CCS Corporation

Mr. Todd Sauve, Manager Business Development, Mr. Ryan Kaminski, Business Development and Mr. Lance Kyle, Manager of Operations BC were in attendance to update the Board on the progress of the proposed secure landfill facility in the Bessborough area.

An extensive topography study indicated that Arras was the center location. They were looking for an area that is reasonably flat with a layer of at least thirty metres of clay. The company currently operates twenty landfills.

CCS has begun discussions with surrounding residents. They ensure that proactive, meaningful engagements are carried out at every stage. Once potential impacts have been identified, consultation on potential impacts and mitigating measures will be proposed. They also ensure there is sufficient top soil and clay reserved to create an adequate cap for the site.



Western Coal

Mr. Bob Bays, Vice President of Operations for Western Coal attended the meeting to advise the Board on operations at the Brule, Willow Creek and Wolverine mines. They expect to invest \$250 million in expansions to the mines, which should triple production over three years.

The mining operation in Wolverine is hard coking coal while in Brule and Willow Creek it is low-volume PCI; however it is expected that Willow Creek will also produce forty percent coking coal during the life of that mine. The company expects to provide community economic opportunities through contracting, purchasing from local businesses and employment for local residents. It is anticipated that once mine operations are in full production, there could be employment for up to one thousand people.

Telus

Mr. Davin Overland, Service Manager, BC Peace River Region for Telus spoke with the Directors at the meeting. He noted that there has been a shuffle within Telus and this area is now serviced out of the Alberta branch in Grande Prairie.

A discussion took place regarding improvement of service in various areas of the region. Mr. Overland advised that it would be some time before cellular and internet services could be improved. Telus is quite willing to work with the Regional District to upgrade services throughout the region and accepted an invitation to meet again with the rural directors.



Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Subdivision 042/2010 (Martens); and
 - Subdivision 045/2010 (Lenz).
- ★ The Janitorial Service Contract was awarded to Dawson Creek Residential and Commercial Cleaning Service for the supply of janitorial services to the Dawson Creek office and warehouse for a three-year period.
- ★ The North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2010 received third reading. More information is available on the Peace River Regional District website at www.prrd.bc.ca under Development Services.
- ★ The Unsightly Premises By-laws No. 1891 and 1892, 2010 (Electoral Area 'C') were adopted.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 9 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office, at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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