



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held November 13, 2008

Peace Valley Environment Association

Ruth Ann Darnall, Chairperson and Ken Forest, along with other members of the Peace Valley Environment Association were in attendance to present the views of the Association regarding the negative impacts of the proposed construction of BC Hydro's Site C dam.

Mr. Forest elaborated on several points, including how maintaining the valley will benefit all citizens, the cost to develop Site C and a loss of agriculture, wildlife and fisheries. Their view is that alternative sources of energy, such as clean coal, geothermal, co-generation, wind power and solar should be utilized.

Mr. Forest also stated that Site C would only supply eight percent of BC's electricity, none of which will be used in the Peace River area. He questioned whether losing irreplaceable assets was worth it when there are alternatives.



Embridge Northern Gateway Pipeline

The Board was advised that Embridge Northern Gateway Pipeline proposes to construct a thirty-six inch pipeline from Bruderheim, Alberta to Prince Rupert / Kitimat, BC to transport crude oil product. The also have plans to construct a twenty inch pipeline to transport condensate from Prince Rupert to Bruderheim, in the same twenty-five metre right-of-way. Environmental assessments are expected to begin in 2009 with construction to start in 2012.



November 15, 2008 Election

Chair Goodings thanked retiring Electoral Area 'C' Director Larry Houley for his nine years of hard work and dedication to the Peace River Regional District.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Applications were approved:
 - Subdivision - 203/2008 (Stubbs/Smiley); and
 - Non-farm Use - 204/2008 (McDonald)
- ★ The Regional District renewed the membership to Pitch-in BC for 2009.
- ★ The Rural Directors were authorized to attend the 2009 Council of Forest Industries convention in Prince George, BC on April 1 to 3, 2009.
- ★ Director Hiebert was appointed to represent the Regional District as a member of the working committee of the Community Tourism Foundation meetings.
- ★ Director Hiebert was authorized to attend a meeting of landowners in the South Peace area.
- ★ Director Caton was authorized to attend the annual general meeting of the Dawson Creek Athletic Association on November 19, 2008.
- ★ The Directors resolved to invite the Ministry of Transportation to attend a meeting to inform the Board of the Ministry's plans, should the weak area of Highway 29 South slip again, as road closures result in negative economic impacts to the region.
- ★ The Third Quarter Report from the Chief Administrative Officer was received.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, November 27, 2008 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Peace River Regional District office at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.



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