



Peace River Regional District Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and
the Peace River Regional District Board Meeting, held April 12, 2007

Biodiesel

Ms. Irmi Critcher, President of the BC Grain Producer's Association, made a presentation to the Board regarding the feasibility of developing a Biodiesel production facility in the Peace region.

The group believes this is an opportunity for this area to produce 'made in the Peace biodiesel' rather than rely on imported products. The project has many environmental benefits and will be an advantage to local canola and cattle producers as it would create another viable local market for their products.

The BC Government is very supportive of developing green initiatives such as this plant. The plant is proposed to be one of Canada's most environmental-friendly projects, at a cost of \$22 million on 25 acres of land. The Grain Producers are proposing to sell production shares to build support and confirm partners.

The Grain Producers also need the BC Government to offer the same \$0.09 per litre incentive as the Alberta Government or the plant could be in jeopardy of being located on the Alberta side of the Peace, for economic reasons.



Spring Clean-up

Peace River Regional District landfill sites will be open for extra hours on the following dates, to accommodate the 2007 Spring Clean-up Campaign:

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| May 12 - 20 | Chetwynd |
| May 12 - 14 | Dawson Creek/Pouce Coupe |
| May 26 (4 hours) | Dawson Creek |
| May 12 - 19 | Fort St. John/Taylor |
| May 12 - 27 | Rural Areas |

Other Highlights

- ★ Mr. Malcolm Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer of Northern Health has announced his upcoming resignation, effective the beginning of June, 2007.
- ★ Save Our Northern Seniors (SONS) made a presentation to the Board regarding their concerns about seniors in the north not getting sufficient consideration for health care and housing needs. They are encouraging the concerned public to become members. For more information, please contact Jean Leahy at [250] 785-3245 or at jleahy@sahw.ca.
- ★ A by-law to provide funding for an addition to the Dawson Creek Rotary Manor Complex Care Facility was adopted. The by-law approved the expenditure of \$10,214,216 which represents the Regional Hospital District's forty percent share of the total \$25,535,540 project cost.
- ★ The Regional District supports the Northern Lights College's proposed new course to prepare interested people for elected or appointed roles in the area.
- ★ The Peace River Regional District will be forwarding a letter to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources with a list of communities interested in obtaining natural gas connections to sweet gas pipelines.
- ★ The 2007 Noxious Weed Control Contract was awarded to Mr. Dennis Meier at a cost of \$136,899, including taxes for a one-year period with an option to renew, pending future weed program funding.
- ★ The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands will be providing a grant in the amount of \$55,000; \$25,000 to support local weed committee activities and \$30,000 for the New Invasive Weed Control Program and an additional \$5,000 to support inventory work for this year's Pine Pass Project.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the NP Cultural Centre in Fort St. John.



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