

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Held Tuesday, October 8th, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

PRESENT: Mayor Waldo, Councillors Dionne, Fraser, Gough, Nielsen, Papineau and Whitelegg

Administrator Peter Jmaeff
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant Betty Briggs
Treasurer Doug Pryde

Members of the Public
Members of the Media

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Waldo called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA Add: 10-A Notice of Motion: Councillor Nielsen
11-A Other Business: Councillor Papineau re: Communities In Bloom

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 10, 2002 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

O.C.P. AMENDMENT BYLAW #1653 Mayor Waldo opened the Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1600 Amendment Bylaw Number 1653, 2002 at 7:04 p.m. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

O.R.L. Mr. Don Nettleton, Okanagan Regional Library, advised that ORL is visiting the 22 municipalities which support the ORL. The Board's focus last year was to increase libraries' operating hours up to the ORL standards, and all but 4 have reached that standard. The Golden branch was completely renovated, the Enderby branch was expanded, and the Okanagan Falls branch will be relocated early in 2003. Self/express check-out has been installed in Vernon, and Peachland and Westbank will be the 2nd and 3rd test sites. Overall, library use has been relatively flat, although Peachland branch is very busy. In the budget, it is planned to put more funding into collections; it is hoped expanded resources will increase circulation. In 2004 Summerland branch will be expanded and in 2005, the Vernon branch will be relocated.

The average cost to homeowners throughout the Okanagan Valley was discussed in response to questions from Council. Peachland branch staff were highly praised by Council members.

Mayor Waldo thanked Mr. Nettleton for his presentation.

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D. SECORD Mr. Del Secord apprised Council of the recent Telecom decision regarding expanded local calling area telephone service. Resulting from the decision, Peachland's application for expanded local calling is back to square one and no action is recommended until we hear back from Telus. Information is available at www.crtc.gc.ca.

Mayor Waldo thanked Mr. Secord for his information.

P.V.A. Linda Sarsons announced the All Candidates' Forum to be held Monday, November 4th, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

MAYOR WALDO Mayor Waldo reported on attending the UBCM Convention in Whistler with Councillors Fraser and Nielsen and the Administrator. There was no new information regarding policing costs; overall it was a dismal convention.

Councillor Gough requested the cost to attend.

Mayor Waldo asked the Administrator to clarify the sewer work being done at present, and the proposed works for the recently announced \$9.24 million grant.

Mayor Waldo advised that tours of the Kelowna recycling centre are available.

Mayor Waldo asked that outstanding yards be nominated for next year's awards night.

COUNCILLOR GOUGH Councillor Gough asked Shaw Cable when Council meetings will not be televised. The answer should be known tomorrow.

COUNCILLOR FRASER Councillor Fraser reported on attendance at an Okanagan Regional Library Board meeting on September 18th, at which the 2003 budget, with a 3.99% increase, was adopted.

Councillor Fraser reported on attending the UBCM Convention, and felt the highlight was the address by Premier Campbell at which he announced that a new Okanagan Lake bridge is second the government's priority list. This was a worthwhile convention.

COUNCILLOR PAPINEAU Councillor Papineau announced the Community Events Calendar meeting Oct. 18th, 1:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Councillor Papineau advised that Peachland received a 3 Bloom award in the Communities In Bloom Provincial competition, and displayed the certificate. A meeting with committee members was held this afternoon, with copies of the evaluation distributed.

Calendars showcasing Peachland artists are available through Bert Put for \$20.

Councillor Papineau advised of upcoming events at Fourth Street Place.

**COUNCILLOR
NIELSEN**

Councillor Nielsen advised that Whistler is a poor location for the UBCM Convention as it is inaccessible to everyone. It was a very large convention with over 1,000 delegates. The Small Communities Forum was dominated by very small communities. There was no new information regarding local bylaw courts or policing costs; a very disappointing convention. Next year, UBCM will be held in Penticton.

Councillor Nielsen attended a fund-raising event for the Special Olympics.

**COUNCILLOR
DIONNE**

Councillor Dionne announced a fund-raising event for the Friends of Parrot Sanctuary Society on October 30th at the Community Centre. Robert Fine as Frank Sinatra will perform. Tickets are \$15/each, \$25/couple, or \$100 for a table of 8.

MAYOR WALDO

Mayor Waldo advised residents that water supply levels are very good right now.

Mayor Waldo asked that the Building Bylaw be reviewed towards requiring small volume toilets for any new construction, and requested costs and water savings of same.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**POLICING RESERVE
FUND**

The Treasurer presented a report recommending that the police reserve fund be held in place until costs for policing are determined by the Province. A history of the fund was provided.

The following points were made through discussion:

Councillor Gough: lesson to be learned – it is better to warn taxpayers that cost may be coming and when it comes, it comes.

Councillor Dionne: elected Councils plan for the future and this is not dissimilar to other reserve funds. Council did the right thing; there will be costs for policing. Surplus can be credited to the taxpayers.

Councillor Nielsen: Council wishes it knew what the costs will be. One option is to reduce the tax rate for 2003. Any return should be by way of reduction of tax rate to the taxpayers of today.

Councillor Whitelegg: We debated this reserve fund, we voted to return the money if not needed. Lesson is, don't collect the money unless it's due. When are we going to give it back?

Councillor Fraser: We don't know what the policing costs will be and shouldn't return it or reduce taxes until we do know the costs.

Councillor Gough: have staff bring back to next meeting what we can do, not what we can't.

Mayor Waldo: we have reserve funds, for instance for a new fire truck. The police reserve fund was not intended to be a buffer, but to pay for capital expenditures for policing.

Councillor Dionne: recalls a great deal of discussion; does not recall a resolution to refund. She seconded a motion to credit taxpayers with any funds left over.

POLICING RESERVE FUND (CONT.) MOVED by Councillor Dionne, SECONDED by Councillor Papineau:

THAT Council retain the funds held in the Police Reserve Fund until such time as the restructuring of police financing in municipalities under 5,000 population and unincorporated areas has been completed by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General;

AND THAT any surplus funds are to be returned to property owners in the form of property tax credits or tax rate reduction

CARRIED.

Further discussion clarified that since the police reserve fund was set up, the government has restructured policing costs. This reserve fund will cover the first year costs and the balance will be returned to taxpayers.

Councillor Gough left Chambers at 8:56 pm and returned at 8:58 pm.

STAFF REPORTS

UNIT 10 FORESHORE COMMITTEE The Administrator presented a report requesting Council ratification of appointments to the Unit 10 Foreshore Review Committee and the appointment of a Chairman for the Committee.

Councillor Dionne accepted appointment as Chair of the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Whitelegg, SECONDED by Councillor Papineau:

THAT Council ratifies the appointment of the following six residents to sit on the Unit 10 Foreshore Review Committee:

Terry Condon	Bill Teed	Nan Glushenko
Cheryl Nichol	Jack Crerar	Jessie Shaw.

CARRIED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SEWER COSTS Councillor Nielsen advised that the following resolution will be brought to the next Regular Council Meeting:

WHEREAS the Federal Government of Canada and Government of British Columbia have combined to grant the residents of Peachland in excess of six million dollars to assist our community in construction of sewer works;

AND FURTHER THAT the cost to some homeowners of Peachland to link their residences to the sewer system may be excessive;

NOW THEREFORE the District of Peachland guarantees Peachland homeowners that an amount not to be exceeded will be established in order to link their properties to the sewer system;

AND THAT additional costs, if any, will be deducted from the Federal and Provincial Government grants.

OTHER BUSINESS

**COMMUNITIES IN
BLOOM**

MOVED by Councillor Papineau, SECONDED by Councillor Gough:

THAT Council approves the District of Peachland entering in the 2003 Communities In Bloom competition.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS

Bylaw for Final Reconsideration and Adoption:

#1652

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Whitelegg:

THAT 2003 Tax Exemption Bylaw Number 1652, 2002 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

Bylaw for Second and Third Reading:

#1653

MOVED by Councillor Papineau, SECONDED by Councillor Nielsen:

THAT Official Community Plan Bylaw Number 1600 Amendment Bylaw Number 1653, 2002 be read a Second and Third Time.

CARRIED.

Bylaw For First, Second and Third Readings:

#1655

The Treasurer presented a report advising that the *Local Government Act* requires fees and charges to be in Bylaw form. Bylaw Number 1655 will authorize fees and charges to recover costs incurred by the Public Works Department for services rendered to outside parties.

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Dionne:

THAT Public Works Fees and Charges Bylaw Number 1655, 2002 be read a First, Second and Third Time.

CARRIED.

Bylaw for First Reading:

#1654

The Administrator presented a verbal report advising Council that this Zoning Amendment Bylaw is for a tri-plex at 4032 Lake Avenue, and that Council, at its September 10, 2002 meeting, directed staff to prepare the bylaw and schedule a Public Hearing.

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#1654 (CONT.)

MOVED by Councillor Dionne, SECONDED by Councillor Papineau:

THAT Zoning Bylaw No. 1375 Amendment Bylaw Number 1654, 2002 be read a First Time;

AND THAT a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1654 be held on October 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED.
Councillor Fraser OPPOSED.

**COUNCILLOR
WHITELEGG**

Councillor Whitelegg brought to Council's attention the fact that loaded logging trucks are not required to detour around Princeton Avenue sewer construction areas. He requested Council to impose, immediately, a 50% load restriction on Princeton Avenue.

The Administrator advised that the contractor has special concessions for logging trucks due to the extreme curves and narrow width of the detour roads. Compaction by the loaded trucks is not a problem. For spring break-up, a 75% load limit will be imposed.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

J. RYDER

Mr. Ryder advised Council that there seems to be a problem with the keeping and availability of minutes in Peachland. The Curling Club bylaw decision to waive parking requirements was based on vaguely recollected discussions; tonight the policing reserve fund motion was based on discussion; why aren't the minutes researched first?

Minutes from 2000 were read regarding the police reserve fund issue.

R. J. COLDHAM

Mrs. Coldham asked for clarification that Bylaw 1653 deals with marina use in Unit 10. This was confirmed.

Mrs. Coldham asked if the Comprehensive Development Plan for the proposed 3 plex on Lake Avenue will have its own conditions, as have previous C.D. zones.

Mrs. Coldham asked how much taxpayers money was spent on UBCM Convention attendance.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Councillor Nielsen, SECONDED by Councillor Dionne:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 9:19 p.m.

CARRIED.

(Original signed by Mayor & Clerk)

Certified Correct.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

Dated at Peachland, B.C.
This 23rd day of October, 2002.

