



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Board Newsletter

Highlights from the Peace River Regional Hospital District Board and the Peace River Regional District Board Meetings, held September 11, 2008

Digital vs Analog

The Directors expressed their concern regarding a Telus announcement that as of September 15, 2008 analog cell phone service will no longer be provided. Telus has stated that they are shutting down the service as analog parts are no longer available.

Both the Peace River and the Fraser-Fort George regional districts are concerned as this change could potentially affect quite a few rural residents in both districts. Telus has expressed an understanding of these concerns; however, there are no plans to construct new towers in the northeast in the near future.



BC Hydro Spraying Rights-of-way

Another concern raised at the meeting was the miles of dead trees along highways and roadways throughout the District due to the recent spraying of rights-of-way by BC Hydro.

The Directors resolved that a letter be forwarded to BC Hydro to enquire what the future plans are for these dead trees and to suggest that mowing would eliminate the trees in rights-of-way.



Community Forest Probationary Licence

The Regional District will be forwarding a letter to the District of Tumbler Ridge in support of its endeavour to obtain a community forest licence.

The licence is proposed to establish a viable, diverse community-based forest industry and enable a more direct management of some of the surrounding lands in a sustainable manner.

Other Highlights

- ★ The following Non-farm Use Application within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) were supported and authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC):
 - Compressor Station - 40/2008 (Klemmer); and
 - Industrial - 150/2008 (Wolsey Enterprises).
- ★ The following Development Variance Permit Applications were approved:
 - 1492/2008 (Fort St. John Water Inc.);
 - 153/2008 (Shook);
 - 165/2008 (Blackburn / Robertson); and
 - 166/2008 (Brimacombe / Kube).
- ★ The following Development Variance Permit was delayed until a Restrictive Covenant could be agreed upon:
 - 163/2008 (Merwin).
- ★ The following Temporary Commercial Use Permit Application was approved:
 - 132/2008 (Svisdahl).
- ★ The Regional Directors were invited to the Charrette Planning Workshop hosted by the City of Fort St. John on September 18, 2008 at the Pomeroy Hotel in Fort St. John.
- ★ The Regional Directors were authorized to attend the Highway 2 Corridor Study Unveiling on September 30, 2008 at 7 p.m. to be held at the Community Centre in Pouce Coupe.



Next Regional Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Regional Board will be held on Thursday, October 9, 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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