



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 21, 2006

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Director Art Kaehn has been elected Chair of the Board of Directors for 2007. Director Harvey Clark has been elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for 2007.

Grants

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

- Ness Lake Recreation Commission for facility maintenance, supplies, office expenses, and insurance
- Beverly Community Association for office expenses
- Pineview Recreation Commission for construction expenses
- Hixon Women's Institute for insurance
- Shell-Glen Volunteer Firefighters' for alternate power source costs
- Willow River Recreation Association repairs to community house
- Bear Lake Recreation Association for internet expense
- Bear Lake Volunteer Firefighters' Association for long service recognition award
- McLeod Lake Centennial Club for hall propane expense
- Valemount Arts and Cultural Society for Community Theatre support

Management Committee Appointment – Sinclair Mills Community Hall

The Board approved the appointment of Kevin Taylor to the Sinclair Mills Community Hall Management Committee as recommended by Director Zenzen.

Proposed Property Use Agreement – Willow River Recreation

The Willow River Recreation Association and the Willow River Horse Association have approached the Regional District with a request for a property use agreement on property owned by the Regional District near Arnett Road. The purpose of the agreement would be to build a horse-riding arena, host horse clinics, play days, gymkhanas and other related functions for the benefit of the community. The Regional Board gave direction to proceed with the preparation of an agreement for further consideration.

Robson Valley Recreation Centre Renovations

The Board received a staff report advising the status of the Robson Valley Recreation Centre Renovations. The renovations were funded by an Olympic Legacy fund grant of \$96,000 and a Tourism Grant of \$24,000 towards a \$260,000 renovation project. The balance of funding was supplied by the Robson Valley Recreation Centre reserve funds and operating budget. Renovations included the provision of two new dressing rooms in the former Fit Pit exercise room and the construction of a new Fit Pit on the second floor above the new dressing rooms and over the front lobby.

Emergency Planning Program

The Regional District will be hosting a meeting with member municipalities and First Nations to discuss emergency planning.

Fire Hall Addition – Ness Lake

The Board approved the purchase of a pre-engineered insulated steel building for an addition to the Ness Lake Fire Hall from Olympia Steel Buildings Systems.

Water Tank Replacement – Buckhorn Volunteer Fire Department

The Board approved the purchase of a replacement water tank and outfitting of the tank for the Buckhorn Volunteer Fire Department's 1993 tender from Profire Emergency Equipment.

Replacement Tender Cab and Chassis – Shell-Glen Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department

The Board approved a call for competitive bids for the purchase of one new Cab and Chassis for the Shell-Glen volunteer Fire/Rescue Department.

Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Chief Resignation

The Board accepted Fire Chief Waldner's resignation from the Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department effective December 31, 2006. Fire Chief Waldner has been a member of the fire department for 27 years.

Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief Honorarium Increases

The Board approved, honorarium increases for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief positions at the Pineview, Buckhorn, Ferndale/Tabor and Red Rock Volunteer Fire Departments.

Building Statistics – November 2006

The Board received a report advising that a total of 463 permits, valued at \$21,880,100 have been issued to the end of November 2006. Of the 463 permits there were 82 single-family dwelling permits valued at \$15,450,500 as compared to 55 permits for single family dwellings last year with a value of \$9,100,710.

Temporary Commercial Use Permit – Aase, Buckhorn Road

The Board denied a Temporary Commercial Use Permit proposal by Lori Aase for the operation of a rock shop and lemonade stand including the sale of crafts, rocks, snacks, and beverages out of the existing dwelling at 4990 Buckhorn Lake Road. There was significant opposition to the proposal at a public hearing held on December 20, 2006.

Non-farm Use Within the ALR – Shun Yeh and Mei Kuo, Highway 97 South

The Board, acting in their delegated capacity as the Agricultural Land Commission, approved the application by Shun Yeh and Mei Kuo to construct a 20-unit RV Park on a 6 – 8 hectare (15-20) area in the northwest corner of property at 18200 and 18290 Cariboo Highway 97 South. This proposal is consistent with the Official Community Plan. The applicants will now need to proceed with rezoning of the land.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw – Johnson, Dome Creek area

The Board adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2321 which allows Donald and Naomi Johnson to subdivide their property between the Fraser River and Dome Creek south of the CN Railway, into four lots of approximately 10 acres, 13 acres, 16 acres and 30 acres.

Non-farm Use in the ALR – BK Woods and Water, Highway 97 South

The Board received notification from the Agricultural Land Commission that they have approved the application by BK Woods and Water to allow operation of their business including pump sales, water purification and wastewater systems on property on the east side of Cariboo Highway 97 south approximately 0.5 kilometres north of Holmes Road.

Special Occasion Licence – Pineview Snow Frolics

The Board recommended approval to a Special Occasion Liquor Licence for the Pineview Snow Frolics to be held February 17, 18, 20, 24, and 25, 2007. The Pineview Snow Frolics have operated a beer garden at their event for several years and past events have gone well.

Licence of Occupation – West Lake Community Sewer System Land Tenure

The Board approved the execution of a Modification Agreement for the Licence of Occupation held by the Regional District for the addition of an 11 hectare portion of land with the purpose of accommodating a community sewage treatment system for West Lake Estates.

Tipping Fee Exemptions

The Board approved tipping Fee Exemptions for the Salvation Army Thrift Store and the Habitat for Humanity Restore for 2007. These agencies meet the Regional District Policy ES-1, by being a not-for-profit organization operating a re-use store. As a consequence of the nature of their business, they inadvertently receive material that cannot be reused or recycled and the exemption will help take some of the financial pressure off for disposing of this material.

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