



Peace River Regional District Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meeting, held June 14, 2007

Northern Health

Mr. Mike Hoefler, Executive Director, Capital Planning and Support Services and Ms. Lee Hall, Chief Operating Officer, Northeast Health Services Delivery Area presented the board with information on three proposed projects for this year. These projects were initially intended for the 2008 budget year but have become a higher priority.

The first project is to move the storage space in the basement of the Fort St. John hospital closer to the loading dock to enable renovations to the vacated area in the basement to facilitate a larger rehabilitation area. The rehabilitation staff is currently using two small rooms and hallways as treatment areas.

The second project is to update the security system of the Fort St. John hospital to include a magnetic lock-card system at entrances and cameras in strategic areas, such as doors and reception areas as needed, especially in the evenings when there is only one admitting clerk on duty.

The third project is new siding on the Chetwynd General Hospital. The siding is torn away in places and has compromised the vapour barrier. The proposal is to redo the vapour barrier and apply a more durable siding in order to shield the interior from weather conditions and protect the asset for a longer term.

The Regional Board past a motion to authorize the re-allocation of \$593,412 from the 2007 Major Capital Grants allocation in the 2007 Regional Hospital Budget to be utilized for the three projects noted above and that the additional \$138,734 be included in the 2008 budget to cover the total cost of those projects.



Keepers of the Water II

Norine Wark, Ruth Ann Darnell and Kori Dokkie were at the meeting to speak about the importance of protecting headwaters that feed our water supplies. They also invited the Directors to the Keepers of the Water II: Keeping the Peace Conference to be held in Fort St. John from September 27 to 29, 2007.

During the presentation the delegates brought to the Director's attention information about the Ministry of Environment offering water licences and water rentals that are available to anyone. They impressed upon the Directors the need for everyone to be conscientious about the use and protection of our waters for preservation for future generations.



Other Highlights

- ★ The Board had no objections to a Beer Garden being held at the Fort St. John Pro Rodeo on July 6 to 8, 2007.
- ★ The Board was informed that, through the *Community Charter* and the *Wildlife Act*, RCMP have the authority to control dangerous dogs and under the *Livestock Act*, farmers are given the authority to deal with vicious dogs.
- ★ The Board approved the re-classification of Swan Lake from a "Development Lake" to a "limited Development Lake".



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, June 25, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office at 1981 Alaska Avenue in Dawson Creek



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