



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2006

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

- Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for an ice auger for its emergency trailer, and fireworks;
- Pilot Mountain Recreation Commission for sign replacement, operating costs, and swimming lessons;
- Beaverley Community Association for Halloween expenses, and;
- Miworth Community Association for fireworks.

Property Use Agreement – Nukko Lake Community Hall

The Board renewed the Property Use Agreement with the Nukko Lake Recreation Commission for use of the Community Hall for a 5 year term. The agreement is basically the same as the previous agreement.

Property Use Agreement – Tabor Lake Cleanup Society

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2303 which renews the Property Use Agreement with Tabor Lake Cleanup Society for a 5 year term. The Cleanup Society disposes of aquatic weeds from its weed harvesting program on land leased from the Crown by the Regional District.

Property Use Agreement – Hixon Fire Hall

The Board renewed an agreement with the Hixon Volunteer Fire Department Society to provide the Regional District with the use of the fire hall property for fire protection service for a 5 year term. The agreement includes a rent increase from \$7500 to \$12,000 a year, payable to the Society.

Committee Appointment – Nadsilnich (West) Lake Community Sewer

The Board approved the appointment of Larry Hassel to the West Lake Community Sewer Management Committee as recommended by Director Clark.

Property Tax Exemptions

The Board approved the following Property Tax Exemptions:

- Salmon River Recreation Association for property containing a horse riding arena, horse shelter and an announcer's booth property in Electoral Area A
- Prince George Rod and Gun Club for property located near Mount Baldy Hughes within Electoral Area C where a new range facility is currently being constructed
- Caledonia Nordic Ski Club for property located adjacent to Highway 16 within Electoral Area F containing a ski trail network and a small day lodge
- Interior Motorcycle Association for property located near Baldy Huges within Electoral Area C that is used for off-road motorcycle recreation and training purposes
- Valemount Gun Club for property located south of the Village of Valemount within Electoral Area H containing a firing range, and
- Pineview Recreation Commission for property within Electoral Area D used for the Pineview Snow Frolic activities and, potentially, baseball fields in the future.

Service Advisory Committee – Buckhorn

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2318 which establishes a local service committee in the Buckhorn Area. The committee comprising of local residents would provide advice and recommendations to the Regional District through the Electoral Area Director with regard to budgeting, capital purchases, long term financial planning and other matters which may be referred by the Regional District.

Joint Emergency Preparedness Program Grant

The Board approved proceeding with an application for grant funding from the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program for assistance with training, education and equipment costs and to assist with the purchase of a mobile Emergency Operations Centre and Fire and Life Safety House.

Building Statistics – September 2006

The Board received a report that a total of 374 permits, valued at \$18,283,850 have been issued to the end of September 2006. 75 single-family dwelling permits valued at \$14,001,500 have been issued, compared to 52 dwellings last year at a value of \$8,265,710.

Lakeshore Development Permits – September

The Board received a report that the following Lakeshore Development Permits were issued in September 2006:

- Bergeron/Bissell – Ness Lake, to allow the relocation of a portion of the legal side lot line
- Dlege – West Lake, to allow construction of a house, woodshed, three retaining walls, gazebo, garage, septic system, driveway, and landscaping including re-vegetation
- Arnett – Bednesti Lake, to allow construction of a storage shed and landscaping, and
- Kidd – Chief Lake, to allow construction of a house with two decks, sewage system, gravel driveway, and landscaping.

Temporary Use Permit – Canadian Forest Products Ltd.

The Board issued a two-year Temporary Use Permit to Canadian Forest Products for a weigh scale and fuel depot located on the north side of the 200 Road, west of Canfor's Polar Mill site in Bear Lake. Canfor is relocating its weigh scale from the Polar Sawmill yard to adjacent land while twinning the scale and adding a fuel depot to increase efficiency. Hours of operation are to be from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2304 – Miles – Beaverley

The Board held a Public Hearing and gave second and third readings to a Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2304 to allow the applicants to subdivide approximately 8 acres from the northeast part of their land along the Yellowhead Highway 16 for construction of a new Beverly Firehall.

ALR Exclusion Application – Liedl

The Board received notification that the application by Rudi Liedl to have his property at 3280 Torpy Road, south of the Prince George Airport, excluded from the ALR to develop a light industrial subdivision, was approved by the Agricultural Land Commission.

Zoning Bylaw No. 833, Housekeeping Amendment

The Board adopted Bylaw No. 2301, 2006 for the purpose of improving and cleaning up various sections of Zoning Bylaw No. 833. The Ministry of Transportation provided approval prior to adoption.

Pineview Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2303

The Board gave second and third readings to the Pineview Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2302, 2006. This amendment replaces the current Tabor-Stone Creek Official Community Plan for certain areas in the Pineview area. The next step in the process is to forward the bylaw to the Minister of Community Services for approval and, once received, consider adoption.

Robson Valley-Canoe Upstream Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2290

The Board gave third reading to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2290, 2006 that amends the current Official Community Plan from Mount Robson to Albreda within Electoral Area H. The Downstream portion of the Community Plan (from Tete Jaune Cache to Dome Creek) was amended in 2002. This Bylaw will also be forwarded to the Ministry of Community Services prior to being considered for adoption.

Billboard Sign Structures

The Board received a report that the four signs erected on two different properties on Highway 16 East in September have been removed and relocated to meet the terms of the bylaw. Since the sign infractions have been corrected no further action is required.

Valemount Community Forest Proposal

The Board gave support to an application by the Village of Valemount for a Community Forest in the Tete Jaune to Valemount area. Board support for the Community Forest proposal is only one step in what appears to be a fairly comprehensive process. The benefits to the Village of Valemount and the surrounding area include preservation and management of a community water supply, the potential for wildfire fuel management, local employment, and a legacy for the future.

Cultural Plan and Park Operations Service Agreement – Huble Homestead – Giscome Portage Heritage Society

The Board approved a five-year agreement between the Regional District and the Huble Homestead – Giscome Portage Heritage Society for the continued operation of the Huble Homestead site at Giscome-Portage Regional Park.

Mountain Pine Beetle Impacts on Regional District Properties

The Board supported an application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for funding under the Strategic Wildfire Protection Program. Should the application be approved, any grant funding received would be used to fund assessment and treatment work on Regional District properties impacted by mountain pine beetle.

Heritage Conservation Bylaw No. 2293

The Board adopted Bylaw No 2293 which authorizes the Regional District to borrow up to \$1.5 million for the acquisition of real property. Approval from the electors was obtained on October 10, 2006 through the Alternate Approval Process conducted throughout the region.

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