



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meeting, held January 10, 2008

STARS

Glenda Farnden and Andy Stewart attended the Board meeting to update the Directors on the activities of the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society to date. From November 1, 2006 to January 10, 2008, Stars had 260 calls resulting in 164 dispatched missions, 131 of the missions were completed medical missions and 4 were search and rescue missions. There were 10 calls resulting in 9 missions in British Columbia.

The Grand Opening of the helipad at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie was held on December 7, 2007. During the opening event a helicopter landed from a rescue mission with a young man on board, which added a greater awareness and a sense of reality to the ceremonies. Later the attending physician declared that the ability of STARS to land at the hospital was a key factor in saving the patients life.



Private Members Bill M225 BC Rail Corridor Safety Act

The Regional District will write a letter of support for the Private Members Bill M225, presented in the legislature on November 6, 2007 by Cariboo South MLA Charlie Wyse.

This Bill is intended to protect the safety and economic security of livestock owners in BC whose grazing land runs adjacent to publicly-owned rail corridors by placing several obligations on any railway operating on those corridors. First, a railway must ensure there is adequate fencing that will prevent livestock from entering rail corridors. Second, a railway has to construct adequate farm crossings for farm purposes. Third, a railway must contact land owners when their livestock has been hit by a train. If past, this Bill will also mandate that rail operators manage the spread of invasive plants.



Other Highlights

- ★ The following Development Variance Permit was approved:
 - 230/2007 (Giesbrecht).
- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve application was supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission:
 - Subdivision - 236/2007 (Falk).
- ★ The Official Opening of the new Pouce Coupe Elementary School will be held on February 29, 2008.
- ★ The Northern BC Winter Games will be held in Dawson Creek on February 7 to 10, 2008.
- ★ The Regional District's membership as a Patron of Pitch-in BC will be renewed for 2008.
- ★ The Regional District will write a letter of support for the BC Energy Services to undertake a Business Development Initiative in Northern BC to develop a stronger, more cohesive regional service sector providing competitive, quality services to the oil and gas industry in northern BC.
- ★ The Charlie Lake Sewer System Services Contract was awarded to Mr. Roger Flint for a five-year term and the Hudson's Hope Transtor Station Site Attendant Contract was awarded to Mr. Henry Giesbrecht for a three-year term.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office, at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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