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Highlights from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors' Meeting of June 14, 2018

Board Gets Update About

Victoria from Kamloops MLAs

Kamloops MLAs Todd Stone and Peter Milobar appeared before the Board to share what has been happening in the Legislature as it relates to the Regional District. They also answered questions from the Board Directors about Employer Health Tax, delayed highway improvement projects, reduction of the annual allowable timber cut and timely access to primary care.

Savona Water System

Security Issuing Bylaw Adopted

Savona Community Water System Security Issuing Bylaw No. 2654, 2018, was granted Third Reading and Adoption by the Board.

The Bylaw will allow for the costs of capital upgrades to the Savona Water System, which were financed through temporary borrowing, to be converted to long-term borrowing and a 20-year debenture through the Municipal Finance Authority. Debt retirement will be accomplished through annual parcel taxes from those properties within the service area that did not commute the tax.

A public meeting was held in January to update the community and remind them of the history of borrowing. A commutation opportunity was offered with individual letters addressed to property owners and with a deadline of April 30, 2018.

Savona Community Water Service area property owners approved borrowing of up to \$1.2 million in 2006 for capital upgrades to the water system, which are now complete and most recently include a new reservoir.

Winery's Amphitheatre to Go Ahead

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2578, 2016, was adopted by the Board. The amending bylaw will allow Monte Creek Winery to host events at an open-air amphitheatre, which can include overflow event parking.

Monte Creek Winery proponents requested site-specific amendments to Zoning Bylaw 2400 to allow an open-air amphitheatre and overflow event parking. Following a Public Hearing at the November 24, 2016, regular meeting, the amendment was given Third Reading with a further requirement that staff negotiate a covenant with the property owners to secure a noise-management plan before consideration of bylaw adoption.

Since that time, Monte Creek Winery has worked with its legal counsel, technical consultants and TNRD Planning Services staff to prepare a suitably worded covenant that secures/implements a noise management/mitigation plan.

Based on technical consultant and legal counsel input, the Noise Mitigation Covenant includes the following requirements:

- All amplified sound from the amphitheatre and outdoor assembly areas must cease at 11 p.m.
- The amphitheatre seating area and surrounding walls/berms must be constructed of acoustically absorbent and sound diminishing materials with the ground level at least 5 metres below average grade for sound containment.
- The stage and band shell area must face the forested slope and focus sound into the amphitheatre including use of an overhead structure that reflects sound down and into the audience area.

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- The rear/north wall of the stage and band shell building must be a minimum of 13 metres (42.6 feet) wide and nine metres (30 feet) high with a sound transmission rating of 60 decibels minimum to prevent sound from projecting in the direction of neighbouring properties.

Bylaw 2578 was also approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pursuant to Section 52 of the Transportation Act on May 24, 2018.

Board Approves Move of Community Park

As recommended by the Wells Gray Country Services Committee, the Board approved the reallocation of funds that were intended for the Blackpool Community Park project proposed for 155 Ferry Rd. The money will now go towards the development of a community park at 10 Ferry Rd., referred to as Ferry Road Park.

The reallocation was necessitated by the withdrawal of the offer of property adjacent to the Blackpool Community Hall for the use of a community park.

The original allocation of funds included capital funds of \$199,653, and Federal Gas Tax funds of \$20,000.

It is anticipated that park planning can begin in the fall with an anticipated construction completion date of 2020.

Archie Clemes Hall Gets Upgrade Funds

The Board approved the expenditure to a maximum of \$40,000 from Federal Gas Tax Revenues -Community Works Fund component allocated to Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country) to fund energy efficiency upgrades at Archie Clemes Community Hall.

TNRD Looks to UBCM to Help with Paper Recycling Amendment

The Board approved sending a resolution

to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for consideration at its 2018 Convention. It asks the UBCM to lobby the Province to amend Recycling Regulation 449/2004, which deals with recycling of packaging and printed paper (PPP).

The amendment asks that the Province include the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector in the requirement for Extended Producer Responsibility Plans for PPP. Extended Producer Responsibility Plans (also called stewardship programs) include Recycle BC, which the TNRD recently entered into a contract with to operate depots and collection services under the Recycle BC program.

The Province made the determination that only residential material was included when PPP was added to the Recycling Regulation in 2011.

ICI recycling being excluded from the Recycle BC program is primarily a concern in rural areas where there is no private sector commercial recycling services.

This lack in services results in the TNRD taxpayers continuing to bear the financial costs of providing ICI recycling options.

Other resolutions that will be forwarded to the UBCM Convention are related to interface wildfire funding and medical marijuana notification.

As well, meetings have been requested with the appropriate Provincial ministers to discuss interface wildfire funding, the Thompson steelhead fishery, and roads in East Blackpool and Birch Island.

The UBCM Convention takes place in Whistler during the week of September 10-14.