



HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

- Lakes Cemetery Society for insurance
- Reid Lake Community Association for insurance
- Miworth Community Association for fireworks
- Pineview Volunteer Firefighter Association for rescue equipment updates
- Hixon Community Association for program, aquatic, playground and Fall Fair expenses
- Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for operating expenses, and
- McLeod Lake Centennial Club for flood cleanup, furnace and hot water tank expenses.

Public Awareness and Education Display

On August 9-12, 2007, the Regional District showcased its public awareness and education display at the Prince George Exhibition. More than 35,000 people attended the exhibition. This is our annual opportunity to educate the general public regarding the many services offered by the Regional District as well as to promote regional parks, heritage, and cultural sites in an interesting, colourful, and approachable manner. This year's emphasis was on emergency preparedness and the new Regional District website.

West Lake Community Sewer Right-of-Way

The Board approved the execution of Right-of-Way Agreements between the Regional District and the property owners along West Lake Estates Road and Flynn Road who will be connected to the new West Lake Community Sewer.

Bendixon Community Sewer Right

The Board approved the execution of Right-of-Way Agreements between the Regional District and six property owners who will have the main sewer line for the new Bendixon Community Sewer system crossing their property.

Hixon Volunteer Fire Department

The Board authorized staff to call for competitive bids for a new Urban Interface/Structural Firefighting Apparatus for the Hixon Volunteer Fire Department.

Chilako River-Nechako Rescue Service

The Board approved the proposal by KGC Fire Rescue Inc. to supply new hydraulic rescue equipment for the Chilako River-Nechako Rescue Service in the amount of \$27,530 not including taxes.

Valemount and District Fire Protection Service

The Board gave third reading to a bylaw which proposes to expand the Valemount and District Fire Protection Service area to include properties located outside the present southern and northern boundaries of the service area along Highway 5 North, Blackman Road, Highway 5 South, Sunny View Road and Bear Road.

Ness Lake Fire Hall

The Board approved the proposal by J.F.K. Enterprises Ltd. for the assembly of the steel building at the Ness Lake Fire Hall in the amount of \$28,830 not including taxes.

Building Statistics – August 2007

The Board received a report highlighting that a total of 378 permits, valued at \$23,780,900 had been issued from January 1 to the end of August 2007. 74 single-family dwelling permits valued at \$17,359,000 have been issued, compared to 66 dwellings last year. Building permits are required for construction throughout the Regional District.

Advisory Planning Committee Appointments

The Board approved the appointment of Peter Koppe and Sheila Dornbusch to the Salmon River-Lakes Advisory Planning Commission in Electoral Area 'A'.

Temporary Lumber Storage – Bear Lake

The Board approved the renewal of a two-year Temporary Industrial Use Permit for Canadian Forest Products Inc. for the storage of lumber on an approximately 7-acre portion of District Lot 4720, Cariboo District at Hart Lake Road in Bear Lake.

ALR Exclusion – North of Valemount

The Board received notification from the Agricultural Land Commission that the application made by Hans and Sharron Schiefelbein to have their property on Highway 5 north of Valemount and south of Jackman Flats close to the Blackman Road area excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve, has been approved.

Proposed Cabins in the ALR - Basran

The Board, exercising its delegated authority from the Agricultural Land Commission, approved an application by 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. The proposal will now need to be considered through a public rezoning or temporary use process.

Zoning Amendment – Sawatzky – Cariboo Highway 97 South

The Board adopted a bylaw to allow Peter and Carolyn Sawatzky to amend the zoning on a portion of their industrial property located at 15270 and 15320 Cariboo Highway, to allow a storage/warehouse use.

Second Dwelling – Norlander/Ottaway – Swift Current Creek

The Board received the minutes of a public hearing and granted third reading to a zoning amendment that will now be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation for approval. The proposal is by Carmen Ottaway and Glen Norlander to allow a second residence on their property at 14010 Swift Current Creek Road near Mount Robson. Once Ministry of Transportation approval is received the bylaw will be brought back to the Board for consideration of adoption.

Log Home Construction Business – Blackman - Valemount

The Board received the minutes of a public hearing and granted third reading to a Community Plan and zoning amendment which will now be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation for approval. The proposal, by Arthur, Irene and Ellice Blackman, is to allow a log home construction business on approximately 4-6 acres of their property located on Blackman Road north of Valemount. They have operated a log home construction business at this location under a Temporary Industrial Use Permit for the past two years. Once Ministry of Transportation approval is received the bylaw will be brought back to the Board for consideration of adoption.

Property Line Realignments – BCR Properties Ltd./L & M Engineering Ltd. – Willow Cale Forest Rd.

The Board adopted bylaws for Community Plan and zoning amendments to realign the existing boundary designations and zones for future subdivision of the property into 4 parcels. The proposal, by L & M Engineering Ltd. acting on behalf of the owners, BCR Properties Ltd., is for property is located at 12550 and 12605 Willow Cale Forest Road, south of the Prince George City boundary in Electoral Area 'D'.

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

The Board, exercising its delegated authority from the Agricultural Land Commission, approved 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. The Board also gave first and second readings and authorized a public hearing be held for a zoning amendment bylaw to allow the proposed subdivision.

Subdivision – Eaglet Lake Area, Peterson

The Board gave first and second readings and authorized a public hearing be held regarding the proposal by Kennith and Sharon Peterson to subdivide their property at 30793 Upper Fraser Valley Road east of Eaglet Lake into 3 lots and a remainder.

OCP Amendment – Dyno Nobel Canada Inc.

The Regional Board defeated first reading on an Official Community Plan amendment bylaw for a proposal by Dyno Nobel Canada Inc. to establishment an explosive emulsion manufacturing facility at a remote site located approximately 57.7 kilometres west of McBride, approximately near Crescent Spur. The Regional Board directed staff to work with Dyno Nobel to find an appropriate location for the business within the Regional District.

Fraser River Bank Stabilization at Shelley

The Board approved a letter of support be provided to the Shell-Glen Improvement society to assist its efforts in securing additional bank stabilization funding from senior levels of government.

Unightly Premises Clean-Up

The Board, following a public consideration, declared the property at 8570 Chilcotin Road as unsightly. The owners have 30 days to bring the property into compliance.

Bear Lake Transfer Station

The Board approved the renewal, for a 1-year term, of caretaker services for the Bear Lake, Summit Lake and McLeod Lake Regional Transfer Stations with Sherman Claypool for \$26,160 not including GST. This amount is unchanged from his current contract.

Foothills Landfill 2006 Annual Report

The Board received a report with highlights of the 2006 operating year include:

- 97,230 tonnes, representing 88% of the regional municipal solid waste stream, was managed at the Foothills facility.
- 11,280 tonnes of the material received at the landfill was recycled through onsite waste reduction initiatives. This represents 58% of all Regional District recycling efforts.
- 85,950 tonnes of waste, or 98% of all waste landfilled at Regional District facilities, was buried at the Foothills site.
- 213,600 cubic metres of airspace was consumed leaving 2,070,400 cubic metres of airspace.
- The estimated lifespan of the current footprint is 12 years.
- Composting feedstock deliveries decreased by 7% over 2005. This is in contrast to the continued increases that have occurred over the last 2 years due to residential Pine Beetle tree removal activities.

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- Annual groundwater monitoring efforts continued in 2006 with two separate sampling events. Overall, sampling results from 2006 are relatively consistent with results from previous years.

Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill Rejected as Approved Site for the Disposal of SRMs:

Based on the site inspections and document review the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has determined that the landfill site does not meet all the requirements necessary to become an approved disposal site for Specified Risk Materials (SRMs).

Staff has contacted the meat processing businesses that have used the landfill in the past to notify them of the changes. Very few of the meat packing/processing businesses actually handle SRMs, so the inconvenience of these changes effect a select number.

Electoral Boundaries Commission Proposal

The Board approved a proposal from the Chair to request the NCMA prepare a written submission on behalf of local governments in the north concerned with proposed electoral district boundary changes.

Fraser Basin Council

The Board approved payment of \$20,409 to the Fraser Basin Council for 2007-08 to assist with the activities of the Council.

Electoral Area Administration Service

The Board gave third reading to Bylaw No. 2392 which will provide a mechanism for funding electoral area administration and governance costs. Participating area approval will be sought by way of director consent.

Local Service Advisory Committees

The Board adopted Bylaws No. 2388 and 2398 which establish committees in the Shelley, Foreman Flats, Willow River and Giscome areas to provide advice to the Regional District on local services and land-use issues in those areas.

Railway Crossing Concerns

The Board directed staff to research the availability of funding for upgrading public rail crossings in the Shelley and Miworth areas.