



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – APRIL 17, 2008

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

- Lakes Community Horse Club for insurance and a Mother's Day event
- Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for sewer connection
- Beverly Community Association for insurance, swim program and park maintenance
- Pineview Recreation Commission for building expenses
- Giscome Elementary for swim program
- Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for operating expenses
- McLeod Lake Centennial Club for insurance, an appreciation banquet and hall utilities
- McBride Community Development Project for the Information Centre, and
- Northern Medical Programs Trust for program support.

Buckhorn Recreation Commission

The Board approved the renewal of a Property Use Agreement for a further 5 years with the Buckhorn Recreation Commission for the 15 Mile Community Park located off 15 Mile Road at Vienna Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Volunteer Fire Departments Mutual Aid

The Board discussed the concept of a Region Wide Mutual Aid agreement that would allow the Volunteer Fire Departments to share resources such as manpower and equipment during an event. The Board referred the matter to Administration

Mass Carcass Disposal Emergency Planning

The Regional District was successful in receiving a grant from the Union of BC Municipalities to assist with the cost to amend the Regional District emergency plan to handle mass carcass disposal generated by an emergency event. The next step will be to hire a consultant to work with staff to develop the emergency plan.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Building Statistics – March 2008

The Board received a report highlighting that a total of 68 permits, valued at \$4,277,500 have been issued to the end of March 2008. 11 single-family dwelling permits valued at \$2,533,000 have been issued, compared to 10 dwellings for the same period in 2007. Building permits are required for construction throughout the Regional District.

Rezoning – Zielinski – Ness Lake

The Board, following a public hearing at the Board meeting, adopted a Zoning amendment bylaw that allows Robert and Janna Zielinski to construct a seasonal recreation cabin on their property on Joellen Road.

Subdivision – Saas Fee – Valemount

The Board, following a public consultation held April 15, 2008, gave second reading to an Official Community Plan amendment bylaw for a proposal by Saas Fee (Retreat) Developments Inc. to subdivide property located on the west side of Highway No. 5, 5.5 kilometers north of Valemount adjacent to the Terry Fox Rest Area. The proposal is to create a strata subdivision containing some 97 residential lots ranging from ½ an acre to 2 acres. The development

would also include townhouses, a lodge and cabins, and a neighbourhood convenience store. A public hearing will now be held regarding the zoning and Official Community Plan amendments.

Commercial Development – Grzybowski – Valemout

The Board, following a public hearing held April 14, 2008, defeated third reading to Official Community Plan and zoning amendments for a proposal by Alex Grzybowski to develop a commercial operation on his property on the north side of Pine Road abutting the west boundary of the Village of Valemout. The proposal was for a restaurant or coffee shop, a convenience store and nine cabins.

Crooked River-Parsnip Official Community Plan and Zoning Reviews

The Board gave second reading and authorized a public hearing be held for the new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws for the residents of Electoral Area 'G' of the Regional District, from south of the Salmon River Forest Road, north to the Peace Reach on Williston Lake, including the Pine Pass, Mackenzie Junction, McLeod Lake, Bear Lake and Summit Lake. Some of this area already enjoys Community Plan and zoning, but will now be incorporated with the rest of Area G which has been previously governed by a Rural Land Use Bylaw.

Second Dwelling – Stratford – Buckhorn Area

The Board, acting in their delegated capacity as the Agricultural Land Commission, approved an application by James Stratford to have a second dwelling on his property at 6035 Buckhorn Lake Road. The second dwelling is for a family member. A Zoning amendment is also required for this proposal to proceed. The Board gave second reading to a zoning amendment bylaw and a public hearing will now be held.

Wind Power Development within the Regional District

The Board gave second reading to a bylaw that would regulate the placement and height for power generating windmills on private lands within the Regional District. A public hearing with regard to this bylaw is to be held at the May 2008 Board meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Compostable Material Grinding and Screening

The Board approved the competitive bid process be undertaken for the grinding and screening of compostable materials at Foothill Boulevard Regional Landfill.

Beneficial Use of Landfill Gas

The Board approved the competitive bid process be undertaken for a consulting firm to provide services for the Feasibility Study for the beneficial use of landfill gas for greenhouse operations.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate Flag

The Board approved the design of a corporate flag for the Regional District and asked that an appropriate use policy be drafted. Flags will be mounted in front of the Regional District office building and inside the Boardroom.

Audited Financial Statements

The Board received a presentation from representatives from Deloitte & Touche, and received the audited Financial Statements for December 31, 2007.

For more information please contact 960-4400.