



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS – JANUARY 18 AND 19, 2006

Community Grants-In-Aid

The Board approved the following requests for Community Grants-In-Aid:

- Ness Lake Bible Camp to assist in the purchase of a road sander

Recreation Grants

- Ness Lake Recreation Commission for liability insurance

Electoral Area “H” - Dunster Community Park Agreement

The Board introduced, and gave first three readings, to Bylaw No. 2270, 2006 that provides for a 5-year property use agreement for community park purposes near Dunster Station Road. Public advertising will occur prior to adoption.

Beaverley Community Hall – Feasibility Study

The Board authorized staff to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a community hall for Beaverley and surrounding area.

2006 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

The Board appointed Directors Burgess, Headrick, Zenzen, Burden and Clark as members of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel for 2006 and directed staff to amend the parcel tax rolls as required.

Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department – Appointment of Fire Chief

The Board approved the appointment of Fire Chief Bruce Waldner as Fire Chief for the Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Emergency Preparedness Service Establishments

The Board approved a new Service for Emergency Preparedness the Emergency Response and Recovery Plan. The Plan applies to all seven Electoral Areas within the Regional District, and its purpose is to save lives, reduce suffering, protect property, mitigate damage to the environment and control the economic outcome of emergencies and disasters.

Regional Building Activity

The Board received a report on the final 2005 Regional District building statistics. These statistics showed that there were 461 permits issued, up from 327 in 2004 and 293 in 2003. There were 55 single-family dwellings with a construction value of over \$9.1 million compared to 54 new homes worth \$8.2 million in 2004. Overall, 2005 permit values were over \$15.9 million compared to \$14.5 million in 2004 and \$8 million in 2003. The complete report is available on the Regional District Board agenda on the Regional District website – www.rdffg.bc.ca.

Chief Lake Road Development Variance Permit

The Board issued a Development Variance Permit for the construction of a 1200 sq. ft. shop on a 10.97ac. property located approximately 3 miles west of Prince George on Chief Lake Road. As there is no house on the property, and the applicants wish to construct a shop over 540 square feet, a Development Variance Permit was required.

Official Community Plan Amendment on Giscome and Groveburn Roads

The Board approved an amendment to the Willow River Official Community Plan, to permit the completion of a rural residential development on the subject property.

Application to Include Land into the ALR

The Board recommended the inclusion of 156.9 acres in District Lot 13171, south of Mackenzie, into the Agricultural Land Reserve. Mr. Peter Kylo is the applicant and wishes to purchase the property from the Crown for agricultural and residential purposes.

Application to Subdivide Within the ALR

The Board recommended approval of an A.L.R. application by Floyd and Wanda Jackson to subdivide their property on Brownscombe Road (near Hixon). Approval of their application would allow their daughter and son-in-law to obtain title to a 7.41 acre parcel of land surrounding the Jackson's existing residence. The family qualifies for Homesite Severance due to the fact that they have owned the property since 1969.

Proposed General Store – Ness Lake

The Board reconvened a public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2263, 2005 and proceed to give the bylaw second and third reading. The Board directed the applicants to register a covenant on the title of the property regulating screening, the façade and visual aspect of the store, and clean-up provisions in the event the business ceases operations before consideration of bylaw adoption.

Application to Subdivide – 11095 Highway 16 East, Dunster Area

The Board adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2264. The new zoning will allow for a smaller parcel size requirement subdivision. First reading was given in November 2005, a public hearing was held December 6, 2005, and second and third readings were given at the December meeting of the Regional Board.

Application to Subdivide – South of Village of Valemount Boundary

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2266. and amends the zoning, on the subject property, to allow the creation of two 3 acre lots. First reading was given in December 2005 and a public hearing was held January 17, 2006.

Special Occasion Licence

The Board granted a Special Occasion Licence to the Pineview Snow Frolics for a Beer Garden to take place at their event on January 29 and 30, and February 1, 4 and 5, 2006.

2006 Budget Deliberations

Budget deliberations for 2006 began at the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 18th. Budgets presented at this meeting total \$15.9 million, a 3% increase in total expenses over 2005. The proposed tax requisition to support these budgets is \$8.9 million, a 1.7% increase over 2005. The budget deliberations will continue with another Committee meeting on February 15th and conclude in March when the Financial Plan Bylaw must be adopted.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2006

Director Don Zurowski was elected as Chair of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District.

Director Murry Krause was elected as Vice-Chair of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District.

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