



# 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 28, 2007

## BC Ambulance

Mr. Rod McCartney, District Superintendent, Peace Region was present to introduce himself as the new District Superintendent for BC Ambulance Service and give an update. Mr. McCartney offered the following:

- BC Ambulance covers a vast area;
- next recruitment phase will be in Chetwynd;
- BC Ambulance offers upgrading in smaller stations;
- effective July 1st, there will be another full time staff member stationed in Dawson Creek.

The Board discussed the lack of ambulance service along the Alaska Highway between Fort Nelson and Fort St. John now that the station at Pink Mountain has been lost. The Board was advised that if the need for coverage increases BC Ambulance may return service in the Pink Mountain area. The Board suggested that alternative methods of delivering the service, such as STARS be looked at.



## Litter Along Road Side

Directors were informed that, Destiny and Nieka Embree two young girls who live on Blockline Road, in the Tomslake area spent several hours on Earth Day cleaning the road side ditches along their road and the highway near their residence due to an increase in the amount of garbage that is thrown or blown out of passing vehicles. In response to the girls' efforts and concern for the environment, EnCana recently offered to put up new signs that will hopefully help to curtail the reckless discarding of garbage.

As littering and dumping is difficult to control, the Board is considering partnering with industry to make long term improvements in the following areas;

- education campaign to increase public awareness;
- more garbage receptacles on roads;
- increase signage;
- stricter enforcement methods; and
- budget additional funding.



## Other Highlights

- ★ The Board approved the necessary amendment to the Hospital District's annual budget by-law to allow for proposed renovations to the Chetwynd and Fort St. John Hospitals.
- ★ Directors were advised that the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) service out of Grande Prairie was called to Chetwynd twice in June, at the attending doctor's request. Both incidents, one a rescue, the other a transfer, were completed quickly, efficiently and successfully.
- ★ Due to a large increase in the number of animal control, all terrain vehicle and property infractions reported by rural residents, the Regional District is considering options for enforcement of its by-laws.
- ★ Director Caton was appointed to participate in the Environmental Assessment Office's review process for the four Finavera Renewables Inc. wind energy projects.
- ★ On June 27, 2007 Storm Energy started drilling under the Peace River for an additional pipeline to transport fuel from the Tower Lake area. This will help bring production levels at the Taylor gas plant back up to where they should be.
- ★ Ms. Ellen Corea and Miss Roxanne Rusin, of the South Peace Community Arts Council presented the Regional District with an oil painting of the banks of the Kiskatinaw River by local award-winning artist, Peter Shaw.



## Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, July 12, 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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