



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 17 & 18, 2007

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

- Hixon Women's Institute for insurance expenses.

Bear Lake Water System Improvements

The Board approved an application to be made to the new Canada/BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Program for funding assistance which, if successful, would enable the Regional District to make improvements to the Bear Lake water system. Two-thirds of the eligible costs for the water improvements would be funded by the grant and the balance would be covered by the Bear Lake Water Capital Reserve Fund.

Nukko Environmental Lake Weed Society Grant

The Board approved release of the funds remaining in the Nukko Environmental Lake Weed Society Grants-In-Aid to offset the Society's operating costs.

2007 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

The Board appointed Directors Gendron, Headrick, Clark, Zenzen and Burgess as members of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel for 2007 and directed staff to amend the parcel tax rolls as required.

Licence of Occupation Renewal – Valemount & District Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility

The Board approved the renewal of a Licence of Occupation with the Crown for property located in Electoral Area 'H' near Loseth Road and east of the Regional District Landfill in Valemount. The Valemount & District Volunteer Fire Department has used this property as a training facility for extinguishing railway boxcar fires since 2001.

Licence of Occupation Renewal – former Dome Creek Elementary School Property

The Board approved the renewal of a Licence of Occupation with the Crown for property located in Electoral Area 'H' near the intersection of Dome Creek and Robinson Roads, the former Dome Creek Elementary School Property. The Regional District will now commence discussion with the Dome Creek Recreation Facility Management Committee and the Dome Creek Community Association regarding a new property use agreement.

Emergency Response and Recovery Plan - Training

The Board approved an application be made for funding assistance from UBCM 2007 Emergency Planning Funding Program for exercising and training activities related to the Regional District's emergency preparedness program.

Integrated Emergency Planning – Grant Application

The Board approved an application for funding assistance from the UBCM Integrated Emergency Planning Program. The funds will be used to cover the cost to study the feasibility of a regional emergency planning/response/recovery model that could serve the communities in the Regional District.

Building Statistics – December 2006

The Board received a staff report showing a total of 487 permits, valued at \$22,528,600 have been issued to the end of December 2006. 84 single-family dwelling permits valued at \$15,959,500 have been issued, compared to 55 dwellings last year at a value of \$9,100,710.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw – Voth, Cranbrook Hill area

The Board gave first reading and authorized a public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2331 for property at the west end of Harold Road on Cranbrook Hill near Miworth. The applicant, Lloyd Voth proposes to rezone the property to be able to subdivide 5.02 acres it into two lots. The property is currently zoned RR1 which allows for a minimum parcel size of 4 acres.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw – BK Woods and Water, Highway 97 South

The Board gave first reading and authorized a public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2330, 2007 for property on the east side of Cariboo Highway 97 South approximately 0.5 kilometres north of Holmes Road. The applicants, BK Woods and Water Supplies Ltd., propose to operate its business of pumps, water purification, and waste water system sales on this property. The business requires a shop with a storefront. Permission has been received to allow the proposed non-farm use from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Development Permits Issued

The Board received a staff report showing the following Development Permits issued during the month of December:

- Chief Lake – Graham, for construction of a single family dwelling, shed, driveway, sewage disposal system and landscaping.
- Ness Lake – Bentley, for construction of a single family dwelling with attached carport and deck, garage, driveway with parking area, sewage disposal system, footpaths and landscaping.
- Ness Lake – Campbell, for an addition and a basement to an existing cabin, septic system and selective land clearing and landscaping.

RCMP Accountability Framework

RCMP North District Superintendent Barry Clark and Prince George Detachment Superintendent Dahl Chambers provided the Board with an overview of the new RCMP Accountability Framework. The new framework is based on a program of community consultation and recognition of local priorities, and follows the decision by BC to start taxing property in small communities and rural areas to recover policing costs.