

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Held Tuesday, March 12th, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

PRESENT: Mayor Waldo, Councillors Dionne, Fraser, Gough, Nielsen and Whitelegg
Administrator Peter Jmaeff
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant Betty Briggs
Treasurer Doug Pryde

Members of the Public
Members of the Media

ABSENT: Councillor Papineau

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Waldo called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted, with sadness the passing of Councillor Papineau's husband. The service for Brian Papineau will be held on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Summerland's St. Steven's Anglican Church.

PUBLIC HEARING Mayor Waldo reconvened the Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1600 Amendment Bylaw Number 1634, 2002 and Zoning Bylaw No. 1375 Amendment Bylaw Number 1635, 2002 at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Waldo adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m. to March 26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA Item 12(b) Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1638 was deleted.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

ADOPT MINUTES MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Dionne:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 26th, 2002 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

M. BAXTER Ms. Moyra Baxter, Trustee for School District No. 23, addressed Council
SCHOOL BOARD regarding the possible closure of George Pringle Secondary School. She
G.P.S.S. advised that the School Board is grappling with balancing the budget with the least impact on the students. If George Pringle is amalgamated with Mt. Boucherie, extended school days and year-round school year are being discussed. Ms. Baxter stated that she cannot support those options, other than on an emergency basis.

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G.P.S.S. (CONT.) Ms. Susan Brown, President, GPSS PAC, reviewed the important points of her report to the School Board last week, which was included in Council's Agenda packages. The

extended school day and year-round schooling are disruptive to families, and amalgamation eliminates any necessary choice of schools for students. She advised that the option of year-round schooling was just raised at last week's School Board meeting, so no research has been done, and there are not many opportunities to research the extended school day.

Ms. Baxter stated that although year-round schooling can work, it needs preparation time. Her personal feeling is that the Board needs to spend more time studying the issues before any decisions are made.

MOVED by Councillor Nielsen, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the Council of the District of Peachland express to the School Board its concern that George Pringle Secondary School may close;

AND THAT many Peachland residents share this concern.

CARRIED.

FIRE CHIEF WILSON Peachland Fire & Rescue Service Chief Donald Wilson addressed Council **HOUSE # SIGNS** regarding the importance for all residents to display the reflective green house number signs at their driveways fast emergency response. The Peachland Fire and Rescue Service will accept orders for the signs and the cost is \$25 including taxes. Chief Wilson asked Council to assist with advertising this service.

MOVED by Councillor Dionne, SECONDED by Councillor Whitelegg:

THAT Council endorses the house number signs program as proposed by the Peachland Fire and Rescue Service.

CARRIED.

CAPT. D. ROSS Peachland Fire & Rescue Service Captain Dave Ross requested funding **EQUIPMENT** assistance from Council towards the purchase of night vision equipment and an automatic external defibrillator. He explained that the PFRS is fund raising for the \$13,000 required for both items. He described the value of the night vision equipment for lake and shore searches, and the AED's value to the first responder function of the Department.

MOVED by Councillor Dionne, SECONDED by Councillor Whitelegg:

THAT the Municipality provide \$3,000 towards the purchase of the automatic external defibrillator, and \$750 towards the purchase of the night vision equipment for the Peachland Fire & Rescue Service.

CARRIED.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

MAYOR WALDO Mayor Waldo asked Administration to ensure that any sea-doo rental businesses operate the machines on the lake south of Princeton Avenue only.

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COUNCILLOR DIONNE Councillor Dionne announced the marriage of her son on Sunday past.

COUNCILLOR NIELSEN Councillor Nielsen advised that the 2001 census figure for Peachland is 4,654.

COUNCILLOR GOUGH Councillor Gough stated that the policing reserve fund should now be returned to the taxpayers, as was promised its collection was initiated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HWY. 97 IMPROVEMENT Councillors Nielsen and Whitelegg have been attending Committee meetings at the invitation of Mayor Cameron of Summerland to investigate ideas for improving the stretch of Hwy. 97 between Summerland and Peachland. They will attend another meeting tomorrow morning, at which Bud Smith, Former Attorney General and now with Urban Systems, will attend. Councillor Whitelegg is a proponent of the Hi-Line Highway concept.

MAYOR WALDO Mayor Waldo advised that Council members are invited to attend a meeting on March 19th at the CORD office with City of Kelowna's Mayor Walter Gray advancing ideas for the bridge replacement.

REPORTS

BEACH AVE. NORTH The Administrator presented a report regarding past actions and a recent Committee of the Whole meeting with Beach Avenue North residents regarding improvements to Beach Avenue in that area.

Councillor Gough excused himself from discussion, expressing a conflict as he lives in this neighbourhood.

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Nielsen:

THAT Council endorse the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for Beach Avenue north as follows:

- i) more effective speed control enforcement be implemented
- ii) installation of one rumble strip or domes on a trial basis located near the water intake station, with snow removal maintained at current level
- iii) installation of two street lights: one on Hydro pole north of water intake station, second on the new pole placed in November, with second light requiring a shield
- iv) removal of gravel and relocation of rocks from newly installed parking area in front of the Gregory residence. Do not remove rocks along Beach Avenue; leave parking issues alone at this time.
- v) permission to install 2 or 3 pooper scooper bag dispenser boxes by the residents
- vi) direct Bylaw Enforcement Officer to ensure that parking is discouraged and to advise residents of the 72 hour restriction by Provincial Statute.

DEFEATED.

Mayor Waldo, Councillors Dionne and Whitelegg OPPOSED.

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BEACH AVE. NORTH (CONT.) Discussion took place regarding the parking area recently constructed in front of the Gregory residence, the fact that parking is one of the largest and most unsafe issues in the area, the fact that parking could be developed on the road right-of-way on the west side of Beach Avenue, and the fact that costs were incurred to construct the new parking area. It was suggested that the parking area be left as is for a trial period to see how well it works.

MOVED by Councillor Whitelegg, SECONDED by Councillor Dionne:

THAT Council endorse the following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole:

- i) more effective speed control be implemented
- ii) installation of one rumble strip or domes on a trial basis located near the water intake station, with snow removal maintained at current level
- iii) installation of two street lights: one on Hydro pole north of water intake station, the

- second on the new pole placed in November; the second light requires shielding
 iv) permission to install 2 or 3 pooper scooper bag dispenser boxes by the residents
 v) direct Bylaw Enforcement Officer to ensure that parking is discouraged and to advise residents of the 72 hour parking restriction by Provincial Statute.

CARRIED.
 Councillor Fraser OPPOSED.

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Whitelegg:

THAT Council rescind the December 11, 2001 resolutions as follows:

- i) staff be authorized to develop 6 gravel parking areas north of Trepanier Creek bridge on the east side of Beach Avenue at a cost of \$4,500; and
- ii) staff be authorized to install speed control rumble strips in 6 locations at a cost of \$2,500.

CARRIED.

**C.O.R.D. LOAN
 AUTHORIZATION
 NUT FORM**

The Administrator presented a report requesting support of the Central Okanagan Regional District's Loan Authorization for the purchase of the Gellatly Nut Farm.

MOVED by Councillor Gough, SECONDED by Councillor Nielsen:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the District of Peachland does not consent to the Regional District of Central Okanagan Parks Loan Authorization Bylaw Number 962, 2002.

CARRIED.

**CY AID FUNDING
 REQUEST**

It was noted the Agenda listed a funding request from two George Pringle Secondary School students to attend the 2002 Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving Conference in Toronto March 21 to 24.

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ACCESS THROUGH BLOCK A, PLAN 2897 The Administrator presented a report regarding a request for right-of-way through Municipal Lease Block A, Plan 2897, from Mr. Wayne Alton on behalf of Peachland Heights Properties. Several concerns were raised, including excessive grades, wildlife habitat and impact on Ponderosa Drive by increased traffic. The District's Official Community Plan designates this area as Public Open Space.

MOVED by Councillor Dionne, SECONDED by Councillor Nielsen:

THAT Council not proceed with providing a right-of-way over Municipal Lease Block A, Plan 2897 to Peachland Heights Properties.

CARRIED.

C.O.R.D. TRANSIT TAX REQUISITION The Administrator presented a report requesting approval to amendments of the CORD Urban Transit Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw, which will result in approximately \$33 less property taxes for Peachland property owners.

MOVED by Councillor Nielsen, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Council approves the amendments to the Regional District of Central Okanagan Urban Transit Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw Number 376, 1990, as amended by Bylaw No. 722 and Bylaw No. 765 and 935, and the amendments to the Regional District of Central Okanagan Handi-Dart Transit Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 419, 1990.

CARRIED.

OFFICE CLOSURE The Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant presented a report requesting

DEC. 27TH

Council's authority to close the Municipal Office for Friday, December 27, 2002. A poll of inside staff was taken and 100% were in favour of saving a vacation day. A survey of Okanagan municipalities was taken, with 5 of 7 municipalities closing between Christmas and New Year's.

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Gough:

THAT Council authorizes the closure of the Municipal Office for one business day, Friday, December 27th, 2002.

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS**IN CAMERA MTG.**

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Dionne:

THAT an In Camera Meeting be held Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to Section 242(2) of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED.

**MR. & MRS.
COLDHAM**

Mayor Waldo extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Coldham on their 55th wedding anniversary this month.

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BYLAWS**#1637**

MOVED by Councillor Nielsen, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Business License Bylaw Number 1637, 2002 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS (CONT.)**POLICING COSTS**

MOVED by Councillor Whitelegg, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the District is not to collect the 2.87% funding through taxes for contribution to the policing reserve fund this year;

AND THAT the existing policing reserve fund be maintained until policing costs are levied by the Province.

CARRIED.

Councillors Dionne and Gough OPPOSED.

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Prior to the vote, discussion took place, including: the Province is considering collecting policing costs on an equitable for all basis, not on reaching 5,000 population basis; hold to Council's word and return the money as promised, advising residents that policing costs are still to come; difficulty is we don't know yet what the costs will be; Peachland may have to share station costs with Westbank; provincial government has changed and so has the formula for policing costs

QUESTION PERIOD

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ANONYMOUS

A resident asked if the District has decided what it will do with funds on deposit once the agreement with Valley First Credit Union expires.

The Mayor advised that the District is meeting with Valley First on March 18th, and results will be made public at a Council meeting.

M. BAXTER

Ms. Baxter requested clarification of the Transit Service Tax Requisition; was Peachland paying \$77,000 per year?

Councillor Fraser advised that the District was paying 20% of the Westside transit costs, but had that reduced to 15%.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Councillor Nielsen, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

CARRIED.

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Certified Correct.

_____ **(Originals signed by Mayor & Clerk)** _____
Mayor **Municipal Clerk**

Dated at Peachland, B.C.

This 27th day of March, 2002.