



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held June 23, 2011

School District No. 60

Representatives of the Peace River North School District No. 60, Nicholas Weswick, Controller; Doug Boyd, Secretary Treasurer, and Gordon Anderson, Trustee and Vice Chair attended the meeting to explain the School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC) that the school district is preparing. The charge is a one-time cost levied on residential developers to assist in paying for the acquisition of lands for new school sites that would be needed as a result of growth within the school district. The fee is collected for new developments at the permit stage from the issuing office.

As the Ministry of Education will not provide capital funding for the acquisition of new school sites unless the school districts are collecting SSAC's, the Peace River North School District is in the process of establishing its SSAC. The process is to estimate the number of new, eligible residential development units in the district over the next ten years, to estimate the number of new students that are expected to live in the new units by 2020 and to prepare the SSAC document. The SSAC also identifies new schools and sites that would be required and estimates the cost of the new land needed for new school sites.

The School District is expecting an additional one thousand students by 2017. As a result the district is planning new schools, elementary schools being the highest priority, in the northwest and northeast of the city.

In the proposed SSAC the total estimated acquisition cost is \$4.1 million to accommodate an expected 2,318 new students at 3 new school sites over the next 10 years.



Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) application was deferred to a future meeting, pending completion of the South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan:
 - Exclusion 98/2011 (Loiselle).



Other Highlights (continued)

- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) application No. 101/2011 (Lenz) was withdrawn at the applicant's request.
- ★ The Board authorized the proposed dust suppression strategy to be registered on the title as a restrictive covenant on the Tracker Contracting Ltd. property for the concrete batch plant on 100 Avenue, Fort St. John.
- ★ The Regional District was approved by the Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development for a \$375,000 grant toward the Energy Efficiency Accessibility Retrofit project to the Dawson Creek office.
- ★ The Chair or her designate was authorized to attend the Prince George Initiatives luncheon and meeting featuring BC Hydro President and CEO Dave Cobb on June 24, 2011.
- ★ The Board accepted the 2010 Annual Report as presented. The Annual Report is available on the Regional District's website at: www.prrd.bc.ca under Board, Annual Report.
- ★ The board approved the award of the Mechanical Upgrade Contract for the Dawson Creek Regional District office to Zwick's Plumbing and Heating 2007 Ltd.
- ★ Director Saugstad was elected to the Board of Directors for STARS during its Annual General Meeting on June 16, 2011.
- ★ That the Chair or her designate be authorized to attend the South Peace Grain Growers Co-op 25th Anniversary celebration on June 29, 2011.



Next Regional Board Meeting

10 a.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011 in the Boardroom, Peace River Regional District office
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC



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