

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Held Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

PRESENT: Mayor Harriman, Councillors Fraser, Hallberg, Henderson, Moritz, Reid & Hurd (2:10 p.m.)

CAO Chris Prosser
Corporate Officer Betty Briggs
Treasurer Doug Pryde
Director of Operations Joe Mocilac
Fire Chief Grant Topham

Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Harriman called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

THAT the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

2005 FINANCIAL PLAN

The Treasurer introduced the 2005 Financial Plan and advised that it reflects a 0% tax increase for 2005, due mainly as the result of new construction, and Public Works items not completed due to sewer construction, ie. street sweeping, line painting, etc. He noted \$526,000 available for capital funding this year

The Treasurer went through the following, answering Council members' questions throughout:

- General Operating Revenue Fund

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends Council consider implementing a reasonable rent increase of 5% for District-owned rental residences.

Council members noted that the Building Inspector will be submitting an inspection report on the houses, and a market comparison based on the inspections is required.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the motion to increase rents 5% be tabled until Council receives the inspection information.

CARRIED.

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**2005 FINANCIAL
PLAN (CONT.)**

The Treasurer continued review of the budget.

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT 'Council Contracts' be rolled back by \$3500 to \$1500.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT 'Election' be reduced to \$8000 from \$13,000.

WITHDRAWN.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT 'Election' be reduced to \$10,000 from \$13,000, as follows:

- advertising increase to \$4,000
- contract services decrease to \$6,000.

CARRIED.

Regarding 'Administration Wages,' Council members felt there would be a better understanding if FTEs were included. The Treasurer will distribute a spreadsheet to Council.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT 'Other Events' be reduced to \$6,000 from \$7,000, with a separate line item for Peachland Spirit of BC Community Committee with \$1,000.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT \$10,000 for 'Communities In Bloom' be removed from the budget.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT a \$15,000 contribution to the operating budget for Mount Boucherie Recreation Centre be approved for 2005.

CARRIED.

The Treasurer will provide Council with the pre-paid taxes interest rate, which is set by the Province.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT \$22,000 be put in the Financial Plan for one community clean-up day in 2005.

CARRIED.

The Director of Operations presented a briefing on a proposal received for security services.

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**2005 FINANCIAL
PLAN (CONT.)**

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT staff follow the purchasing policy and request proposals for security services.

CARRIED.

The Treasurer advised Council of a 7½% increase required for water bills, due to the need for increased surveillance of the water systems.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

The Treasurer advised Council of a decrease to parcel tax rate for water utilities due to refinancing of debt servicing for Water System 1.

The CAO noted the package prepared by staff for capital projects; these have been prioritized by staff using the urgency criteria adopted by Council. A request for early budget approval will be presented to Council for Building Permit software, which is fully integrated with the Vadim accounting software, and the cost is approximately \$12,500.

The Treasurer advised that the final sewer costs have not yet been received, which will result in the District missing the deadline for the spring issue for borrowing. This will result in parcel taxation being deferred to 2006.

Council members expressed concern that another sewer infrastructure grant application may jeopardize the water cross-connection grant application; water is the top priority, as a sewer extension is not needed at this time.

The Treasurer addressed the Civic Grants application package. Council discussed a number of the applications, with the following decisions:

- Ambassadorial Committee – agree to \$6300, with a note that proper accounting is required for the 2004 year.

- RCMP Dare Program – agree to \$975

MOVED by Councillor Henderson, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT a \$3,000 civic grant be approved in the budget for Peachland Communications Society.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Mayor Harriman, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT a \$1,000 civic grant be approved in the budget for Peachland Little Schoolhouse Society.

CARRIED.

Councillors Hallberg and Moritz OPPOSED.

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**2005 FINANCIAL
PLAN (CONT.)**

Council members expressed the desire to have the LSHS negotiate a lease agreement to replace the Letter of Understanding, which clearly states that Directors' liability insurance is the Society's responsibility.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT a \$40,000 civic grant be approved for the Chamber of Commerce-Tourist Information Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

(Original Signed by Mayor and Corporate Officer)

Certified Correct.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Dated at Peachland, B.C.
This 26 day of January, 2005.