



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 26, 2007

Prespatou Power Outage

Representatives, Mr. Dave Conway, Community Relations Manager, Mr. Dave Hamp, Area Manager and Mr. Bob Sabastiano, Distributions Field Operations Manager, from BC Hydro attended the meeting to discuss the Prespatou Power Outage which happened on September 12, 2006.

It was explained that there were a variety of circumstances that delayed the restoration of power to the 227 customers in the area. The incident was caused by an over-height truck striking a Telus cable and damaging four primary poles.

As the outage occurred later in the day, most employees had 'timed-out', meaning they had reached the maximum hours worked in one day as regulated by the Workers' Compensation Board and there were no resources available in the surrounding districts, due to a severe shortage of employees.

Due to the shortage of employees, BC Hydro is canvassing the province for new employees. There are plans to hold a Youth Trade hire for six weeks this summer and will be hiring an additional fifteen apprentices in the fall.

Other topics of concern that were discussed with BC Hydro were:

- @ Linemen resources (especially for Chetwynd, Hudson's Hope and Tumbler Ridge areas);
- @ Regional zones of responsibility;
- @ Apprenticeship/Journeyman Program; and
- @ Call-out Center located in Burnaby.



Northern Health

Northern Health is continuing community consultation on improving addiction and mental health services. Part of this process is offering residents an opportunity to provide input by attending meetings and completing their workbooks.

The "Let's Talk about Addictions and Mental Health" community meetings in our area are scheduled for:

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| May 28, 2007 | Dawson Creek; |
| May 29, 2007 | Fort St. John; |
| May 30, 2007 | Tumbler Ridge; and |
| May 31, 2007 | Chetwynd. |

Other Highlights

- ★ The Rural Directors have been authorized to attend the *Railway Safety Act* review to be held May 14, 16 or 18 in Vancouver, Kamloops or Prince George.
- ★ The First Quarter Financial Reports for both the Peace River Regional Hospital District and the Peace River Regional District were approved.
- ★ The Northern Health Connections route now includes service to Hudson's Hope and Tumbler Ridge.
- ★ Mrs. Carla Eaton, North Peace Land Use Planner, was presented with the Regional District's Five-year Service Award pin.
- ★ The Regional Hospital Board resolved to send another letter to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health, to request further consideration toward BC Ambulance utilizing the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) service in northeast BC.

Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Peace River Regional District office at 1981 Alaska Avenue in Dawson Creek.



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