



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS – JULY 20, 2006

REGIONAL BOARD

COMMUNITY AND RECREATION GRANTS

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

- Tabor Lake Cleanup Society for a weed harvesting program;
- Buckhorn Recreation for insurance and program expenses;
- Pineview Recreation for program and social event expenses;
- Ferndale/Tabor Volunteer Fire Department for defibrillator Lifepak costs;
- Shell-Glen Volunteer Fire Fighters for rescue truck costs;
- Cariboo-Ferndale Community Association for recreation expenses;
- Longworth Community Association for recreation expenses;
- Penny Community Association for recreation expenses;
- Shell-Glen Improvement Society for recreation expenses;
- Sinclair Mills Education and Recreation Club for recreation expenses;
- Tabor Lake Recreation Commission for program and facility expenses;
- Willow River Recreation Association for insurance, maintenance and event costs;
- Summit Lake Community Association for social event expenses; and
- Willow River Recreation Association for hazard abatement.

MCBRIDE CURLING CLUB – PROPERTY USE AGREEMENT

The Board approved a two year renewal of the McBride Curling Club's property use agreement for the Robson Valley Recreation Centre.

NEW PUMPER TRUCK – NESS LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Board approved the purchase of a new Pumper Truck for the Ness Lake Volunteer Fire Department from Rocky Mountain Pheonix.

Ferndale Tabor Fire Protection Management Committee

The Board approved the appointment of Wendy Robinson to the Ferndale Tabor Fire Protection Management Committee.

Dispatch and Communications System

The Board approved the purchase of support maintenance services for the Fire Operations Communications Centre Dispatch and Communications system from Pantel International.

Building Statistics – June 2006

The Board received a report highlighting that a total of 194 permits, valued at \$9,047,250 had been issued to the end of June 2006. Forty-one single-family dwelling permits valued at \$6,816,400 have been issued, compared to 31 dwellings last year.

Subdivision Activity

The Board received a report noting that Regional Land Use Planning had processed 11 referrals from the Ministry of Transportation for the creation of 39 additional lots for the second quarter of 2006.

Subdivision Rezoning – Haviland Road – Tabor Lake Area

The Board gave first reading to a zoning amendment that would allow the owners, James and Kelly Haviland, to subdivide approximately 6 acres from their property for their son. A public hearing on this rezoning will be held prior to proceeding.

Special Occasion Liquor License – Canoe Mountain Music Festival

The Board did not object to the issuance of a Special Occasion Liquor License by the Liquor Control Board to Tammy Lundberg for the Canoe Mountain Music Festival and Rodeo on August 25, 26, and 27, 2006 on land south of Valemount owned by Bob and Lorna Griffin. The applicant is also proposing a shuttle service to Valemount and the RCMP have already given their approval to the request.

Amendment to Liquor License – Bednesti Lake Resort

The Board did not have any concerns with an application by the Saik'uz Development Corporation for an increase of 30 outdoor seats for an outdoor patio and gazebo addition to the existing Bednesti Resort restaurant and pub.

West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Funding

The Board received notification from the Union of BC Municipalities that their 2006 grant application has been approved in the amount of \$66,855. This funding will be applied to a number of West Nile projects including education initiatives, surveillance work and habitat identification completed by program partners who include our member municipalities and First Nations in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

West Lake Community Sewer System Engineering Services – Award of Contract

The Board awarded the contract to Dayton and Knight Ltd. for engineering services to design the proposed West Lake Community Sewer System.

Home Composter Distribution Event

The Board received a report that highlighted that during Environment week the Regional District sponsored a one-day home composter distribution event where 550 composters sold. Composters have also been distributed to the Village of Valemount, the Valemount Transfer Station, the District of Mackenzie for sale in those areas. Composters are also available for purchase at the Regional District Service Centre and the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill.

Bendixon Community Sewer System

The Board awarded the contract to construct the Bendixon Community Sewer System to IDL Projects Inc. The new community sewer system will service 17 homes on Bendixon Road and will replace existing in ground sewer systems.

Security Issuing Bylaw

The Board adopted Security Issuing Bylaw No. 2295, 2006, authorizing the Regional District to borrow \$1,338,000 on behalf of the City of Prince George for various water, sewer and general capital projects, and to borrow \$360,500 on behalf of the Village of Valemount for a water line extension.

Union of BC Municipalities – 2006 Community Excellence Awards

The Board supported that the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George "Regional Cultural Plan" be forwarded to the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration for a 2006 Community Excellence Award in the category of Regional District Leadership and Innovation.

Local Government Leadership Academy

The Board made a \$1000 contribution to the Union of BC Municipalities Local Government Leadership Academy Endowment fund.

Region Wide Toll Free Calling

The Board deferred discussion on a plebiscite for region wide toll free calling to the 2007 budget discussions.

Heritage Conservation Loan Authorization

The Board gave three readings to Heritage Conservation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2293 and approved that participating area approval be obtained by an alternative approval process.

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