



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 24, 2008

Development Plans for the New Fort St. John Hospital

Mike Hoefler, Capital Planning and Support Services, Northern Health attended the Regional Hospital District meeting with Ian Carter, Prime Architect for the project, to present the Board with an update on the progress of the preliminary plans for the new hospital in Fort St. John.

The PowerPoint presentation indicated where the placement of the hospital, future expansion buildings and parking lots are proposed to be placed. The original plan was for the hospital to be situated on the east side of the property but the new plans indicate the hospital will be placed on the northwest corner of the lot. The plans indicate where various park-like settings are planned to be placed throughout property and around the buildings. It was explained that lighting issues and the use of windows was taken into consideration as an important feature for both staff and patients. There is also a spot designated for a helicopter pad.

The Request for Quotes has closed and the bids have been assessed. The Steering Committee will look at the results next, after which time a Request for Proposals will be advertised. Mr. Hoefler advised the Directors that the work of the shadow team has been going very well. Construction is expected to begin next year.



Peace River Internet Society (PRiS)

The Board authorized the signing of a Site Sub-usage Agreement with the Peace River Internet Society. The agreement will provide PRiS with the use of space on the North Pine Television Tower to install radio and internet transmitters. The installation of the transmitters will enable PRiS to provide the much-needed internet services to local, rural residents that have a line-of-sight to the tower.

The tower is located on private property and the property owners have agreed to provide PRiS access to the tower.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Subdivision - 99/2008 (London);
 - Subdivision - 109/2008 (Roberts / Quarengi);
 - Subdivision - 113/2008 (Scafe);
 - Subdivision - 115/2008 (Stewart); and
 - Temporary Industrial Use Permit 106/2008 (Western Canadian Coal) for a two year term; and
 - Temporary Industrial Use Permit 123/2008 (Loiselle Investments Ltd.) for a two year term.
- ★ The 2008 Second Quarter Financial Reports for both the Regional Hospital Board and the Regional Board as presented by Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer was accepted.
- ★ The Bessborough Landfill Site Clearing Contract was awarded to Borek Construction. There were a total of eight tender packages received for the public tender opening.
- ★ The Board resolved to support the private members Motion M38 introduced by Peter Julian, MP Burnaby - New Westminster which calls on the federal government to completely phase out the production and import of items containing Polybrominated Diphenylethers (PBDE's).
- ★ There will be two one-day consultation forums to consider and discuss the results of the Seniors' Needs Survey that was completed in June 2007 by the Peace River Regional District and the University of North BC on the following dates:
 - Wednesday, October 1, 2008 in the North Peace; and
 - Thursday October 2, 2008 in the South Peace.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, August 14, 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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