



# 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 27, 2010

## Spectra Energy

Mr. Pat Mason, Community Coordinator, along with Mr. Rod Locke, Team Lead, Lands and Community Relations of Spectra Energy Midstream (SEM) attended the meeting to update the Board on Spectra activities in the south Peace region to date. There are three key projects planned for this area.

First is the Bissette Pipeline, to be built to connect raw natural gas production to the South Peace Pipeline and ultimately to Spectra Energy's McMahon Gas Plant in Taylor, BC. Second is the Bessborough Pipeline, a short connector to carry sales gas from the proposed Dawson Processing Plant (the third project) to the TransCanada Pipelines Limited Groundbirch Pipeline. These projects are designed to meet or exceed safety and emission standards and the plant is subject to regulatory approval by the National Energy Board.



## BC Hydro

Mr. Dave Conway, Community Relations Manager and Mr. Hugh Smith Environmental Assessment for the Site C Project were in attendance to update the Board on the process to date for BC Hydro's proposed Site C Dam. The dam will be the third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River. It is a publicly owned facility which will become a BC Hydro heritage asset. Based on historic design, Site C would provide approximately 900 megawatts (MW) of capacity and 4,600 Gigawatt Hours (GWh) of energy, enough electricity to power about 410,000 homes per year.

They are entering Stage 3 of the process that will involve refining and updating the historic project design, the interim project cost estimate, advance the environmental and socio-economic studies and provide consultation opportunities with a greater focus on impact assessment, mitigation and accommodation. The Fall 2009 Consultation and Technical Review is available at [www.bchydro.com/sitec](http://www.bchydro.com/sitec).

Some Directors expressed concerns regarding the Hydroelectric Site C process and the perceived lack of meaningful communication.

## Northern Cancer Control Strategy

The Chair welcomed Ms. Pam Tobin, Clinical Project Lead, Northern Cancer Control Strategy. Ms. Tobin explained that the Northern Cancer Control Strategy is a joint initiative between the Provincial Health Services Authority, BC Cancer Agency and Northern Health.

The purpose of the strategy is not only to build the BC Cancer Agency Centre but also to reduce the impact of cancer by meeting the unique needs of the northern communities. Telemedicine stations will also be established in ten community cancer clinics for centralized communication of professional services such as pharmacy; oncology nutrition; psychosocial support services; and oncology physician services.

The Cancer Centre, located in Prince George BC, is scheduled to open September 2012.



## Other Highlights

- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision application 053/2010 (McEachern) was tabled until completion of the proposed North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan.
- ★ A Director will be attending the following:
  - Ducks Unlimited Canada - Piper Pond Project unveiling in Tomslake, BC;
  - Grand Opening of the Willow Creek Mine at the Training Centre southwest of Chetwynd, BC; and
  - Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and AGM in Edmonton.
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were appointed to the Regional and Local Government Liaison Committee for the regulatory review phase (Stage 3) of the Site 'C' Project.



## Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held **Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 9 a.m.** in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre, located at 10015 100 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC.



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