



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 22, 2010

NORTHERN BC TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Anthony Everett, CEO, Mr. Bud Powell, Director and April Moi, Community Development, Northeast for Northern BC Tourism were in attendance to update the Board on the status and activities of tourism in northern BC.

According to new data, 1.1 billion of the 13.8 billion tourism dollars spent annually in BC is generated from northern BC which proves that tourism is a viable industry in the north. It is the association's goal to market the various valuable sites throughout the north to continue to draw tourists to this area. The Association recognized there is a need for improvements to both the locations and road accesses to ensure tourists have a good experience here to share with friends and relatives.



PEACE ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY TRUSTEES SOCIETY

Lois Hill, Director, Peace Environment and Safety Trustees Society with Mr. Brian Derfler attended the meeting to explain the new project they are working on. The project, being conducted by a university student, is to research the shortcomings of the present natural gas development with regard to health, safety and environmental responsibility.

The Society has acquired funding to retain a lawyer from a west coast environment law firm. The firm is exploring the *Health Act* and its current and future legislation regimes to identify where the legislation needs to be changed to meet the needs of the people who live in close proximity to the petroleum industry activities.



HONOURABLE BILL BENNETT, MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

The Chair introduced the Honourable Bill Bennett, the new Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and Pat Pimm, MLA, Peace River North to the Board. Minister Bennett was in the Peace region to familiarize himself with the issues of the area since assuming his portfolio.

The Minister noted that he is looking forward to working with the Regional Board and will be visiting the area again.

Other Highlights

- ★ Director Clark, on behalf of the Village of Pouce Coupe, presented Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D' and the Regional District with a plaque depicting the new school, gymnasium, library and civic center in appreciation for the contributions they made to the project.
- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Subdivision Application 83/2010 (Jordan) was postponed to a later date.
- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion Application 161/2009 (Dyer) was authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).
- ★ Temporary Industrial Use Permit (TIUP) 78/2010 (Wild Horse Oilfield Services Ltd.) application for the operation of a temporary worker camp north of Hudson's Hope on the Beryl Prairie Road was referred to a future meeting, after a response is received from the Agricultural Land Commission.
- ★ Development Variance Permit (DVP) 91/2010 (Katerberg) to increase the maximum building floor area in order to build a shop for personal use was authorized for issuance.
- ★ The Directors were invited to attend the 2015 Canada Winter Game Bid Evaluation Tour in Prince George on August 9, 2010. More information on the bid can be viewed at www.city.gp.bc.ca.
- ★ The Directors were invited to the Peace River Municipalities Association (PRMA) meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2010 in Fort St. John, BC.
- ★ The Directors were invited to attend the Council of Forest Industries Community Dinner in Prince George on September 15, 2010.
- ★ The Regional District will be holding Public Information Meetings in Pink Mountain at 2 p.m., August 9, 2010 and in Wonowon at 2 p.m., August 31, 2010 for the purpose of presenting information on the construction of new transfer stations in these communities.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held **Thursday, August 12, 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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