



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held May 13, 2010

## Fair Share Cheque Presentation

The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and MLA Peace River South and Mr. Pat Pimm, MLA, Peace River North, officially presented the board with a cheque in the amount of \$31,170,601.

The disbursements of the Fair Share funds to the municipalities within the Regional District are as follows:

<b>Each</b> Electoral Area (B, C, D, and E):	\$ 467,559
Chetwynd	2,028,194
Dawson Creek	9,832,478
Fort St. John	14,194,432
Hudson's Hope	632,709
Pouce Coupe	750,236
Taylor	647,913
Tumbler Ridge	1,214,402

## Revelstoke Canyon Dam Experience

Mr. Parker the former mayor of Revelstoke, BC. shared his experience in dealing with BC Hydro during the dam construction on the Columbia River. Although out of the political spotlight, he has continued to follow and be very much involved in BC Hydro's consultation processes.

He elaborated on both the negative impacts and positive outcomes of the construction of the Revelstoke Canyon Dam and advised people to become educated on all aspects of the Site C proposal and make their voice heard, whether they support it or not.

He strongly recommended that the Regional District hire a lawyer and attend the BC Hydro hearings with council in order to wisely plan for the future.



## Farm Classification

The Board requested that a meeting be arranged with the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development to discuss the issues regarding the classification / reclassification of farm land by the BC Assessment Authority.



## Other Highlights

- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve Non-farm Use application 050/2010 (Loiselle) was authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission
- ★ Temporary Industrial Use Permit 051/2010 (Kirk) was approved for issuance for a two-year term to build a boat within a temporary structure.
- ★ Temporary Commercial Use Permit 052/2010 (Hickey) was approved for issuance for a two-year term for the operation of a Paintball Game Business.
- ★ The Board will forward a letter of support to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association's application for funding.
- ★ The Regional District will make an application to acquire a Licence of Occupation for the Peace Valley Lookout site and also apply for funding from the BC Brownfield Renewal Strategy to assist in the cost of conducting an environmental site assessment
- ★ The Regional Board will enter into a Licence of Occupation with the District of Chetwynd to allow the municipality to construct and operate a skateboard park on a portion of undeveloped land associated with the Chetwynd and District Recreation facilities.
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were authorized to attend the UBCM / Electoral Area Directors Meetings in Richmond, B.C. on June 15 -16, 2010.
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were authorized to attend the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC reception in Dawson Creek, in Taylor, B.C. on June 22, 2010.
- ★ The Chair or her designate will speak at the opening of the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery in Tumbler Ridge. on May 15, 2010.
- ★ The Board will forward a letter to BC Hydro and the Provincial Government to request they provide the Peace River Regional District with funding to offset the costs associated with investigating and analyzing the impacts of the proposed Site 'C' Dam.

## Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held **Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 9 a.m.** in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office, at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, B.C.



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