



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – JUNE 15, 2006**

### **REGIONAL BOARD**

#### **Wildfire Response Planning**

Following a presentation by the Ministry of Forests on wildfire risks in beetle-killed forests the Regional Board agreed to participate on a Regional Interface Action Committee. The committee will develop recommendations on priority-setting, risk management and evacuation planning for communities at risk of wildfire events.

#### **Corporate Strategic Priorities**

The Board adopted a set of strategic priorities encompassing diverse areas such as First Nations relations, public safety, comprehensive planning and transportation infrastructure. The strategic priorities will assist the Regional District in determining the allocation of financial and other resources over the next few years.

#### **Community and Recreation Grants**

The Board approved the following Community and Recreation Grants:

- Pilot Mountain Recreation Commission for an Easter event
- Pineview Recreation Commission for seniors event
- District of Mackenzie for fire rescue equipment and the "Feeling at Home" program
- McBride Community Development for McBride Information Centre expenses
- Beverly Volunteer Fire Fighter Association for Thermal Imaging Camera costs
- Fraser Basin Council for Hixon flood prevention improvements
- Valemount Historic Society for painting the museum facility

#### **McBride Minor Hockey Club - Property Use Agreement**

The Board approved a 3-year renewal of the McBride Minor Hockey Club's lease of the concession area of the Robson Valley Recreation Centre.

#### **McBride Curling Club – Property Use Agreement**

The Board gave second and third readings to Bylaw 2291, 2006 which provides for a two year renewal of the McBride Curling Club's property use agreement at the Robson Valley Recreation Centre. Public advertising will occur prior to this bylaw going back to Board for consideration of adoption.

#### **Blackburn-Giscome Road Community Water System Service Area**

The Board adopted a bylaw to include District Lot 2168 on Six Mile Road within the Blackburn-Giscome Road Community Water System service area.

#### **Prince George Rod and Gun Club - Support of Funding Application**

The Board supported of the Prince George Rod and Gun Club's application for funding to the Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites Program to assist in the costs of constructing a new rifle range facility in the Mount Baldy area.

#### **Robson Valley Recreation Centre – Renovation Competitive Bid Award**

The Board awarded the contract for the Robson Valley Recreation Centre dressing rooms and second floor renovations to Rykes Construction for \$204,000. The tender submitted by Rykes Construction meets all the criteria set out in the Tender documents, provides good value of service throughout the project, and is within budget.

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### **Robson Valley Recreation Centre – Electrical Renovation**

The Board approved awarding the Tender for the electrical component of the Robson Valley Recreation Centre renovations to the lowest qualified tender submission that is within budget. Advance approval was required in order that the dressing rooms and second floor renovation not be delayed.

### **New Fire/Rescue Pumper Truck – Tabor Lake-Stone Creek**

The Board awarded the contract to Rocky Mountain Phoenix of Surrey for the purchase of a new Fire/Rescue Pumper Truck for Area 'D' Rescue Service.

### **Operational Guidelines – Fire/Rescue Agencies**

The Board approved an Operational Guidelines policy for all Regional District fire/rescue agencies to follow in the performance of their duties.

### **Pilot Mountain Communication Site Agreement**

The Board approved the renewal of the Pilot Mountain Communication Site agreement with Terasen Gas for a further two year term.

### **Fire Operations Communication Centre Upgrades**

The Board commissioned Pantel International Inc. to undertake upgrades and enhancements to the Windows Inter Talk console at the Fire Operations Communication Centre.

### **Fire Protection Boundary Expansion**

The Board approved an expansion of the boundary of the McBride District Fire Protection Service area.

### **Building Statistics – May 2006**

The Board considered a staff report which identified a total of 141 permits, valued at \$6,086,250 have been issued to the end of May 2006. Twenty-nine single-family dwelling permits valued at \$4,793,400 have been issued, compared to 17 dwellings last year.

### **Truck Stop Proposal – Martin and Martin – Red Rock**

The Board recommended approval of an ALR application by Patrick and John Martin, who have applied to the Agricultural Land Commission for a non-farm use of their property on Red Rock Road East and Cariboo Highway 97 opposite the Red Rock Firehall. The owners would like to develop a truck stop, including a restaurant, convenience store, showers, bulk fuel tanks, parking and a warehouse for storage of stock and parts etc. relating to the truck shop. If approved by the Agricultural Land Commission, rezoning will be required.

### **ALR Subdivision With Non Farm Use – Miles – New Beverly Fire Hall**

The Regional District and Ruby and Charles Miles have applied to the Agricultural Land Commission for a subdivision to accommodate a new Beverly Firehall site on 3.25 hectares (8 acres) of property at 13065 PG Highway 16 West.

### **ALR Subdivision – Jones – Sansom Road – Southwest of McBride**

Warren Jones has applied to the Agricultural Land Commission to subdivide 24 acres from the south part of 1755 Sansom Road, for his brother. The Board recommended approval based on soil capability and topographical limitations for agricultural potential.

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**ALR Exclusion – Liedl – Torpy Road – Prince George Area**

Rudi Liedl has applied to the Agricultural Land Commission to exclude 110 acres at 3280 Torpy Road to develop a light industrial subdivision. A public meeting was held Thursday, June 1, 2006 to discuss the proposal. The Board recommended approval. It will require rezoning if approved by the Land Commission.

**ALR Subdivision – Jurcic – Blackwater Road**

The Board approved, in their delegated capacity as the Agricultural Land Commission, the application by Ivan and Mike Jurcic to subdivide their property at 16400 Blackwater Road into two lots. Less than 50% of the subject property lies within the ALR. The proposal is to provide a residential parcel for the owners.

**ALR Exclusion – Van Hage Enterprises – Old Cariboo Highway – Prince George Area**

The Board received notification that the application for non farm use by Van Hage Enterprises, at the southern Art Knapps business location on Highway #97 was approved by the Agricultural Land Commission. The applicant applied to develop several highway commercial type uses on the property occupied by the existing garden centre. Specifically, a truck stop/gas station including card lock fuel sales, truck/car wash, truck and equipment repair, equipment sales, restaurant, store and motel.

**Development Permit For Subdivision – Summerfeld – Bednesti Lake**

The Board approved issuance of a development permit to Don and Vi Summerfeld for the subdivision of their property on Bednesti Lake and near Tamarack Lake, into an 18-acre parcel and a 100-acre parcel to accommodate the three cabins on the property.

**Development Variance Permit - Caden – Norman Lake**

Following a public consideration, the Board approved a Development Variance Permit for John and Patrice Caden to place a manufactured home for a recreation cabin on their property at 20117 Norman Lake Road. The Variance Permit allows for the placement of the manufactured home 40 feet from the natural boundary of the lakeshore, rather than the 50 feet specified in Zoning Bylaw 833.

**Special Event Permit – Canoe Mountain Music**

The Board gave final approval for a Special Event Permit for the Canoe Mountain Music Festival to be held August 25, 26, and 27, 2006 on land south of Valemount owned by Bob and Lorna Griffin.

**Robson Valley-Canoe Upstream Official Community Plan**

The Board gave first reading and approved proceeding to a public consultation to consider a proposed new Robson Valley-Canoe Upstream Official Community Plan for the area from Tete Jaune Cache to Valemount and Albreda.

**UBCM Community Tourism Program**

The Board approved a grant application of approximately \$115,000 to the UBCM Community Tourism Program for 2006. The focus of the application is culture, recreation and infrastructure improvements required for regional tourism enhancement.

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