



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT *Board Newsletter*

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held October 9, 2008

Highway 2 / Highway 97

Renee Mounteney, District Manager, Ministry of Transportation, along with three ICBC representatives updated the Board regarding the results of the Highway 2 Corridor study which was undertaken in 2006. The Ministry deems the traffic count to be well under the need for twinning the highways.

As a concerned citizen, Joe Figura, questioned the Ministry's findings using his own traffic counts taken in 2008. He, along with ICBC's Road Safety Coordinator, Diana Pozer presented a five year record of accident statistics to reinforce the concern about preventable highway accidents.

The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development - MLA Peace River South, who was in attendance at the meeting spoke of the province's 200 million dollar funding amount which was put toward upgrading both highways and rural roads in the region over the past five years. He said the province is indeed concerned about traffic safety and has put more dollars toward improving roads in this region than it has in the rest of the province during this period.



Tangible Capital Assets

Minister Lekstrom heard the board's concerns in relation to enacting the new 2009 provincial requirement to identify, record, and value all of its tangible capital assets. He recommended accessing funds from the Province's Infrastructure Planning Grant to assist with the costs related to the process. He suggested that the board list their concerns in a formal letter for further examination by the Ministry of Community Development.



Redwillow Pipeline Project

SemCAMS' Laura Lunt, Manager of Regulatory and Consultation provided an update on the proposed Redwillow Pipeline Project which will transport sour gas from near Tumbler Ridge to a processing plant in Alberta. The company continues to maintain timelines and is committed to executing the project when all permits and permissions are acquired.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Subdivision Applications were approved:
 - 164/2008 (Tompkins) - 184/2008 (Evans)
 - 167/2008 (Spooner) - 181/2008 (Cote)
 - 169/2008 (Bassett) - 188/2008 (Steele)
- ★ Subdivision Application 170/2008 (Laloge) was not approved; however the non-farm use proposal was supported, as temporary worker camps are permitted in the existing A-2 zone.
- ★ The following Development Variance Permit Applications were approved:
 - 154/2008 (Johnson);
 - 163/2008 (Merwin), subject to a restrictive covenant limiting the use to personal use only.
- ★ Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion Application 185/2008 (Hansen) was forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with no objection.
- ★ Borek Construction Ltd. was the successful bidder for Bessborough Landfill Site - Phase II Expansion Project.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, October 23, 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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