



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – MARCH 22, 2007

Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS)

The Board of Directors was provided with an overview of the new RDIFFG CAD/RMS fire dispatch system that went live on February 28, 2007.

The Board thanked the City of Prince George for its assistance throughout the project and recognized Dave Mitchell and Associates and FDM Software for their leadership as both consultants and software providers.

The CAD/RMS system provides enhanced fire dispatch capabilities and defines a new level of overall public safety.

The Board also recognized that the project was on-time and on-budget.

NCMA Appointment

The Board elected Director Stephanie Killam from the District of Mackenzie as the RDIFFG representative on the North Central Municipal Association Board of Directors.

Community Grants

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

- Sinclair Mills Education and Recreational Club for construction expenses
- Giscome Elementary School for its swim program
- District of Mackenzie for facility and services expenses
- Bear Lake Improvement Society for consultant fees for its Fire Smart Program and landscaping costs, and
- Fraser Basin Council to assist with Fraser River bank stabilization at the community of Shelley.

Property Use Agreement Renewals

The Board gave third reading and adopted bylaws for renewal of 5 year Property Use Agreements with the following organizations:

- Beaverley Community Association for recreational and community use of property located at the corner of Woodland and South Heights Road, which contains a baseball diamond, ice rink and other improvements
- McBride & District Public Library Association for Dominion Street near Third Avenue in McBride, and
- Penny Community Historical Association for a community hall located on the Penny Access Road.

Willow River Recreation Association

The Regional Board adopted a new property use agreement with the Willow River Recreation Association for a portion of the property located near Arnett Road. The Willow River Horse Association is interested in building a horse-riding arena on a 2.4 hectare portion of the land to host horse clinics, play days, gymkhanas and other related functions.

Miworth Regional Transfer Station

The Board approved the renewal of a Licence of Occupation with the Crown for property located at the corner of Catherine Drive and Miworth Road. The facility comprises four, 6 yd³ bear proof transfer station bins and provides residential garbage disposal services for the residents in the Miworth area.

Name Change – Beverly Volunteer Fire Department

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2352 to allow the Beverly Volunteer Fire Department's name to be changed to Beverly Fire/Rescue which more accurately reflects the services provided.

Valemount and District Rescue Squad Coordinator Appointment

The Board appointed Donovan Gee as the Rescue Service Coordinator for the Valemount and District Rescue Service.

Ness Lake Fire Protection Management Committee

The Board appointed Gerald O'Hagan to fill a vacant position on the Ness Lake Fire Protection Management Committee.

Potential for Spring Flooding

The Board received a report regarding pre-planning being done by Regional District staff, to address the potential for Spring flooding due to the heavy snow pack in the Upper Fraser and Coast Range drainages. Pre-planning includes communication with other agencies, review of the local plans for low lying areas and ensuring the Emergency Operations Centre is ready to go.

Union of BC Municipalities Grant Funding – Emergency Preparedness

The Board received notification that the Union of BC Municipalities has approved two grant applications:

- \$5,000 for training and workshops, and
- \$35,000 for investigation of a region-wide approach to emergency planning and response.

Development Permit Summary - January to February 2007

The Board issued the following Development Permits for properties located next to Lakes in the area:

- Permit No. 687 to the Regional District for construction of a picnic shelter within the Ness Lake Regional Park, and
- Permit No. 688 to Klein for construction of a house with a deck, sewage disposal system including septic tank and field and landscaping on Lot 21 of District Lot 9256, Plan 25720 at Bednesti Lake.

Development Permit – Murch Lake

The Board issued a Development Permit to William and Emily Cheung for an increase in the maximum floor area of their recreation cabin to 149 square metres (1650 square feet), on Lot 1, Murch Lake Road, Murch Lake.

Temporary Industrial Use Permits

The Board approved the following Temporary Industrial Use Permits:

- TRC Cedar Limited to allow storage of logs, mulch and/or log product, located on Shelby Road, west of the Village of McBride, for a two year period, and
- Arnold Merrill and Tammy Lundberg to allow an automotive salvage yard on their property at 3785 Birch Road in the Valemount-Cedarside area.

Robson Valley-Canoe Upstream Official Community Plan

The Board adopted Robson Valley-Canoe Upstream Official Community Plan bylaw No. 2290, 2006 which encompasses the area from Mount Robson to Albreda within Electoral Area H. This bylaw has gone through an extensive public review process and is designed to provide a guide to development in the Upper Robson Valley for the next 5 to 10 years. The new Official Community Plan replaces Community Plan Bylaw No. 842, 1986.

Pineview Official Community Plan

The Board adopted Pineview Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2302. This bylaw has gone through an extensive public review process and is designed to guide development in the Pineview area for the next 5 to 10 years. The new Official Community Plan replaces Tabor Lake-Stone Creek Community Plan Bylaw No. 844, 1986.

BK Woods and Water, Highway 97 South

Following a public hearing held January 31, 2007 and approval from the Ministry of Transportation, the Board adopted Bylaw No. 2330 to allow BK Woods and Water Supplies Ltd. to operate their business of pumps, water purification, and waste water system sales, including a shop with a storefront on their property situated on the east side of Cariboo Highway 97 South approximately, 0.5 kilometres north of Holmes Road.

Sand and Gravel Extraction & Processing, Highway 16 West

Following a public hearing, the Board gave second and third readings to a Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2340 for property on Highway 16 just west of Isle Pierre Road. The applicants, Darren and Jackie Yaskow, propose to establish a sand and gravel operation with associated processing and hauling. The bylaw awaits approval from the Ministry of Transportation before it can be considered for adoption.

Proposed Campground – Yeh/Kuo, Cariboo Highway 97 South

The Board gave second and third readings to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2341. The applicants, Shun Yeh and Mei Kuo, propose to construct a 34-unit RV park with full hook-ups on a 6 to 8 hectare area in the northwest corner of the parcel, off of White Road, south of the Willowdale FSR. The bylaw awaits approval from the Ministry of Transportation before it can be considered for adoption.

Proposed Subdivision – Voth, Miworth/Cranbrook Hill

The Board defeated Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2331. The applicant, Lloyd Voth Inc., proposed to subdivide into two lots, property at the west end of Harold Road on Cranbrook Hill near Miworth. Fourteen members of the public attended the public hearing and presented a petition with signatures from landowners in opposition of the development.

ALR Exclusion Application – Schiefelbein, Between Valemount and Jackman Flats

The Board authorized that a public hearing be held regarding the proposal by Hans and Sharron Schiefelbein to exclude the land from the Agricultural Land Reserve on the basis that the land is predominantly sand and small gravel.

Bank Stabilization – Shelley

The Board ratified an application made by the Regional District to the Province Critical Flood Protection Measures Program for funding, which if approved, would be used to do bank stabilization on the Fraser River at Shelley. Undermining and sloughage on the left bank of the Fraser River in January of this year has left this river bank in a state where high spring run-off could impact homes in the Shelley townsite.

Application to Amend an Existing Liquor Primary License – Power King Mountain Resort

The Board gave support to an application made by Powder King Mountain Resort to amend their existing liquor license to allow off-sales, which would include wine, beer, cider, and coolers, but would not include spirits. The Resort proposes to open for off-sales no earlier than 5:30 p.m. to service residents of the resort.

ALR Inclusion Applications

The Board has received notification from the Agricultural Land Commission that the following applications have been approved for inclusion into the ALR:

- Dagleish, east of Murtle Lake, 16.2 hectares
- Dagleish, east of Spence Lake, 14.5 hectares
- Koppe, Reid Lake area across the Nechako River from Isle Pierre, 17.6 hectares
- Austin, near Hidden Lake next to Eskers Provincial Park, 65 hectares
- Goudie, east of Murtle Lake, 70 hectares, and
- Peterson, west of Tete Jaune near Eustice Creek, 12 hectares.

Foothills Transfer Station Roll-off Bin Hauling Tender

The Board approved a tender be issued for roll-off bin hauling services for the transfer station at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010. The service involves the removal and hauling of roll-off bins from the transfer station, across the scale to the fill area, marshalling area or other on-site areas to empty the bins and return them to the transfer station area at the landfill.

Miworth Regional Transfer Station – Land Tenure

The Board authorized the execution of a Licence of Occupation between the Regional District and the Crown for property at the corner of Catherine Drive and Miworth Road, which is used for the Miworth Regional Transfer Station.

Refuse Hauling Services – Regional District Transfer Stations

The Board awarded Solid Waste Hauling Contracts for the following Regional District Transfer Stations:

- ES-07-01 Summit Lake, Bear Lake, and McLeod Lake – to Metro Waste Paper Recovery Inc.
- ES-07-02 Chief Lake, West Lake, and Berman Lake – to PG Sanitation (1990) Ltd.
- ES-07-03 Hixon, Shelley, and Willow River – to Metro Waste Paper Recovery Inc.
- ES-07-04 Miworth, Buckhorn and Red Rock – to PG Sanitation (1990) Ltd.

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