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### June 17 Board Meeting Highlights

**Industrial Lands Development Project moves to phase two; PGX to receive \$10,500 from Regional District; Foothills Landfill Annual Report released**

#### **Industrial Lands Development Project moves to phase two**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George will be entering into an agreement with Initiatives Prince George to carry out Phase Two of the Industrial Lands Development project, which identifies areas within the Regional District suitable for industrial development. Phase one included the development of an Industrial Business Opportunity Profile, completion of detailed site evaluations for seven identified sites, and the establishment of an Industrial Lands Advisory Committee to identify issues and processes for bringing Regional District industrial lands to market-readiness. The next phase of the plan includes looking at options for disposition of land, defining standards and acceptable impacts of potential uses and development of a proactive marketing program.

As part of the project, directors were presented with findings from an air quality analysis of potential industrial sites. The report summarized regulatory requirements for new facilities; gathering and processing meteorological and air quality data; dispersion modeling of seven prospective industrial sites; and review of best management practices for the types of facilities anticipated. The report identified which sites, based on air quality would be most suitable for light, intermediate and heavy industrial development.

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#### **PGX to receive \$10,500 from Regional District**

Electoral Area Directors with the Regional District provided Community Grants-in-Aid totaling \$10,500 for the Prince George Exhibition. Representatives from the PGX made a presentation in May asking for \$14,000. The Regional District had been providing \$7000 in annual support for the last three years. Directors from Electoral Areas A, C, E and G each contributed \$2,000. Areas F and H each contributed \$1,000 and \$500 came from Area D. This year's Prince George Exhibition is scheduled for August 11-15.

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#### **Foothills Landfill Annual Report released**

The Annual Report for the Foothills Regional Landfill was presented to Directors. Highlights of the 2009 operating year include:

- 106,308 tonnes representing 95% of the regional municipal solid waste stream was managed at the Foothills facility.
- 7,095 tonnes of the material received at the Landfill was recycled through onsite waste reduction initiatives.
- Approximately 78,161 tonnes of waste, or 98% of all waste landfilled at Regional District facilities, was buried at the Foothills site.
- 5,909 tonnes of yard and garden waste and residual debris from urban mountain pine beetle logging operations were received in 2009.
- Annual groundwater monitoring efforts continued in 2009 with two separate sampling events. Overall, sampling results from 2009 are relatively consistent with results from previous years.
- Completion of the Integrated Landfill Management Plan (ILMP) replacing the 2006 Design & Operations Plan
- Based on the Integrated Landfill Management Plan the estimated lifespan of the current footprint is fifteen years.

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## Community Grants

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

- \$2000 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for liability insurance
- \$88 to the Reid Lake Community Association for SLOCAN fees
- \$685 to the Reid Lake Community Association for liability insurance
- \$1000 to the Beverly Firefighters Association for the Fire Hall Grand Opening
- \$13,500 to the Pineview Oldtimers Slo Pitch for ball diamond improvements
- \$1500 to the Hixon Volunteer Fire Department Society for a dishwasher
- \$500 to the Bear Lake Improvement Society for web site costs
- \$2000 to the McLeod Lake Indian Band for youth activities at the AGM
- \$2290 to the Caledonia Ramblers Trust for picnic tables
- \$1000 to the McBride & District Public Library for Lena Schultz Reading Room service expansion costs
- \$2500 to McBride Secondary School for students' field trip bus costs
- \$3500 to Valemount Area Recreation Development Association for Mountain Host program
- \$1000 to the Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society for an automatic door locking system

Seven different Community Grants totaling \$10,500 were provided to the Prince George Exhibition. Directors from Electoral Areas A, C, E and G each contributed \$2,000. Areas F and H each contributed \$1,000 and \$500 came from Area D.

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