



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held July 10, 2008

### Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association (NRAHTA)

April Moi, Executive Director and Bud Powell, President, NRAHTA attended the meeting with Anthony Everett, CEO of Northern BC Tourism Association.

The presenters explained to the Board that NRAHTA had recently amalgamated with Northern BC Tourism Association (NBCTA). The merger will allow for better service to the interests of northeastern BC. NRAHTA will now be able to apply funding received from local agencies directly toward projects of interest to the residents, such as the Alaska Highway Initiative, as NBCTA will be taking care of the administrative costs. Prior to the merger, the majority of the funding received by Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association had been applied to administrative costs.

Ms. Moi explained that NRAHTA can now focus on the Alaska Highway and, with the assistance available through NBCTA, the tourism aspect will also be more vocal. Therefore the communities that are not located directly on the highway will benefit simply because of the enhanced interest of the touring public exploring these areas.



### Energy Services BC

Mr. Scott Gordon, Project Manager, Energy Services BC attended the meeting to ask the Board to endorse their request to the Northern Development Initiative. He explained that Energy Services BC will become the voice of the oil and gas service sector by building relationships with the explorers and processors, which are mostly located in Calgary, through a service-sector database that will be accessible on a website.

Their goal is to have a central location for companies in the oil and gas industry to locate employers or employees. They will list both members and non-members; however, members will go through a qualification process, ensuring explorers and processors that the company of interest is in good standing. The Board resolved to endorse the request.

### Other Highlights

- ★ Prior to the start of the Board meeting, Chair Goodings presented a ten-year service award pin to Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services and congratulated him on his exemplary service.
- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
  - Subdivision - 88/2008 (Stenton);
  - Subdivision - 93/2008 (Peace Cable Comm. Ltd.);
  - Subdivision - 95/2008 (Fossum);
  - Exclusion Application - 69/2008 (Ash); and
  - Subdivision 102/2008 (Stair and Tucker).
- ★ Directors were authorized to attend the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations in BC conference on Seniors Health, Housing and Income in a Global Age-friendly Community in Richmond, BC on September 15 and 16.
- ★ Directors were authorized to attend Northern Health's "Shaping Our Future" stakeholder meeting to be held on July 24, 2008 in Fort St. John.
- ★ The South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan contract was awarded to Smart Growth BC Advisory Services in the amount of \$71,463.
- ★ As a result of a recommendation made to the Board by Faye Salisbury, Chief Election Officer, the Peace River Regional District will be introducing the opportunity for electors who meet certain qualifications, such as being absent from the region on voting day, November 15, 2008, to apply for registration to vote using a mail ballot.



### Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2008 beginning 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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