



**Peace River Regional District &
Peace River Regional Hospital District**



Board Meeting Newsletter

September 8, 2011 Location: Halfway Graham Community Hall, Upper Halfway, BC

TransCanada’s Proposed Groundbirch Mainline (Cypress & Aitken Creek Sections) Pipeline Project Delegation

Esteban Gordillo, *Project Manager*, and Shaheen Kassam, *Community Relations Advisor*, and Brenda Walton, *Community Relations Advisor*, from TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TransCanada), provided the Regional District Board with information about the proposed Groundbirch Mainline (Cypress and Aitken Creek Sections) Pipeline Project. The pipeline will be designed to meet producer requests for transportation of sweet natural gas from areas east of Fort St John and north of Chetwynd, and to be operational by early 2015 subject to regulatory approvals.

Project activities include stakeholder meetings and preliminary studies through the second quarter of 2011 with an application to the National Energy Board anticipated in the second quarter 2012. Community and public meetings, planned for 2011/2012, will provide details for pipeline routes, socio-economic benefits and local employment and contracting opportunities from the construction of the 200 km (36 and 42 inch diameter) pipeline. The estimated project cost is \$300 million. View the PowerPoint presentation at:

<http://www.prrd.bc.ca/board/agendas/2011/2011-16-8971321324/AGENDA.html>

For more information on the TransCanada Groundbirch Mainline Project contact Brenda Walton, *Community Relations Consultant*, at 780-957-3330 or email at Brenda@KairosCreativeSolutions.com.

Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia Dividend Received August 2011

The Peace River Regional District received a dividend cheque from the MIABC in the amount of \$10,845.00 for the 2010 fiscal year. In 2002 MIABC first began returning money to its members by subsidizing reinsurance costs. A total of \$15.3 million has been returned to MIABC members. In addition to the dividend, members are eligible for risk management grants to reduce liability claims. For more information visit the MIABC website at www.miabc.org.

Peace River Regional District Community Outreach

The PRRD Board of Directors thanks the citizens of our region and delegations for attending the Board meeting held in Upper Halfway.



Alaska Highway National Historic Site Project Grant Request

The Board of Directors approved a grant to the Alaska Highway Community Society to fund the Alaska Highway National Historic Site Project in the amount of \$538,060.00 (\$181,090 in 2011, \$155,274 in 2012 and \$201,696 in 2013) for application research, preparation and presentation to the Parks Canada “Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.” The goal of the project is to have the 2,237 km Alaska Highway, from Dawson Creek (BC) to Delta Junction (Alaska), commemorated as a National Historic Site of Canada by 2017. This year coincides with the 75th anniversary of the completion of the highway, and the 150th anniversary of Canada. For more information about the Alaska Highway project contact April Moi with the Northern BC Tourism Association at 250-785-2544 or by email at april@nbctourism.com.

New Manager of Communications for PRRD

Wendy Rockafellow joined the Peace River Regional District on September 6, 2011 as the Manager of Communications. Ms. Rockafellow can be reached at the Dawson Creek office at 250-784-3212 or wendy.rockafellow@prrd.bc.ca.

**October 17-23, 2011
Proclaimed Waste Reduction Week by the PRRD**

Visit the website at: www.wrwcana.com or go to the Recycling Council of BC website at: <http://rcbc.bc.ca>



**November 13-20, 2011
Proclaimed Restorative Justice Week by the PRRD**

Find out more at: <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/rj/index-eng.shtml>



Next PRRD Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011
Time: 10:00am
Location: 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC
Delegations wishing to appear before the Board of Directors are asked to apply well in advance of the meeting date of their choice. All members of the public are welcome to attend Board meetings. View Board schedules, agendas and minutes at: <http://prrd.bc.ca/board/meetings/schedule/index.php>.