PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held August 14, 2008

Project Porchlight BC

Ms. Jane Baker, Regional Coordinator of Project Porchlight was in attendance to explain how the project works. The project is a campaign of 'One Change', an energy-efficiency campaign with a mandate to make energy conservation accessible, relevant and personal by engaging citizens, community groups and municipalities to promote simple yet effective changes that have a global impact. Ms. Baker will be distributing energy-efficient light bulbs throughout the region.

The Project Porchlight campaigns in both Alberta and Ontario have been successfully completed where service clubs, churches and even garbage dumps assisted by distributing the bulbs.

The campaign in northeastern BC is sponsored by EnCana Corporation and BC Hydro and will run from August to December this year. The City of Dawson Creek partnered with Project Porchlight by setting up an office in City Hall that is to open this month.

The project has a goal of distributing one energy efficient light bulb to each home in northeastern British Columbia. The light bulbs use seventy-five percent less energy than a regular bulb. The bulbs are also completely recyclable as when the bulb breaks, the mercury dissipates. They are thirteen watts, equivalent to a regular sixty-watt bulb and is expected to last up to seven years.

Ms. Baker gave a light bulb to each of the Directors and advised that, although the project is called Project Porchlight, it is recommended that the bulbs be used indoors, especially since the cold weather affects the time it takes for the bulb to light up and the strength of the light it produces.

Other Highlights

- The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
  - Subdivision - 116/2008 (Hadlandn);
  - Subdivision - 121/2008 (D & S Keith);
  - Subdivision - 125/2008 (Olfert); and
  - Subdivision - 142/2008 (G. Keith).
- The Directors were invited to the Annual Peace Region Community Dinner hosted by the Council of Forest Industries on October 2, 2008 in Dawson Creek.
- The Directors will be attending the meeting of the Peace River Municipalities Association to be held in Tumbler Ridge on September 3, 2008.
- The Directors will be attending a meeting with the Honourable Iain Black, Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services on August 20, 2008 in the Peace River Regional District Boardroom where concerns of the region will be discussed including such topics as agriculture; CN Rail infrastructure maintenance and highway overpasses; fossil protection and management framework; and road access and closures.
- The Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant contract was awarded to Mr. Rob Henry, TNR Sales and Service of Moberly Lake for a one-year term.

Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2008 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Carpet Room of the North Peace Cultural Centre, at 10015 100 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC.

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