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July 15 Board Meeting Highlights

Liquor Store Application Defeated for Former Art Knapps Site; Canada Winter Games Bid Update; Bear Lake Community Commission Byelection; Neighbourhood Centres of Learning Explored for Giscome, Hixon and Nukko Lake

Liquor Store Application Defeated for Former Art Knapps Site

An application calling for a retail agency liquor store on the site of the former Art Knapps Garden Centre on Highway 97 south in Prince George was defeated during a public hearing at Regular board meeting of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The Board heard presentations from the applicant and residents in the area. A 265 name petition against the application was also received. In the end, a motion advancing the application to third reading was defeated.

Canada Winter Games Bid Update

Les Waldie, Co-Chair of the Prince George Canada Winter Games Bid Committee provided an update on the bid process to directors at the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Waldie advised that bid book was sent off to the bid evaluation committee in May. The next step in the process is an August 9 site visit by members of the bid evaluation committee. Waldie says he is confident about the Prince George bid, which is themed "we are winter" and plays on the strengths of Prince George's reputation for hosting quality events. Prince George is competing against Kamloops and Kelowna for the right to host the two week national multi sport event in February of 2015.

Bear Lake Community Commission Byelection

There will be a byelection for the Bear Lake Community Commission this fall. The byelection was required after Commissioner Ed Gronning passed away suddenly last month. The Bear Lake Community Commission provides administration of local services in the community of Bear Lake including fire protection, street lighting, cemetery, ambulance station, recreation facilities and community water services. The Commission comprises four (4) locally elected commissioners and one ex-officio commissioner (the director for Electoral Area G). The deadline for nominations is August 20. Nomination forms will be available at the Regional District office, the Bear Lake Community Commission Office or on the Regional District website at www.rdffg.bc.ca. The byelection will be held on September 25, 2010.

Neighbourhood Centres of Learning Explored for Giscome, Hixon and Nukko Lake

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and School District 57 have received \$10,000 in grant funding from the School Community Connections Program to explore the feasibility of a Neighbourhood Centre of Learning model for Nukko Lake, Hixon and Giscome. The project proposes to take an inventory of existing services provided in each respective community and determine if those services could be located out of each of the three school sites. It will also identify the potential to locate new or different services that would be suitable in a Neighbourhood Learning Centre. A report on the project is expected in November.

Community Grants

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

- \$300 to the Reid Lake Farmers Institute for the PGX display
- \$585 to the Salmon Valle Community Association for insurance
- \$1000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for craft and business
- \$20,000 to the Tabor Lake Clean Up Society for weed harvesting equipment
- \$4000 to the Hixon Community Association for repairs and maintenance of hall and grounds
- \$2500 to the Hixon Community Association for programs, swimming and playground expenses
- \$27,000 to the Cariboo Ferndale Community Association for hall repairs and maintenance
- \$3501 to the Giscome PAC for outdoor physical activity costs
- \$3000 to the Cariboo Ferndale Community Association for insurance and program expenses

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