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February 19 Board Meeting Highlights

Measuring Up Dollars go to Improve Reid Lake and Ness Lake Halls; Water System Expanding at Powder King; RDDFG to sponsor Flood Assistance Resolution at NCMA; Initiatives PG to Assist in Industrial Land Profile Project

Measuring Up Dollars go to Improve Reid Lake and Ness Lake Halls

The Regional District of Fraser Fort-George is receiving \$20,000 from the Measuring Up Accessibility and Inclusion fund, a provincial program of 2010 Legacies Now and the Province of British Columbia that helps BC communities assess and improve how accessible and inclusive they are for people with disabilities and for the whole community.

The Regional District will be using the funding to make improvements at the Reid Lake and Ness Lake Community Centre that will accommodate seniors and those with disabilities. "Through the Measuring Up grant, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is able to create more accessible and inclusive community centres for Reid Lake and Ness Lake. We look forward to working with our community liaison Nancy Harris and the communities of Reid Lake and Ness Lake to help make this project a reality," says Art Kaehn, chairman of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

The Measuring Up funding will be combined with a \$17,500 community grant in aid through the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

Water System Expansion at Powder King

In early 2007, Powder King Mountain Resort Inc. proposed a twenty-four lot fully serviced subdivision. The existing water system was administered by the Regional District but it was felt it was not sufficient to handle the additional twenty-four lots proposed. In order to ensure there was enough water for the proposed subdivision, Powder King Mountain Resort Inc. agreed to construct a reservoir and supply line tied into the existing well system, at their cost. They agreed that upon completion, the system would become part of the Regional District system.

Construction of the 58,000 gallon concrete reservoir and the tie-in water lines took place over the spring, summer, and fall of 2008. Last month, the project received a Certificate of Completion, and is expected to be on line in the coming weeks.

RDDFG to Sponsor Flood Assistance Resolution at NCMA

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George will be sponsoring a resolution to the North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) calling on the province to reinstate provincially funded, constructed, and managed flood protection works on the rivers in BC. The idea for the resolution came following a request from residents in the Dore River area for some flood protection work in the area.

The Provincial Flood Protection Program has provided some funding over the past two years, and it is expected that a number of residents in the region will seek flood protection funding over the next seven to eight years. A process will need to be established for the Regional District to deal with requests for Flood Protection Funding. In addition, the Board is looking for the support of NCMA and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to lobby the provincial government to reinstate long term flood protection works on BC rivers.

Initiatives PG to Assist in Industrial Land Profile Project

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George will be working with Initiatives Prince George in the coordination of the Prince George Area Industrial Land Profile Project. The Board has agreed to develop a contract with Initiatives Prince George that will see them develop site specific land information, create an Industrial Business Opportunity Profile and develop a strategy to bring industrial land to market ready status.

Initiatives Prince George will also assist in defining and reporting on key issues that must be addressed in order to guide industrial development in the region, such as environmental impacts, taxation, First Nations consultation and infrastructure development. The work is scheduled to be complete by December 2009.

Community Grants

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

- \$5,000 for the Nukko Lake PAC for Playground expenses
- \$600 for the Reid Lake Community Association for conference fees
- \$1,500 for Upper Mud River/McBride Timber Road for Crime Watch signs
- \$30,000 for McLeod's Lake Post Historical Society for materials Post and Church revitalization
- \$3,000 for Shell-Glen Improvement Society to assist with consulting engineering costs for the Shelley Town site river erosion project

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