



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Board Newsletter



Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held August 26, 2010

NORTH PEACE JUSTICE SOCIETY

Michelle LaBoucane, Coordinator for the North Peace Justice Society attended the meeting to explain the Restorative Justice Program. The philosophy of restorative justice is based on community healing. In other words the community decides what is best for itself in terms of certain criminal matters. While the formal justice system is adversarial and punishment based, the focus of restorative justice is on offender accountability, problem solving and creating an equal voice for offenders and victims. Currently the North Peace Justice Society is using the Community Forum model.

The Society is a not-for-profit organization that provides services to the north Peace as well as provides support for the Restorative Justice program that is starting in Dawson Creek. The services are volunteer-based and they operate on grants from the community and municipalities; working closely with the RCMP, Crown and Peace River North School District, offering different solutions for first-time offenders and victims. They plan to expand the program this year to include the Doig River, Halfway River and Blueberry First Nations.



SHELL CANADA LIMITED

Mr. Andrew Dahlin, Production Operations Manager for Shell Canada Limited attended the meeting to provide insight into the Groundbirch Venture, located in the Sunset - Groundbirch area, where they hold the mineral rights to approximately 300 sections of land.

Currently they have drilled over 150 wells from 40 wellsites/pads and have 5 gas plants operating in the area. Plans are in place to drill another 60 wells over the next year and to expand the Groundbirch / Montney plant to be operational by November 2010. Shell expects that drilling, development and operations will continue for many years. Their general development outline includes drilling multiple wells (up to 24 wells) from well pads; 2 well pads for every 3 sections of land; and construct a limited number of processing plants at key locations.

Shell is also working with the City of Dawson Creek to collaborate on a water treatment facility to collect treated water to replace the use of fresh water for fracking.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Exclusion 113/2010 (Dyer); and
 - Non-farm Use 120/2010 (South Peace Colony).
- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Subdivision Application 116/2010 (Stoeckl) was refused as it is not supported by the Official Community Plan.
- ★ Development Variance Permit (DVP) 110/2010 (Martin) was authorized for issuance to reduce the rear parcel setback to site one mobile home.
- ★ Northern Health is posting a Request for Proposal for the services of an Alternative Service Provider to provide ground inter-facility transport services for low-acuity patients through a Patient Transport Office.
- ★ Westcoast Energy (Spectra Energy) is proposing to develop a pipeline, processing plant and powerline facilities 100 km north and 60 km east of Chetwynd (T-North 2011).
- ★ Westcoast Energy (Spectra Energy) is proposing to develop a pipeline, processing plant and powerline facilities south of Fort Nelson to west of Highway Plant at Aitkin Creek (T-North 2012).
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were authorized to attend the Regional Hospital District cost-sharing review presentation on September 27, 2010 during UBCM.
- ★ The Electoral Area Directors were authorized to attend the 2010 Northeast BC Community Coal Forum, October 6 and 7 in Chetwynd.
- ★ The Board nominated Director Hadland to sit on the UBCM Small Water Systems Working Group as a local government representative.
- ★ The Chair was authorized to meet with the Board of Directors for WorkSafeBC in Fort St. John on September 14, 2010 regarding a brief status update and to discuss the workers' compensation system.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held **Thursday, September 9, 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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