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June 18 Board Meeting Highlights

Bank Protection Programs Moving Forward for Miworth & Shelley; Temporary Permit Approved for Asphalt Plant in Tabor Mountain Area; Air Quality to be Examined for Potential Industrial Sites; Mutual Aid Agreement Approved for McBride & Valemount Volunteer Fire Departments

Bank Protection Programs Moving Forward for Miworth & Shelley

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George approved an agreement with the Miworth Community Association that calls on the Association to provide project management for a \$455,079 project to add 185 metres of rock armouring along the bank of the Nechako River in Miworth. The Provincial Flood Protection Program is providing 90% of the project costs, with the remaining 10% funded locally.

Funding from the same program has also been received to support a similar project in Shelley, along the Fraser River. The total cost of the project in Shelley is just over \$1 million. 90% of that will come from the provincial program, leaving over \$100,000 to be funded locally. At a community meeting on June 16, residents in the affected area agreed to look at parcel taxes to cover the cost. The Regional District will now move ahead with a petition to those residents to determine the support for a parcel tax. The Board will also review draft service establishment and loan authorization bylaws at the next meeting.

Temporary Permit Approved for Asphalt Plant in Tabor Mountain Area

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George conditionally approved a Temporary Industrial Use Permit to R.D. Moyer Holdings to operate an asphalt plant in the Tabor Mountain area. The Board attached a number of conditions to the permit, including a limit to the aggregate crushing hours of operation from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and a requirement for corrective additive Absorb-All or similar product to be used at all times to control odorous emissions from the asphalt processing. The permit covers a two-year period, and is conditional to Agricultural Land Commission approval.

Air Quality to be Examined for Potential Industrial Sites

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has awarded a contract to RWDI Air Inc. Consulting Engineers to conduct an air quality analysis of the sites identified in the 2008 Prince George Area Industrial Land Profile. The information is to be used to further determine the suitability of the sites for industrial development and to assist potential business interests in their site selection process. The project is valued at \$37,045, with funding coming from the Western Economic Diversification Mountain Pine Beetle Community Economic Diversification Initiative (CEDI).

Mutual Aid Agreement Approved for McBride & Valemount Volunteer Fire Departments

The Board has approved a mutual aid agreement between the Valemount and District Volunteer Fire Department and McBride District Volunteer Fire Department. As part of the agreement, the two departments agree to provide assistance when additional resources are required, promote proactive cross training, equipment standardization and procedural standardization resulting in a coordinated and effective response.

Community Grants

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

- \$3000 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for Measuring Up the North project costs
- \$3353 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for ball field, skating & hall operating costs & rink board repairs
- \$2500 to the Beverly Fire Fighters Association for installation of hydro power to new fire hall
- \$2500 to the Sinclair Mills Education & Recreation Association for recreational and education programs
- \$5000 to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (from Area G)
- \$5000 to the McBride Community Development for information centre costs
- \$2000 to the Tete Jaune Community club for well and culvert costs and installations
- \$25,000 to the Prince George Community Foundation to establish a community endowment fund for Area C

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