



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 2007**

### **Change in Meeting Date**

The Board resolved to change the March 2007 regular Board meeting date from March 15, 2007 to March 22, 2007.

### **Alternate Director Appointments**

The Board has decided to sponsor a resolution to the NCMA which requests the Provincial Government to authorize Regional District's to appoint an alternate director for an electoral area if the position has been vacant for at least 60 days. The NCMA will be asked to consider the resolution at its May 4 & 5 Annual General Meeting.

### **Culture and Heritage**

The Board authorized the Cultural Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) to develop a Request For Proposals (RFP) regarding the creation and development of a Regional Cultural Brand. The CSAC will forward the RFP to the March 22, 2007 meeting for Board's consideration.

### **Grants**

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

- Reid Lake Community Association for children's programs and their playground
- Beverly Volunteer Firefighter Association for truck painting expenses
- Bear Lake Emergency Social Services for office supplies
- Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for insurance expenses

### **Prince George Public Library**

The Board approved an agreement between the Regional District and the City of Prince George for continued provision of Prince George Public Library services to the residents of Electoral Areas A, C, D, E, F and G.

### **Willow River Recreation Association**

The Regional Board gave three readings to a property use agreement bylaw for the Willow River Recreation Association for a portion of the property located near Arnett Road in the town of Willow River. The Willow River Horse Association is interested in building a horse-riding arena on a 2.4 hectare portion of the land to host horse clinics, play days, gymkhanas and other related functions.

### **West Lake Regional Transfer Station**

The Board approved the renewal of a Licence of Occupation with the Crown for the West Lake Transfer Station site located on the Blackwater Road, 14 kilometres south of Highway 16. This transfer station comprises two 40 yd<sup>3</sup> bins and provides residential garbage disposal services for the residents in the West Lake and East Beverly areas.

### **Fire Chief Appointed – Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department**

At the request of the Bear Lake Community Commission, the Board appointed Tony Meakins as the Fire Chief of the Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

### **Valemount and District Rescue Squad Establishment**

The Board adopted Valemount and District Rescue Squad Establishment Bylaw No. 2329, 2007 which provides the authority for the Valemount and District Rescue Squad to operate a vehicle rescue service on behalf of the Regional District. Delivery of a new rescue truck is expected in March of 2007, and members of the rescue service have taken the required training to perform vehicle rescue.

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### **Fire Department Honorariums**

The Board approved honorarium increases to various Officer positions for the following volunteer fire departments to be effective immediately:

- Bear Lake
- Salmon Valley
- Shell Glen

### **Fire Department Call-out and Practice Rates**

The Board approved the callout and practice rates for the Pilot Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

### **Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System Upgrade at the Fire Operations Communications Centre**

The Board received a report that identified Wednesday February 28, 2007 as the date that the new Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System at the Fire Operations Communications Centre (FOCC) will be turned on and used in the live dispatch environment.

The Board will be given a full presentation on the new system at the March 22, 2007 meeting. The Board will also be given a tour of the FOCC to see the new system in a live dispatch environment.

### **BK Woods and Water, Highway 97**

Following a public hearing held January 31, 2007, the Board gave third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2330, 2007 for property on the east side of Cariboo Highway 97 approximately 0.5 kilometre north of Holmes Road. The applicant, BK Woods and Water Supplies Ltd., proposes to operate its business of pumps, water purification, and waste water system sales on this property, including a shop with a storefront. Approval from the Ministry of Transportation must be received prior to consideration of bylaw adoption.

### **Trucking Business on Westlund Road**

The Board recommended that the Agricultural Land Commission approve a non-farm use by Linda Fry for the operation of a local and long-haul trucking business including a courier depot, heavy towing service and accident reclamation service, located on Westlund Road, subject to a corresponding issuance of a Temporary Industrial Use Permit.

### **Four Lot Subdivision , Newlands Area**

The Board recommended that the Agricultural Land Commission permit Kenneth and Sharon Peterson to subdivide 24.45 acres into 4 lots of approximately 6.1 acres each in size, based on topography and poor soil conditions. The property is located at 30793 Upper Fraser Road east of Eaglet Lake. Should approval from the Agricultural Land Commission be received, Official Community Plan and Zoning amendments would be required giving the public a chance to voice their opinions on the proposal.

### **Sand and Gravel Extraction & Processing, Highway 16**

The Board gave first reading and authorized a public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2340, 2007 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.

### **Zoning Amendment Bylaw – Yeh/Kuo, Cariboo Highway 97**

The Board gave first reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2341 and authorized a public hearing on the proposed amendments.. The proposal by Shun Yeh and Mei Kuo is for a 34-unit RV park with full hook-ups on a 6 to 8 hectare area in the northwest corner of the parcel, off of White Road, south of the Willowdale Forest Service Road.

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**Proposed Water Bottling Plant – Leroux, Valemount Area**

The Board gave first reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2349 and Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2348 and authorized a public hearing on the proposed amendments. The proposal by Irvin Leroux seeks approval to install a water bottling plant on the west side of Highway No. 5, 800 metres north of the Swift Creek Bridge at Valemount. The plant would be built in two phases. The first phase would be a 600 square-foot building employing about 14 full-time employees. The second phase would be a 10,000 square-foot building, with the potential for 30 full-time jobs. The water would be supplied from wells on-site.

**Bank Stabilization – Shelley**

The Board received a staff report and an e-mail from the Shell-Glen Improvement Society regarding the erosion being experienced along the Fraser River in the community of Shelley. The Shelley Community River Erosion Steering Committee is investigating the process for developing some bank stabilization and is seeking funding for this project. The Board approved a letter of support for the Society to assist in its efforts in lobbying senior levels of government for bank stabilization funding.

**Works and Services Agreement – Powder King Mountain Resort, Pine Pass**

The Board approved a Water and Services Agreement covering its construction of additional water system infrastructure, including a storage reservoir at Powder King Mountain Resort. The improvements are required to support a proposed 24 lot subdivision by the resort.

**Province of BC Spirit Squares Program – Ness Lake**

The Board approved an application to the Province of BC for grant funding under the Spirit Squares Program for a picnic shelter at Ness Lake.

**REAPS Contract Renewal**

The Board approved the negotiation of a three-year contract with REAPS (Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society). The Regional District and REAPS have successfully partnered for twelve years to:

- seasonally operate a compost demonstration garden;
- deliver home composting promotion, education and support services; and
- deliver waste reduction and recycling education programs.

**West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Funding**

The Board received a staff report and a letter from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities which is offering grant funding to local governments for the purpose of reducing the risk of West Nile Virus. In 2006 the Regional District coordinated the grant application on behalf of its member municipalities and First Nations partners and received grant funding. When grant funding program details are released for 2007, the Regional District will again take the lead role in coordinating the grant application on behalf of its partners to continue to work on risk reduction activities.

**For more information please contact 960-4400.**