



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held June 12, 2008

Population and Oil and Gas

Doctors David Bowering and Charl Badenhorst were at the meeting to discuss Dr. Lorna Medd's report, *Population and Oil/Gas in the Northeast*.

Dr. Badenhorst explained that the method used for Dr. Medd's report was a review of literature available and some discussions with local residents as to their health and its association to the oil and gas industry. He also mentioned that Dr. Medd had the assistance of graduate students for gathering the information and compiling the report, which he believes to be an important preliminary step to determining the issues associated with the industry.

Dr. Badenhorst went on to explain that he is in the process of forming a committee of about eight or ten members to delve further into the connection between economics, health and oil and gas activities. He stated that the forum of the committee should be the result the industry has on economics and life styles which ultimately affects the physical and mental health of the oil patch workers and their families. He is looking for new facts and information; not to get caught up in discussions on scientific factors that have already been proven.

To the request from Dr. Badenhorst for volunteers, the Board appointed Director Larry Houley as the Board representative and Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer, as the staff representative to the committee.



Road Closures

The Regional District will be requesting two consecutive six-month reports from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police regarding road closures due to accident investigations in the northeast that last for more than one hour. It was noted that there will be two fulltime collision reconstructionist positions in the Peace River District, one in Fort St. John and one in Dawson Creek, that are hoped to assist in shortening the length of time a road is closed as investigators will be able to get to the accident scene quicker.

EnCana Corporation at Tomslake

The Board discussed the ALR Non-farm Use Permit Application 40/2008 previously submitted by EnCana Corporation Canada. It was noted that the Agricultural Land Commission has requested that two applications be submitted as the operation covers two separate properties. The ALC has also requested a meeting be arranged, to include representative from EnCana Corporation Canada, the Oil and Gas Commission, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and the Regional District.

The Regional District will be inviting the landowner to the meeting to keep him informed of the activities on his properties and to ensure that his concerns are addressed.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)
 - Subdivision - 74/2008 (Nichols); and
 - Subdivision 75/2008 (Reimer).
- ★ The Board accepted the 2007 Annual Financial Statements for the Peace River Regional District and the Peace River Regional Hospital District.
- ★ Directors Tim Caton and Lenore Harwood are to meet with the Northern Lights College Board to express their concerns regarding the closure of the Hudson's Hope campus and drastic changes made at the Chetwynd campus.
- ★ Regional District staff and Directors will be meeting with CN Rail to discuss the issues and concerns the Regional District has with the operations and practices of the rail company.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2008 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Board of the Peace River Regional District office at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC



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