



Peace River Regional District &
Peace River Regional Hospital District

Board Meeting Newsletter - Supplemental

November 24, 2011

Location: PRRD Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC



Director's Notice of Motion: Request to amend BC's Clean Energy Act to support the British Columbia Utilities Commissioning mega projects like BC Hydro's Site C Hydro Project

On November 24, 2011, a resolution came forward in its revised version from Directors White and Hadland, and it was resolved to send a letter to BC's Ministry of Energy and Mines requesting that the *Clean Energy Act* be amended to allow the the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC), to review and bring an independent transparent overview of major energy initiatives., One project specifically identified by the legislation is the Peace River Site C Hydro project. Under Section 7 of *Bill 17-2010 Clean Energy Act*, the Provincial Government has deemed Site C "necessary infrastructure" and at the same time exempts it from the *Utilities Commission Act* legislation.

For a copy of the *Clean Energy Act* go to:

http://www.leg.bc.ca/39th2nd/1st_read/gov17-1.htm

Please note: The minutes from this meeting will be posted on the PRRD website after December 9, 2011.



North East Invasive Plant Committee (NEIPC)

The Board authorized the NEIPC to provide comment on the Province's Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticides, strongly suggesting the value purpose and use of herbicides in the control of invasive species.

The NEIPC will be holding its Annual General Meeting on December 7, 2011 in Dawson Creek, BC. More than 80 representatives from federal government, First Nations, provincial government, local government, forest industry, mining, agriculture, utilities, transportation, community committees, conservation and wildlife, recreation and tourism, and horticulture will be discussing regional and province-wide issues, best practices, strategies and action plans for the upcoming year.

The BC Weed Control Act imposes a duty on landowners to control designated noxious weeds, which in turn enables the Peace River Regional District to appoint inspectors and enforce control. To find out about PRRD's Environmental Services - Invasive Plants Department go to:

www.prrd.bc.ca/services/environmental/weed_control/index.php

Each January the Board of Directors for the Invasive Plant Council of BC are chosen. Director Caton will be retiring his seat as a local government representative this December, and he urged the new PRRD board to continue this important work. To find out more go to: www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca.

Temporary Worker Camps

An application for non-farm use within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) on District Lot 1254, PRD north of Hudson's Hope on the Beryl Prairie Road for the purposes of a temporary worker camp for 250 men to be utilized by oil and gas industry employees for an anticipated period of three years was refused, as submitted, by the proponent.

Due to this decision by the board in this case, the application was not allowed to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) as the proposal does not meet Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoning requirements. This decision requires that the camp be shut down and the workers relocated to alternate accommodations, as it is not operating in accordance within the policies of the Peace River Regional District and the Agriculture Land Reserve.

PRRD staff have been directed to develop a policy to aid in the review of future applications of temporary worker camps, including development of mitigation to traffic, noise, refuse, et al. All proponents wishing to build and locate temporary worker camps on rural properties and lands are advised to discuss their intentions, prior to siting and construction, with the Development Services Department of the Peace River Regional District by calling 1-800-670-7773.

Peace River Regional District Board 2008-2011



Peace River Regional District Board of Directors 2008-2011:

Left to right: Director Fred Jarvis (Taylor), Director Mike Bernier (Dawson Creek), Director Wayne Hiebert (Area D), Director Karen Goodings (Area B), Director Evan Saugstad (Chetwynd), Director Bruce Lantz (Fort St. John), Alternate Director Bruce Christensen (Fort St. John), Director Karen Anderson (Hudson's Hope), Director Tim Caton (Area E), Director Lyman Clark (Pouce Coupe) and Director Larry White (Tumbler Ridge). Absent: Director Lori Ackerman (Fort St. John).

2011-2014 PRRD Board Inaugural Meeting

Date: **Friday, December 9, 2011 @ 3:00 pm**

Location: North Peace Cultural Centre, Fort St. John, BC

The public, media and community stakeholders are invited to attend the oath of office ceremony of the Peace River Regional District beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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