



# 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 23, 2009



## **NEW FORT ST. JOHN HOSPITAL GROUNDBREAKING**

Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' Director and Chair of the Peace River Regional District Board, MLA Pat Primm, Senator Richard Neufeld and Fort St. John Mayor Bruce Lantz with Northern Health officials were at the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 for the new hospital building in Fort St. John. The new hospital, a 55-bed acute care facility and 123-bed residential care facility, will replace the current hospital which was built in 1962. The target completion date is spring 2012.

### **Ducks Unlimited Canada**

Mr. Darryl Kroeker, Head, Conservation Programs, BC Peace for Ducks Unlimited Canada was in attendance to explain the future plans they have for Piper Slough. Ducks Unlimited Canada has made application to the Ministry of Environment and is anticipating that the Water Stewardship Division will refer the application to the Regional District to express its concerns.

Ducks Unlimited focuses on wetland conservation, identifying habitats and waterfowl species in the greatest need of help then charting a course for restoration and management. They are currently determining the best course of action to restore and enhance the slough property for maximum benefit to waterfowl, wildlife and the surrounding community.



### **Rights to 9-1-1 Digital Files**

The Regional Board authorized staff to relax the current proprietary rights policy that restricts emergency agencies from sharing the Regional District's digital house number shape file data with third parties.

This will enable emergency service agencies to share the 9-1-1 mapping information with the appropriate contactors, which in turn will enable dispatch services personnel to identify 9-1-1 residences and relay the correct information to drivers of emergency vehicles.

### **Other Highlights**

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission:
  - Non-farm Use - 64/2009 (Borek);
  - Non-farm Use - 78/2009 (MacLand/Crown);
  - Subdivision - 94/2009 (Myhre).
- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Subdivision Application 95/2009 (Quigley) was refused as it does not conform to the Official Community Plan or zoning by-laws.
- ★ The Financial Reports to June 30, 2009, were accepted for the Regional and Regional Hospital Boards.
- ★ The Regional District will request to be involved in discussions with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding its plans for the proposed Landowner Office, once all information has been gathered from the surveys.
- ★ The Board resolved not to proceed with a water source at Rose Prairie at this time.



### **Next Regional Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, August 13, 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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