



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – APRIL 19, 2007

Election of 9-1-1 Standing Committee Chair

Director Denis Gendron was elected Chair of the 9-1-1 Standing Committee for 2007.

2006 Audited Financial Statements

The Board received a report from its auditors (Deloitte & Touche) concerning financial activity in 2006. The report concluded that the Regional District's finances are in good order.

Local Service Advisory Committee

The Board approved the establishment of local service advisory committees in the Red Rock and Tabor Lake areas. The committees will make recommendations regarding the funding and operation of services in those areas such as fire protection, street lighting and community sewer systems.

Community Grants-in-Aid

The Board approved the following requests for Community and Recreation Grants:

- Lakes Cemetery Society for meeting expenses
- Reid Lake Community Association for maintenance and recreation expenses
- Beaverley Community Association for playground equipment, insurance, and program expenses
- Miworth Community Association for newsletter expenses
- Hixon Community Association for insurance expenses
- Ferndale/Tabor Volunteer Fire Department Society, Shell-Glen Volunteer Fire Fighters', and Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for volunteer appreciation expenses
- Willow River Recreation Association for insurance expenses
- Bear Lake Recreation Association for insurance expense and for volunteer appreciation
- Summit Lake Community Association for insurance expenses
- McBride Community Development Project for Information Centre expenses
- McBride Farmers' Institute for stockyard improvement expenses
- Robson Valley Home Support for the Women's Opportunity Fair Expenses, and
- Fort George Highway Rescue Society for operating expenses.

McLeod Lake Community Hall Feasibility Study

The Board directed staff to work with a McLeod Lake Steering Committee to evaluate the feasibility of funding the McLeod Lake Community Hall's operating costs through taxation.

Bear Lake Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Board approved the submission of an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for funding of a Bear Lake Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Radio and Telephone Dispatch System

The Board approved the purchase of support maintenance services from Pantel International for the dispatch communications system for the Fire Operations Communications Centre.

Records Management System

The Board approved a contract modification to provide fire/rescue agencies in the South/Central Cariboo Regional District access to the Regional District's Records Management System.

Shelley Townsite Erosion Protection

The Board approved an agreement between the Regional District and the Fraser Basin Council to administer the Shelley Town Site Erosion Protection project. The purpose of the agreement is to establish the scope of work and set up expenditure approval guidelines for a grant received from the Provincial Government to pay for stream bank stabilization works on the Fraser River.

Temporary Industrial Use Permit – Simpson, Tete Jaune

Following a Public Hearing held March 14, 2007, the Board approved a two-year Temporary Industrial Use Permit to Larry and Linda Simpson, for operation of a sand and gravel pit with crushing and screening facilities on 68 acres at 16305 Highway 5 North in Tete Jaune.

Sand and Gravel Extraction & Processing, Highway 16 West

Following approval from the Ministry of Transportation, the Board adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2340 for property on Highway 16 just west of Isle Pierre Road. The applicants, Darren and Jackie Yaskow, propose to establish a sand and gravel operation with associated processing and hauling.

ALR Exclusion Application – Schiefelbein, Between Valemount and Jackman Flats

Following a Public Hearing held April 16, 2007, the Board recommended the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) exclude approximately 50.23 hectares (124 acres) of land from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), as proposed by Hans and Sharron Schiefelbein. Their property is located on Highway 5 North, south of Jackman Flats, close to Blackman Road.

ALR Inclusion Application - Overall, Edna Lake

The Board recommended that the Agricultural Land Commission include property north of Ness Lake and west of Edna Lake into the ALR. June Overall has applied to purchase this land from the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) for agricultural purposes and ILMB policy requires an application be made to include the land into the ALR.

Storage/Warehouse Use – Sawatzky, Highway 97 South

The Board, acting in their delegated capacity as the Agricultural Land Commission, approved the application by Peter and Carolyn Sawatzky for a storage/warehouse use at 15270 and 15320 Cariboo Highway. There is an existing truck dismantling/repair and salvage/wrecking facility on this property. Further rezoning is necessary.

Subdivision Within the ALR – Allen, Chief Lake Road

The Board, acting in their delegated capacity as the Agricultural Land Commission, approved an application by Garry and Ruby Allen to subdivide a 4-acre parcel from their property at 14050 Chief Lake Road.

Subdivision Within the ALR – Bugaychuk, McBride

The Board recommended that the application for subdivision within the ALR of property at 5306 Highway 16, East of McBride, proposed by Victor and Natalia Bugaychuk be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation of denial.

Zoning and OCP Amendments – Martin and Martin, Red Rock Area

The Board gave first reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2354 and OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2353 and authorized a public hearing be held regarding the proposal by Patrick Martin and John Martin to develop a truck stop and bulk fuel storage facility at Red Rock Road East and Cariboo Highway 97 South, opposite the Red Rock Firehall.

Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill – Compaction and Cover Services

The Board approved renewal of the Compaction and Cover Services Contract at Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill, with Hoban Equipment Ltd. The contract renewal will cover the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society Service Contract

The Board approved a contract to allow REAPS to continue with the delivery of waste reduction and education services for another three years. In addition to services currently offered by REAPS, the new agreement has REAPS assisting with the development of compost demonstration gardens in Mackenzie, McBride, and Valermount, developing and delivering multi-media waste reduction campaigns and coordinating activities and promotions in support of National Composting Awareness Week and Waste Reduction Month.

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