



The Region of BC's Best

The Current



Highlights from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors' Meeting of April 19, 2018

Bylaw Passed for Election, Referendums

Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 2648, 2018, was granted third Reading and adoption by the Board. It sets out the procedures for conducting the General Local Election and referendums planned for this year.

The existing bylaw was adopted in 2014 and only minor amendments were necessary for a new voting procedure bylaw for 2018.

In addition to the General Local Election that will be held on October 20, three referendums are also expected this spring/summer for the proposed establishment of TNRD-administered fire services.

The new Voting Bylaw:

- Removes reference to a required advance voting day being scheduled on a statutory holiday (no longer needed as the general local election has moved to October instead of November)
- Removes reference to the hours that required advance voting opportunities will be held (this is legislated and therefore redundant in an election procedures bylaw)

Bylaws Given Third Reading Ahead of Fire Protection Referendums

The board gave third reading to three Fire Protection Service Area Establishment Bylaws ahead of public-assent processes for three independent fire departments to become TNRD-administrated volunteer fire departments.

The fire departments are located in McLure, South Green Lake and Loon Lake.

The bylaws will be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval and if the

referendums are successful, they will be granted fourth reading and adoption.

The proponent groups in those communities have requested that public assents be conducted by way of referendum. The referendums will take place June 23 following another round of public meetings. There will also be opportunities for mail-in voting and early voting.

Under the old model for fire services operated by independent societies, the TNRD established financial contribution services that allowed for the collection of taxes.

The Board has now established a new policy outlining the requirements for establishing new TNRD-administered fire departments and eliminated funding for the five financial contribution fire departments as of December 31, 2022.

There are still two more meetings with proponent groups (Little Fort and Tobiano) that will be held later this month. The Board approved moving forward to assent for these two services through the petition process.

Changes from China Mandate Source Separation for Recyclables

The Board adopted a series of measures to deal with recent policy changes in China surrounding recyclable materials.

China, which has historically received two-thirds of North America recyclables, is now banning the import of all but the cleanest, most tidily separated and organized bales of recyclable material, and is completely banning some types altogether.

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Regular Board Meeting — Thursday, May 17, 1:30 p.m.

Emergency/Protective Services Committee — Thursday, May 17, 10 a.m.

Solid Waste Management Committee — Wednesday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.



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The TNRD is witnessing the industry-wide impact of these near unachievable standards as processing fees have nearly tripled in the past eight months, and more recently our processor has been forced to stop accepting mixed recycling all together.

In the wake of these changes, the TNRD must convert from its current single-stream (mixed) recycling program to a multi-stream recycling program, requiring separation at drop-off at all solid waste facilities. Source-separated recycling is inherently far less contaminated and therefore more desirable and marketable in today's volatile recycling market.

Implementing source separation at all TNRD solid waste facilities will also prepare them to be aligned with the Recycle BC (RBC) model, which the TNRD will be adopting after receiving a formal offer from RBC to participate in their program.

The measures passed by the Board include:

- Implementation of a source-separated, multi-stream recycling system that conforms to Recycle BC requirements at all TNRD solid waste facilities
- Development of a transition plan, in cooperation with each municipality, for either closure or conversion to Recycle BC standards for municipal recycling depots in Cache Creek, Ashcroft, Merritt, and Chase
- Making member municipalities of Barriere, Chase, Merritt and Logan Lake (Recycle BC wait-listed member municipalities), as well as other commercial customers offloading at TNRD solid waste facilities, responsible for the processing fees for single-stream (mixed) recycling being paid by the TNRD, effective September 1, 2018
- Continuing to assist the wait-listed member municipalities (Barriere, Chase, Merritt and Logan Lake) to get signed on with the Recycle BC program

Bylaw Anticipates Recreational Pot Sales

Following a public hearing, Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2646, 2018, was granted third Reading and adoption by the Board.

The amendment excludes the sale of cannabis as a part of retail commercial use in rural areas and directs these ventures to municipalities that have broader authority and powers, such as business licensing.

Alternatively, it will compel a retail sales outlet to apply for rezoning to be lawful in the TNRD.

Dry Cabin Amending Bylaw Adopted

Also following a public hearing, Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2645, 2018, was granted third reading and adoption by the Board. The amending bylaw, which addresses zoning for "dry cabins", had also been mailed out to homeowners impacted by the summer's wildfire on the south shore of Loon Lake.

The bylaw rezones 50 water-access parcels along the south shore of Loon Lake, allowing owners of seasonal recreational property with no road access and no servicing to reconstruct a cabin without plumbing and onsite sewerage disposal system.

Gas Tax Funds Approved

The Board approved the expenditure to a maximum of \$15,000 from Federal Gas Tax Revenues-Community Works Fund component, allocated to Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and the Peaks), to fund the erosion control and safety upgrading on the Pimpernot Trail of the Harper Mountain Trail Network.

The Board also approved an amendment to the maximum contribution of Federal Gas Tax-Community Works Fund revenues allocated for energy efficiency upgrades at the McLure Fire Hall. The maximum contribution is now \$122,000.