



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 26, 2008



Kiskatinaw Bridge Tour

Trish Morgan, Community Services Coordinator for the Regional District coordinated a tour of the Kiskatinaw Bridge, NAR Station and the Alaska Highway House on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 in order to demonstrate to Parks Canada staff the historical significance of the Kiskatinaw Bridge and the Alaska Highway.

Participants of the tour included representatives from Parks Canada, the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association (NRAHTA) as well as the local and municipal governments. Parks Canada staff suggested an application to designate the highway would be the most effective way to get the bridge designated by Heritage Canada.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Directors will attend the following events with the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and the local North or South Peace MLA's where important announcements will be made regarding infrastructure at the following locations:

- corner of Highway 97 and the Beatton Park Road at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 2008;
- Mile 6 (10 km north of Dawson Creek) at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 3, 2008; and
- for the Grand Opening at 1201 103 Avenue at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2008 with a barbeque to follow.



Other Highlights

- ★ Service award pins were presented prior to the start of the Board meeting by Chair Goodings as follows:
 - Symon Taube for ten years of service; and
 - Sheila DeCosta for five years.
- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) applications were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Development Variance Permit 72/2008-DVP (Barnestson) subject to an engineering report;
 - Non-farm Use - 84/2008 (Peace Vale Dairy Farm);
 - Subdivision - 76/2008 (Klassen);
 - Subdivision - 86/2008 (Gallager); and
 - Subdivision 87/2008 (Isenbecker and Lowes).

Alaska Highway Community Initiative

April Moi, Executive Director, and Bud Powell, President, of the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association discussed the possible heritage designation of the Alaska Highway. Ms. Moi explained that the process is lengthy and will include gathering an inventory of pertinent sites, dates of historical events, and clearly defining the boundaries. The next step is to write a commemorative statement to be included in the package for presentation to the Historic Sites and Monuments board.

The Alaska Highway is unique in that it crosses through international, provincial, territorial, state and municipal jurisdictions as well as cultural boundaries of the northern indigenous peoples, who all have an interest and stake in the highway. The highway is reportedly travelled by over 320,000 visitors annually.

Through a cooperative effort, the ultimate goal is to put together an application to have the Alaska Highway designated as an historical site, which will include all the important sites along the route.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, July 10, 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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