



Peace River Regional District Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meeting, held March 8, 2007

Annual Budget

The Board reviewed and gave first reading to the \$4.1 million Peace River Regional Hospital District budget, and also to the \$55.9 million Peace River Regional District budget, following detailed presentations by Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer. The Board must adopt the annual budgets prior to March 31st of each year.

An opportunity will be given for the public to view the 2007 Financial Plan with the Director of Finance at the following open house meetings in the Peace River Regional District offices:

- Monday, March 12, 2007 - Dawson Creek
- Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - Fort St. John
- Wednesday, March 14, 2007 - Chetwynd

The appropriate Director(s) will also be on hand to answer questions.



MP Prince George - Peace River

The Honourable Jay Hill was present in the meeting and discussed the following topics with the Board of Directors:

- Federal Election Rumors
- Critical Legislative Changes
- Promised Tax Cuts
- Day Care Support
- Crime and Re-offender Issues
- Green Energy Funding
- Rumor Regarding Privatization of Canada Post
- Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) Funding Continuance



ALR Non-Farm Use Applications

Increased oil and gas activity in the rural areas has perpetrated an increase in non-farm use applications which exceed the delegation agreement between the Oil and Gas Commission and the Agricultural Land Commission. These applications must come to the Regional Board for its recommendation. A Special Board meeting was held on February 21, 2007 to discuss what role the Regional Board, as steward of the land, has in reviewing these applications. After discussing the options, the following resolution was made at the March 8, 2007 Board meeting:

That the Regional Board adopt a standing resolution to authorize all non-farm use applications for oil and gas activities to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission and the Oil and Gas Commission, including a comment that non-farm use and alienation of agricultural land be kept to a minimum, except for applications that would require a zoning by-law amendment.

These applications will then be referred to the Director for the area for review within 14 days. If the area Director has a comment, the application will be referred to the Electoral Area Directors Committee (EADC) with a report from staff. The EADC will then forward its recommendation back to the Board.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Peace River Regional District office at 1981 Alaska Avenue in Dawson Creek.



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