



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held February 26, 2009

### **Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association (NRAHTA)**

Ms. April Moi attended the meeting as a representative of the NRAHTA to provide information on the merging of the NRAHTA with Northern BC Tourism (NBCT). The primary focus will be on the development of the Alaska Highway as a distinct community with a marketing development plan. A new name and the strategic plan for the new organization will be determined at a mid-March planning session.

Some key considerations are:

- NRAHTA will be housed in the existing office with NBCT in Fort St. John;
- the Alaska Highway community group will provide advisory support to NBCT; and
- pursuing the designation of the Alaska Highway as a National Historic Site.

### **Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS)**

Mr. Andy Stewart, General Manager, and Ms. Glenda Farnden, Major Gift Manager for the STARS Grande Prairie Base attended the meeting to give an update on the current status of the base, the BC missions and the relationship between STARS and BC Chain of Survival. A PowerPoint presentation outlined the 2008 BC mission statistics, relationships with Northern Health and BCAS, Outreach and Human Patient Training in BC, proposed new helipads and a request for consideration to join in the municipal \$2/per capita funding for operational support.

### **Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines**

Mr. Kevin Brown, Community Relations Coordinator and Mr. Roger Harris, VP Aboriginal and Community Partnerships were at the meeting to inform the Board about the project and discuss how the project will proceed. For more information, visit their website at [www.northerngateway.ca](http://www.northerngateway.ca).

### **Other Highlights**

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
  - Subdivision - 06/2009 (Scobie);
  - Subdivision - 15/2009 (Brown/Robertson); and
  - Subdivision - 16/2009 (Teichroeb)
- ★ The Directors supported the agreement with Measuring Up the North.
- ★ The Board approved the submission of Building Canada Fund Applications to construct a community sewer system for the Imperial and Harper Subdivisions as well as the Clairmont and Grandhaven Subdivisions once its updated study has been completed.
- ★ The Regional Board authorized providing an \$8,000 grant to Save Our Northern Seniors (SONS) to assist printing of the brochure *Community Health Guide*.
- ★ Sue Popesku representing the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council and Barb Daley, artist, were in attendance to present the Regional Board with two beautiful oil pastel paintings of sunflowers.
- ★ The Regional District Board has authorized the disposal of obsolete items at a Garage Sale 12:00 - 6:00 pm on Friday, March 13, 2009 at the Regional District's warehouse, 1632 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dawson Creek; and the disposal of a 2001 Ford F550 picker truck by sealed bid.



### **Next Regional Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, March 12, 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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