

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Held Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Harriman, Councillors Fraser, Hallberg, Henderson, Hurd, Moritz and Reid

CAO Chris Prosser  
Corporate Officer Betty Briggs  
Treasurer Doug Pryde  
Director of Operations Joe Mocilac

Members of the Public  
Members of the Media

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

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** Added to the Agenda: 12-A: In Camera Meeting April 26, 2005

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**ADOPT MINUTES** MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 22, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 29, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**MAYOR HARRIMAN** Mayor Harriman reported 140 hours in March on Mayor's duties, and the highlights were the community support shown at the Brad Lazar fundraiser, and the presentation of a \$200,000 grant to the Board for Life Society.

**COUNCILLOR HENDERSON** Councillor Henderson is working on the 'Art Amble' program, welcomed the new Planner to the District, attended Development Services Committee meeting on April 5, is working on the Thompson-Okanagan Cultural Corridor magazine submission, congratulated the Rotary Club on the progress at the Pavilion, noted the Arts Council will be holding an Arts Festival in the summer, noted that Mr. Wilson has been cleaning and reorganizing displays in the Museum, and congratulated Steve Hallberg on being elected Chair of the Historical Society.

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**COUNCILLOR  
FRASER**

Councillor Fraser attended a PDRS Board meeting, the Development Services Committee meeting, and an Okanagan Regional Library Policy and Planning Committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILLOR REID**

Councillor Reid attended the grant presentation to the Board for Life Society on March 24<sup>th</sup>, and noted that the group is now fund-raising for the last \$60,000 required for the skate board park. He attended Committee of the Whole meeting on March 29, Okanagan Economic Summit on April 4, chaired the Development Services Committee meeting on April 5, attended on the Mayor's behalf an RDCO Parks Committee meeting on April 7, attended the unveiling of the new Highway 97 sign on April 11<sup>th</sup>, (the sign will be installed April 21<sup>st</sup>,) and attended the \$10,000 grant award to Peachland Sportsmens' Association for further remediation on Trepanier Creek.

**COUNCILLOR  
HALLBERG**

Councillor Hallberg attended a CORD EDC meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, the grant award presentation to the Board for Life Society, Committee of the Whole meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Peachland EDC meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Development Services Committee on April 5, Peachland EDC meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, the new Highway sign unveiling on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Hallberg reported that plans for Awards Night on April 22<sup>nd</sup> are well underway, the Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Riding Club, and April is Cancer Month.

Councillor Hallberg reported that at the CORD EDC meeting, a new marketing, or branding, slogan has been developed for Kelowna, "Kelowna – Ripe with Surprises." She suggested a Peachland brand should be developed. At the local EDC, members are pursuing locating a passport office in Peachland.

**COUNCILLOR HURD**

Councillor Hurd attended the grant award to the Peachland Sportsmens' Association. He announced that the Fire Chief will end open burning on April 15<sup>th</sup>, encouraged residents to read the Recreation Department's spring and summer programs brochure and register, congratulated the Board for Life Society on the grant award, and presented a model of his vision for a new Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Information Centre on property on 13<sup>th</sup> between Lake and Beach Avenues.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARTS & CULTURE**

Councillor Henderson advised of a proposed 'Art Walk' to be held every Sunday between May and September, highlighting local artists' street banners.

MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT Council supports the establishment of an Art Walk to be held every Sunday from May 22 to September 4, 2005.

**CARRIED.**

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL** Councillor Moritz, Chairman of the Peachland Primary School Committee, presented a report included in the Agenda package on the history of the Committee, its mandate, a summary of meetings held over the past 19 months, and a recommendation from the Committee's March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to retain the existing structure at the site of the former Peachland Primary School.

A point of order was called in that the recommendation stated does not contain the same wording as the recommendation contained in the Committee's report to Council. A second point of order was called regarding numerous changes to wording from the submitted report in the Chairman's verbal report.

Mayor Harriman noted that the recommendation in the Committee's report contains the exact wording, and that the Committee voted unanimously on the motion. Councillor Moritz advised that he refused to vote or participate in discussion on the motion. A further point of order noted that if a member does not vote against a motion, or abstains from voting, then the member is in favour, and this vote was unanimous.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT the District of Peachland retains the Peachland Primary School.

**CARRIED.**

Councillor Moritz OPPOSED.

Discussion prior to the vote on the motion included:

- can we guarantee taxpayers that the building will be 100% safe
- can we guarantee that cost estimates are accurate
- if costs are higher than estimates, will it go over \$1 million
- concerned that School Board had small children in the building, and now it will cost up to \$1 million to renovate
- CAO: - estimates include contingencies in the 30-32% range
  - school district would still be using the building if not for declining enrollment
  - to bring building up to BC Building Code, approximately \$270,000; to make it 'pretty,' add \$520,000
  - the building is in sound, good shape
- clarification that this motion is just to retain the building
- concerned that cost estimates in February were \$790,000 and now only \$270,000
- estimates are Class C only and may not be accurate
- don't pretend less than \$300,000; look at remediation of asbestos to start
- 2004 estimates were \$940,000 plus; add 15% for 2005 costs
- resolution is only to retain, demolish or otherwise
- asbestos is only in bathroom & custodian room floors; has been remediated in thousands of buildings
- full reports from experts are included and there are no hazards
- school building is part of Peachland; retain it and then check costs

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- PRIMARY SCHOOL (CONT.)**
- Municipal World magazine reported that Canada has lost 21-23% of its heritage stock from 1970 to 2000; the building should be designated a heritage building
  - WCB officer was interviewed regarding hazards
  - a recommendation to Council with no cost or use is an empty motion
  - at the March 16<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting, Mr. Smith and Mr. Crerar had not read the reports; the process was problematic; information was received on March 14<sup>th</sup>, reports were distributed on March 15<sup>th</sup> for meeting called for March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - just vote on retaining the building, then discuss and debate later
  - reduction in renovation costs and possibility of heritage grants are favourable
  - if motion to retain fails, the other option is to demolish, with costs estimated at \$150,000
  - the building is worth saving

**LEGACIES NOW GRANT**

Councillor Reid provided information regarding the Legacies Now grant funding: should Council apply for funding for the Primary School, it would not prevent the Curling Club from applying under another program, nor hinder its chances. Should Council apply for funding for the Primary School, the grant would cover major repairs only, not tenants' improvements such as Municipal Offices or Tourist Information Centre. Should a heritage grant for the exterior be applied for, it would have no effect on a Legacies Now application for the interior.

General discussion took place on numerous grants awarded to Peachland.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**PENTOWNA MARINA SUBLEASE** The CAO presented a report regarding a new foreshore sublease agreement negotiated over the past 2 years with Pentownna Marina Limited. The proposed agreement is for 25 years and is based on the District's foreshore agreement with the Province. A counter petition opportunity was successfully completed for this 25 year agreement in June, 2003.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the Foreshore Sublease Agreement between the District of Peachland and Pentownna Marina Limited.

**CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**FOR INFORMATION** The Mayor noted the City of Kelowna's letter regarding 'Bike to Work Week' April 25 to 29.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)**

The Mayor noted the letter from the Minister of Small Business and Economic Development announcing the \$200,000 grant awarded for the Board for Life Society for development of a skate board park in Peachland.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**COUNCILLOR REID** Councillor Reid put forward the following notice of motion for the next Regular Meeting:

THAT Council accept in principle the recommendation of the Peachland Spirit of BC Community Committee to apply for a Legacies Now grant to convert the former Primary School building to the Peachland Spirit of BC Community Facility;

AND THAT Staff bring forward details of the grant application to the next meeting of Council.

Mayor Harriman responded to a question by confirming that no such application has gone out.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**IN CAMERA MTG.** MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT an In Camera Meeting be held at 2:00 pm April 26, 2005, pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c) [land] and 90(1)(e) [labour relations] of the *Community Charter*.

**CARRIED.**

**BYLAWS**

**Bylaws for First, Second and Third Readings:**

**#1752 FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Treasurer gave a power point presentation on the Financial Plan Bylaw. Key points: 0.9% tax decrease, \$2.7 million capital works in 2005, and inclusion of 20 year capital plan. He provided budget comparisons for 2004 to 2005, reviewed general fund revenue and general fund expenditures, and listed civic grants for 2005.

The Treasurer invited questions from the public. There were none.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT 2005 Financial Plan Bylaw Number 1752, 2005 be read First, Second and Third Times.

**CARRIED.**

Mayor Harriman congratulated the Treasurer on the budget process.

**Bylaws for First, Second and Third Readings: (CONT.)**

**#1753-1761  
PARCEL TAXES**

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT the following Parcel Tax Bylaws be read First, Second and Third Times:

- i) Solid Waste Collection & Disposal No. 1753, 2005;
- ii) Downtown Revitalization No. 1754, 2005;
- iii) Water System No. 3 No. 1755, 2005;
- iv) Water System No. 2 No. 1756, 2005;
- v) Sewage Transmission No. 1757, 2005;
- vi) RDCO Westside Regional Sewer System No. 1758, 2005;
- vii) Beach Avenue Sewage Collection Specified Area No. 1759, 2005
- viii) Beach Avenue Sewage Collection Specified Area Acreage No. 1760, 2005;
- ix) Phase 1-D and Phase 2 Sewer Collection Specified Areas No. 1761, 2005.

**CARRIED.**

**#1762 TAX RATES**

The Treasurer presented a report regarding the 2005 Tax Rates Bylaw.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT 2005 Tax Rates Bylaw Number 1762, 2005 be read First, Second and Third Times.

**CARRIED.**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**E. HALL**

Mr. Eric Hall, 6144 Turner Avenue, asked if the DCC projects include sidewalk on Princeton Avenue. The CAO advised that the DCC program does include sidewalk on Princeton from Columbia to Turner, and that after concept design is done, sidewalk will be constructed in phases as funding allows. Mr. Hall asked about the \$1 million in the capital plan for a new Municipal Hall. The CAO advised that it has to be recorded in the capital plan in case the downtown properties are sold. Also, the Fire Hall is inadequate, requiring a new Fire Hall to be included in the capital plan. Mr. Hall noted that policing costs commence in 2008. It was confirmed that the District expects to begin paying policing costs in 2008.

It was noted that establishing a capital budget does not mean Council's approval, but it is requirement to have a plan established.

It was also noted that the District has a policing reserve fund, which will assist with initial policing costs.

**ADJOURN**

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

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(Original signed by Mayor and Corporate Officer)

**Certified Correct.**

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**Mayor**

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**Corporate Officer**

Dated at Peachland, B.C.  
This 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.