



# Peace River Regional District Board News

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meeting, held February 8, 2007

## STARS (Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society)

Mr. Ward Minifie, representing STARS, attended the meeting to explain what the not-for-profit society is and how it works. The society has a mandate to provide critical care transport to citizens of Alberta and now part of BC. Half their budget comes from funds raised in the communities that they serve. STARS is one link in the chain of survival, in conjunction with the local ambulance service and 9-1-1.

STARS began providing service out of Grande Prairie, Alberta November 1, 2006 with four people and twelve-hour shifts. As of January 28, 2007 they have expanded to a crew of ten pilots, four people on each mission, and operate twenty-four/seven. The response area from Grande Prairie is the distance that can be flown return, without refuelling.

Because they believe education is also important, they have a community outreach program that is offered to communities free of charge. Selling calendars and STARS lotteries are the major fund raisers that support the service.

STARS is currently registering industry sites in BC that call directly to their 800 number in Calgary, not through the BC Ambulance system. When calls come in from any of the 3,500 to 4,000 sites currently registered, all necessary information is included with the dispatch to the crew.

The Board supports STARS providing a service to the Peace Region and will send a request to the Minister of Health that the BC Ambulance Service, through the Kamloops dispatch, take full advantage of STARS. Copies of the letter will be forwarded to Northern Health, the Peace Country Health Region in Alberta and STARS.



## International Development Week

The Board proclaimed the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> as International Development Week in the Peace River Regional District.



## Honourable Jay Hill, MP Prince George - Peace River

The Honourable Jay Hill will be attending the Regional Board Meeting in Dawson Creek on Thursday, March 8, 2007.



## Wildlife Issues in the Peace Region

The Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment, announced that an "Open Season" has been declared for antlerless mule deer in Management Units 7-20, 7-21, 7-32 to 7-35, 7-45 and 7-46 on private agricultural property and Crown land within one kilometre (1 km) of private property from February 1 to March 15, 2007 or until seventy-two (72) hours after the Regional Manager publishes that the season will be closed, whichever occurs first. Kills must be reported to the Ministry of Environment within forty-eight (48) hours.

For specific details and legal requirements, contact a local Environment office in Chetwynd (788-3611), Dawson Creek (784-2304) or Fort St. John (787-3225).



## Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, February 22, 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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