



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held July 9, 2009

### EnCana Update

Mr. Brian Lieveise, Community Representative for EnCana was in attendance to update the Board on recent bombings of EnCana infrastructures. One bombing, the fifth to occur, was on July 1, 2009 at a sweet well site which resulted in a very small amount of gas leaking. There was never any danger to local residents; however, they were advised, as were Regional District Directors Hiebert, Bernier and Clark.

The next bombing was on July 4, 2009 and of more concern as it was a fairly large blast that occurred at the base of a pipeline and created a major leak within 200 metres of a residential area. The leak was depressurized when the H<sub>2</sub>S monitor was activated. A local resident heard the blast and called 9-1-1 then self-evacuated the area, taking some neighbours with him. Although evacuation was not necessary, EnCana is grateful for his quick thinking.

Repairs have begun on the fifth occurrence; but cannot begin at the sixth site as the RCMP are still actively investigating it.

The Regional Board encourages residents to forward any information they may have regarding suspicious activities or the bombings to the RCMP.



### Big 50 Safety Road Rally

The Chair welcomed Ms. Betty Deck, Event Coordinator of the Big 50 Safety Road Rally who made a presentation to the Board in support of the grant application made by the Jackfish Community Association for the rally to be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009. The rally ride from Jackfish Road to Chetwynd is a fifty-year celebration to highlight the historical aspect of the road while at the same time bringing awareness of the hazards along it and the related safety concerns.

The road was constructed in 1959 from Chetwynd to Taylor in ten days with citizens of the Chetwynd area building a section of road from Chetwynd to Monias Lake and residents from Taylor and Fort St. John building the road from Taylor and meeting the Chetwynd section at the lake. The road was built without public funding as residents from the three areas donated equipment, materials, labour, and food.

The Board approved a grant to assist the group with the anniversary celebration.

### Branding the Peace

Chair Goodings welcomed Ms. Lisa Wildman, Chair, Branding the Peace Country Association and Ms. Claire Langlois, BC Grain Producers Association to the meeting to update the Board on activities to date. Branding the Peace has evolved into an association that initiates major scientific research and is an advocate for Peace Country agriculture. Its Board comprises of partners from both sides of the border and an advisory group with representation from both provinces.

By partnering with the Alberta Research Council to investigate the properties of Peace-grown flax, it was determined that it contains higher Omega 3 levels than elsewhere in Canada.

The Board authorized the payment of the new partnership fee to Branding the Peace.



### Other Highlights

- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Subdivision Application No. 91/2009 (Richter) was authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.
- ★ Surerus Pipeline Inc., Fort St. John, advised the Board that they were awarded a contract by Spectra to construct approximately 92 km of 20-inch pipeline from the Cutbank area to the Spectra plant site in Taylor. The project is expected to last into early October 2009 and employ up to 450 people.
- ★ The Board approved the hiring of a By-law Investigation Officer / Building Inspector.
- ★ The Rural Directors were authorized to attend the Bear Mountain Alta Gas Wind Farm tour on August 6, 2009.
- ★ The Board will provide a letter of support to the Doig River First Nation's submission for the Recreation Infrastructure Canada Program application toward its ice facility.



### Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office, at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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