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**January 15, 2009**

**January 15 Board Meeting Highlights**

**Committee Appointments Announced; Beverly Fire Hall Construction to go to Bid; New Equipment for Canoe Valley Recreation Centre; Island Park Drive Flood Protection**

**Committee Appointments Announced**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board of Directors approved a slate of 2009 appointments to standing committees, external agencies and select committees. Some of the appointments include:

- Municipal Finance Authority – Mike Frazier
- Fraser Basin Council – Debora Munoz
- Yellowhead Highway Association – Ken Starchuk
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – Art Kaehn
- Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Kevin Dunphy
- Cultural Services Advisory Committee – Stephanie Killam
- Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee – Terry Burgess

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**Beverly Fire Hall Construction to go to Bid**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George will be moving forward with a competitive bid process for the construction of a new Beverly Fire Rescue Hall. This facility will house the Beverly fire department and the Chilako/Nechako Rescue Service.

Last month, the Board approved a Towns for Tomorrow grant application be submitted to the Ministry of Community Development for the construction of the new hall. The Ministry has requested that submitted projects be able to get under way quickly. If the grant application is successful, the results of the competitive bid will be brought to the Board in April, so construction could begin shortly after.

The estimated cost of the new fire hall facility is \$1,000,000. If grant funding is received, \$400,000 will come from the Towns for Tomorrow grant program with the balance being funded from the Beverly Fire Protection and the Chilako/Nechako Rescue Service capital reserve funds.

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**New Equipment for Canoe Valley Recreation Centre**

The Canoe Valley Recreation Centre will soon be receiving some new fitness equipment. In November, The Regional District sent out a proposal for the supply of fitness equipment. Fitness Depot was awarded the contract and will be supplying the equipment for their proposal price of \$48,544.40. The new equipment includes cardio machines, weight training equipment and fitness equipment.

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**Island Park Drive Flood Protection**

An application is being prepared in the hopes of securing some funding for bank protection on the Nechako River at Island Park Drive. In 2008, the Regional District made three applications to Emergency Management BC for funding for erosion protection works on the Fraser and Nechako Rivers. None of the applications were successful. Residents of Island Park Drive in Miworth are anxious to submit another application and the Board approved preparing a new application in anticipation of an announcement for a 2009 program. In the 2008, the amount requested was \$1,214,062. For 2009, the request has been reduced to \$445,079.

## Community Grants

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

- Bear Lake Recreation Association for Community Policing program support costs
- District of Mackenzie Fire Rescue Department for Ice Rescue Training
- Pineview Recreation Commission for costs associated with 2009 Pineview Snow Frolics

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