



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – MAY 17, 2007

Presentations

The Board received a presentation from representatives of Graymont Western Inc. in regard to a proposed Limestone quarry and processing plant to be located at Giscome in Electoral Area "F".

The Board received a presentation from the Prince George Airport Authority in regard to the airport's 2006 financial report and their current capital upgrade projects.

Community Grants-in-Aid

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

- Lakes Community Horse Club for arena fencing
- Pilot Mountain Recreation Commission for hall painting
- Pilot Mountain Recreation Commission for insurance, program and hall expenses
- Buckhorn Elementary School Parent Advisory Commission for playground equipment
- McLeod Lake Centennial Club for appreciation dinner expenses
- McLeod Lake Indian Band for an education celebration, and
- Central Interior Fire Chief's Association to assist with the purchase of a combination Mobile Emergency Operations Centre and Fire and Life Safety House.

West Lake Community Sewer System

The Board authorized a new petition for the property owners in the area of the proposed West Lake Community Sewer System to determine if the project should proceed in view of increased costs since system costs were originally estimated in 2003.

Ness Lake Volunteer Fire Department Statutory Right-of-Way – Telus

The Board approved a right-of-way agreement with Telus Communications Inc. for access to their communications hut located on the Ness Lake Fire Hall property.

Joint Emergency Preparedness Program Funding

The Board received notification that the Regional District's application for funding assistance from the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program has been approved for:

- training and education of staff and Emergency Social Service Volunteers, and
- the purchase of equipment for the Emergency Operations Centre.

Mobile Emergency Operations Centre and Fire and Life Safety House

The Board authorized staff to proceed with the competitive bid process for the purchase of a combination unit to be used for a Mobile Emergency Operations Centre and Life and Safety House.

Shelley Townsite Erosion Protection

The Board received a completion report on the Shelley Townsite Erosion Protection Project. This project, funded by the Provincial Government under its Urgent Mitigative Floodworks Program involved some 80 metres of rip-rap bank protection on the Fraser River at Shelley upstream from Prince George. The project was administered by the Fraser Basin Council.

Development Permits Issued

The Board received a report detailing the Development Permits issued in the months of March and April 2007:

- Tabor Lake – Brown, for the construction of a gazebo, free standing deck, green house, covered parking stall, parking area, driveway, fencing and landscaping.
- Bednesti Lake – Klein, for the construction of a single family dwelling with attached deck and a sewage disposal system.

North Central Motorsports Park – Raceway Road off Chief Lake Road

Board approved the 2007 Street Legal Program at North Central Motorsport Park, to run every other Saturday from June 2, 2007 to September 8, 2007. Races will run from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Subdivision Within the ALR – Markham, Valemount

The Board, acting in their delegated capacity as the Agricultural Land Commission, approved an application by Ray and Alison Markham to subdivide their property on Cranberry Lake Road, west of Valemount. The applicants propose the creation of 3 parcels ranging in size from 1.96 hectares to 12.15 hectares. The applicants will now be required to apply for a zoning amendment which will give the public a chance to voice their opinions on the proposal.

Zoning Amendment – Zurowski, Berman Lake

The Board gave first reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2359 and authorized a public hearing be held regarding the proposal by Christy Zurowski and Tae Won Shin to rezone their island property on Berman Lake, to allow seasonal recreational use.

West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Funding

The Board received a report regarding funding available to local governments and First Nations for the implementation of a mosquito control and source reduction program to reduce the risk of occurrence of West Nile virus in BC. The Regional District, in cooperation with member municipalities and First Nations, will use the funding to continue with previous years' initiatives.

Bulk Compost Prices

The Board approved price increases as follows:

- U-load compost to \$12.00 per cubic metre from \$11.13 per cubic metre, and
- We-load compost to \$15.00 per cubic metre from \$13.78 per cubic metre.

These prices will take effect June 1, 2007. The Regional District now also offers 2 cubic foot bagged compost for sale for \$6.00 per bag.

Roll-off Bin Hauling Services, Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill

The Board awarded Roll-off Bin Hauling Services Contract ES-07-05 to Metro Waste Paper Recovery Inc. for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Park Use Permit – Wilkins Regional Park, Drifters Wilderness Adventure Shuttle Service

The Board approved the issuance of a park use permit to Drifters Wilderness Adventure Shuttle Service to provide pick-up and drop-off services for people and equipment (tubes, canoes and kayaks) from Prince George to Wilkins Regional Park during the afternoons on weekends and statutory holidays over the summer months. There would be a fee charged for this service. Prior to issuing the permit, Drifters Wilderness Adventure Shuttle Service will be required to provide proof of insurance as a condition of the permit.

For more information please contact 960-4400.