



# Peace River Regional District Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and  
the Peace River Regional District Board Meeting, held February 22, 2007

## Fair Compensation from BC Hydro for Transmission and Distribution Lines

Kim Frech, Chief Financial Office, Peace River Regional District presented a report at the February 22, 2007 meeting that referred to a letter from the Regional District of Central Kootenay, and included a report prepared by them regarding a proposal to lobby the Provincial Government for Fair Compensation from BC Hydro. The letter was initially discussed by the Board at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

As a result of discussion by the Directors, the Board passed the following resolution:

THAT the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District supports the findings of the January 19, 2007 report titled "Fair Compensation from BC Hydro for Transmission and Distribution Lines"; namely, that regional districts are not receiving benefits from the 55,000 kilometres of distribution lines and 17,533 kilometres of transmission lines in the rural areas of the province, while all other forms of government are receiving a benefit; and urges the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Carole Taylor, to implement a fair method of compensation to Regional Districts in the province based on her stated strong belief that Crown corporations, wherever possible, should compete on a level playing field.



## Fair Compensation, continued

Some background on this subject is that the Regional District of Central Kootenay has been concerned about the lack of compensation for the large tracts of land alienated from other productive and taxable uses. Therefore, they researched the situation and as a result, they identified that various methods of compensation (i.e., percentage based, school tax or program funding) are being paid by BC Hydro for these transmission corridors to other levels of government including the Provincial Government, municipalities, school boards and First Nations and are encouraging other regional districts to lobby the government to recognize the rural areas and that fair compensation also be paid to regional districts.



## Upper Cache Creek Cattlemen's Association

The Regional District is sending a letter to the Upper Cache Creek Cattlemen's Association in support of their application to the BC Cattlemen's Horn Levy Fund. The Upper Cache Creek Cattlemen's Association would like to research the importation of elk that occurred to the north side of Williston Lake and to investigation avenues to correct the problem elk situation.



## Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, March 8, 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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