



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 18, 2007

Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill Property Purchase

Board approved an offer from the Province to purchase an 87 hectare parcel of land currently under lease to the Regional District and the location of the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill and Recycling Centre. As owner of the property, the Regional District will be able to advance its Landfill Gas Management Plan towards the beneficial use of the gas. In line with the land purchase, the Board supported an Expression of Interest to the Mountain Pine Beetle Community Economic Development Initiative for a grant to undertake a detailed study on the feasibility of greenhouse operations using landfill gas.

Long Service Awards

Presentations of Federal and Provincial long service medals were made to Bruce Waldner (Bear Lake Fire Chief, retired), Bruce Perrin (Beaverly Fire/Rescue Chief) and David Hruby (McBride and District Fire Chief). The awards recognize 20-25 years in the fire service by the respective individuals.

Property Tax Exemption

The Regional Board approved the following property tax exemptions:

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

Cultural Capitals of Canada

The Board approved the submission of an application to the Cultural Capitals of Canada awards program.

Community Grants

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

- Central Interior Chapter of the BC Sustainable Energy Association for presentation expenses, Areas A and H
- Lakes Cemetery Society for site improvements
- Ness Lake Recreation Commission for cleanup and improvements of the ball park and boat launch, as well as hall and playground maintenance and newsletter expenses
- Reid Lake Community Association for roof inspection
- Beaverley Community Association for fireworks, and
- Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for fireworks.

Willow River Sewer and Water Service

The Board received a report from staff advising that 85% of Willow River residents who responded to a Regional District survey would be supportive of continued efforts to bring sewer and water service to the community. The first phase would be a referendum to obtain taxpayers consent to help fund a design study to determine accurate costs and issues related to constructing sewer and water systems. Staff are also investigating grant programs and funding options that would assist with the cost of these systems.

West Lake Community Sewer

The Board approved the property that the community hall is located on be included within the boundaries of the West Lake Community Sewer Service area.

Buckhorn Community Sewer

The Board approved a contract between the Sawatzky's and the Regional District, to establish the costs of extending the Buckhorn Community Sewer to their property, be prepared for Board's consideration.

Bear Lake Recreation Property

The Board gave third reading to a proposed Property Use Agreement Bylaw with the Bear Lake Recreation Association for property located at the corner of Hart Lake Road and Cinnamon Road, which contains the community hall, skating rink, ball diamond, tennis court and other improvements. In keeping with the *Local Government Act*, two Notices of Intention will now be published in the newspaper prior to the bylaw being presented to the Board for adoption.

Grant Application

The Board approved an application be made to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program for grant funding for programs related to emergency preparedness.

Hixon Volunteer Fire Department

The Board approved the awarding of the supply of a new Urban Interface/Structural Firefighting Apparatus to Hub Fire Engines in the amount of \$218,115 not including taxes.

Building Statistics – September 2007

The Board received a report highlighting that a total of 433 permits, valued at \$26,062,500 had been issued from January 1 to the end of September 2007. 80 single-family dwelling permits valued at \$18,598,000 have been issued, compared to 66 dwellings last year. Building permits are required for construction throughout the Regional District.

Proposed Cabins – Basran - McBride

The Board, following a Public Hearing held October 1, 2007, approved a 2-year Temporary Use Permit for Rajpal and Sheila Basran to construct and operate a campground of up to 10 cabins on their 33-acre parcel located at 1690 Samson Road.

Second Dwelling – Norlander/Ottaway – Swift Current Creek

The Board adopted a zoning amendment to allow the owners, Carmen Ottaway and Glen Norlander to construct a second residence on their property at 14010 Swift Current Creek Road near Mount Robson.

Log Home Construction Business – Blackman - Valemount

The Board adopted a zoning amendment to allow the owners, Arthur, Irene and Ellice Blackman, to operate a log home construction business on approximately 4-6 acres of their property located on Blackman Road north of Valemount. The log home construction business has been operating at this location under a Temporary Industrial Use Permit for the past two years.

Proposed Subdivision – L & M Engineering Ltd./Trade Works Development Inc. – Beaverley

The Board, following a Public Hearing held October 3, 2007, gave third reading to an application by L & M Engineering, acting on behalf of Trade Works Development Inc., to subdivide property located at 11230 West Beaverley Road North into 30 lots ranging in size from 4 acres to 6.3 acres.

Subdivision – Peterson - Eaglet Lake Area

The Board, following a Public Hearing held October 3, 2007, adopted a bylaw to allow Kenneth and Sharon Peterson to subdivide their property at 30793 Upper Fraser Valley Road east of Eaglet Lake into 3 lots and a remainder.

Campground, RV and Farm Equipment Sales – Nohr - Old Cariboo Highway

The Board, acting in their delegated capacity as the Agricultural Land Commission, approved an ALR application by Ronald and Hazel Nohr for subdivision and non-farm use of a 28-acre portion of their property at 10745 Old Cariboo Highway. The owners would like to develop a campground and a recreational vehicle and farm equipment sales business on the 28 acres. A successful rezoning of the property will still be required before development may occur.

Zoning Amendment – Tallus Road at Summit Lake

The Board gave second reading and approved a Public Hearing regarding the rezoning of lots on Tallus Road adjacent to Summit Lake. The purpose of the rezoning would be to allow two primary uses – Recreation Cabin and Single-Family Residential. It is also proposed to limit recreation cabins to one per property and to remove the maximum size for a recreation cabin within the new zoning.

Corporate Flag

The Board authorized Concept Design Ltd. to be retained to prepare conceptual designs for a corporate flag. The designs will be reviewed by the Board at a future meeting.

Expense Reimbursement

The Board approved a new policy to streamline the process for reimbursement of costs incurred by directors on behalf of the Regional District.

For more information please contact 960-4400.