

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Held Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

PRESENT: Mayor Harriman, Councillors Fraser, Hurd and Reid

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

Guest: Mr. Jason Sawinsky, BC Assessment Authority
Members of the Public
Members of the Media

ABSENT: Councillors Hallberg, Henderson and Moritz

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harriman called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

BCAA

Mr. Jason Sawinsky, Area Assessor, BC Assessment Authority, gave a power point presentation. Peachland has 2452 folios, for which values (residential) have increased for 2005 25-35% over 2004. This is a 20 year high. Commercial properties increased 0-5%. Total values for Peachland in 2005 are \$654,000,000, reflecting a 31% increase over 2004 values of \$499,000,000. Twenty-nine appeals have been received for Peachland properties, or 1.22% of properties. This shows a very stable assessment. Appeals are currently being heard, with decisions made by the end of March. Mr. Sawinsky answered questions from Councillors.

Mayor Harriman thanked Mr. Sawinsky for his presentation.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION

2005 FINANCIAL PLAN

Deferred at January 25, 2005 COTW meeting:
Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Information Centre: The CAO presented a report with 3 options for the District to run the VIC, and provided information on funding support by other municipalities to Chambers. Council members discussed this item.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Council approves \$30,000 funding in 2005 to the Chamber of Commerce for Visitor Information Centre services.

CARRIED.

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**2005 FINANCIAL
PLAN (CONT.)**

Mount Boucherie Expansion Society: Mayor Harriman advised that difficulties between the Society and the Regional District have been sorted out, and the Regional District staff will control the funds.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the \$15,000 operating funds for Mount Boucherie Recreation Centre be referred to an Open Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

Peachland Historical Society: The Director of Operations provided costs for painting and upgrading the second story of the Museum building, as requested at the last COTW meeting. The estimate is \$12,000. It was clarified that this funding is over and above the \$12,000 civic grant request for operating the Museum.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the operation of the Museum, the use of the building by the train society and arts group, and the function of the summer students who work at the Museum.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT the Peachland Historical Society executive be requested to provide, to Council at a Committee of the Whole Meeting or Regular Council Meeting, a plan for summer students including job descriptions, training to be provided, etc.

CARRIED.

Capital Projects:

Fire Department – Software & Security: A report from the Fire Chief was reviewed and discussed.

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT Council approves \$6500 for the purchase of Fire Department Management software.

CARRIED.

Cemetery Paving – Reserve Funds: The Treasurer provided information on the Cemetery Reserve Funds. The Care Fund balance is \$47,000 and the Maintenance Fund balance is \$27,000.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT paving of the main road and apron areas at the Cemetery be approved with \$12,000 funding from the Cemetery Maintenance Fund;

AND THAT a Cemetery Maintenance Establishment Bylaw be brought forward to Council February 22, 2005.

CARRIED.

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**2005 FINANCIAL
PLAN (CONT.)**

Bluewater Walkway Lighting: The Director of Operations presented costs for installing lighting:

San Clemente & 14th to tennis court: \$7500

14th to 13th: \$87,500

14th to walkway tunnel: \$66,000

Butler Place to tunnel under Hwy. 97: \$52,000

Council members discussed these costs. Mayor Harriman will advise the Lions Club of the \$7,500 estimate to install lighting at San Clemente and 14th.

8th Street Boat Launch Parking Paving: The Director of Operations presented costs for paving the main boat launch parking area. With a retaining wall and removal of 2 large and 1 small trees, costs to construct 8 stalls are:

gravel: \$28,000 or \$3,500 per stall

paved: \$38,500 or \$4,812 per stall

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT paving of the main boat launch parking area not proceed, pending an overall plan for a Beach Avenue walkway.

CARRIED.

Council directed that more parking enforcement efforts be made in the main boat launch parking area, including 8th Street.

Reserve Fund Totals: The Treasurer provided balances in all Reserve Funds as of December 31, 2004. He was instructed to close off the Landfill Closure Reserve of \$18.00, as this project is completed. DCC funds will increase due to development, and new DCC bylaw.

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT the report on reserve fund balances be received for information.

CARRIED.

2005 Proposed Capital Projects: The Treasurer provided an updated 2005 Capital Projects list, with amendments from last COTW meeting incorporated. The list is sorted first by year, and second by priority. Council will review this proposed capital projects list and provide feedback at next meeting. The three missing members are to be briefed.

Provincial Water Grant: The Director of Operations advised of a surprise Provincial water grant recently made available, with a February 28th application deadline. Staff have identified five projects, and two applications can be made. Council requested a full report at the February 22nd Regular Council Meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn at 2:43 p.m.

CARRIED.

(Original signed by Mayor and Corporate Officer)

Certified Correct.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Dated at Peachland, B.C.
This 23rd day of February, 2005.