

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Held Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

PRESENT: Mayor Harriman, Councillors Hallberg, Henderson, Moritz & Reid

CAO Chris Prosser
Corporate Officer Betty Briggs
Treasurer Doug Pryde
Fire Chief Grant Topham (1:03 pm – part of meeting)

Guest: Wayne D'easum, CAO, CORD

ABSENT: Councillors Fraser and Hurd

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

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA Added to the Agenda: 4-E: Councillors' Office

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

W. D'EASUM

Mr. Wayne D'easum, CAO, Central Okanagan Regional District, addressed Council on two items:

1. Security Alarm Bylaw: Mr. D'easum explained that the original Security Alarm Bylaw, which has been provided to Council, can be disregarded. The intent now is not to create a new service function, but use the existing Crime Prevention service. The intent is to reduce false alarm calls; a conservative estimate is 8500 per year. The intent is to have alarm companies charge \$10/year/alarm through their invoicing, and forward the \$10 to CORD for administration of the program. So far, Peachland and Lake Country have not agreed to participate. The program would require a staff person, currently the position is being advertised, at \$60,000 to \$65,000 per year, including salary and office costs. The program would be self-funding, and excess funds would be used to reduce the crime prevention program requisition to CORD members. He is not here to sell the program, but to explain it.

Council members discussed different aspects of the program, and Mr. D'easum answered questions. He acknowledged that statistics are not clear and an estimate for false alarm calls for Peachland is not known. He also advised Council that Peachland could join the program at a later date. He confirmed that this Bylaw covers only police false alarms, not fire department ones.

W. D'EASUM (CONT.) 2. Smoke Control Bylaw: Mr. D'easum explained that this program contains two parts, the first being air quality and monitoring. All rural areas and municipalities participate, except for Lake Country. The goal is to monitor and educate regarding smoke control. There is no enforcement, and the budget is approximately \$80,000 per year.

The second part of the program is Smoke Control, with all members except Peachland participating. CORD staff will be asking the Board support coordination throughout the Central Okanagan to strengthen CORD's role and compliance with the regulations. A protocol will be developed with Fire Departments towards enforcement.

Fire Chief Grant Topham confirmed that a new Peachland bylaw is almost ready to bring to Council, and it will contain CORD regulations at a minimum.

Mayor Harriman thanked Mr. D'easum for attending this meeting to provide an update on these works in progress.

REPORTS

WINTER DISABILITY GAMES 2006 Mayor Harriman provided preliminary information regarding Peachland hosting the first ever Winter Disability Games in 2006. Council members were favourable towards this idea, and the Mayor will get more information.

PROVINCIAL VOTING SYSTEM Mayor Harriman asked Council if they supported a public forum in Peachland regarding the provincial voting system, which will be a referendum question on May 17th. Mr. Jim Nielsen has been asked to present. Gratis rent of the Community Centre would be requested at the next Regular Council meeting, if Council approves.

Discussion took place, and it was determined that it may be difficult to get balanced debate and qualified speakers, and that it may be inappropriate as municipal Councillors to take a stand on this item.

Mayor Harriman will obtain copies of printed information on the single transferable voting system for Council members.

ALTERNATIVE FUTURES FORUM Mayor Harriman provided information received by e-mail regarding the City of Vancouver's 'Alternative Futures Forum,' which invites opinions from residents on their favourite public places, and proposed changes for improvements.

Council members were supportive of this initiative, and a report from staff will come to Council.

2005 FINANCIAL PLAN The Treasurer presented information regarding changes to the 2005 Financial Plan, as well as details on changes to the Long Term Capital Plan.

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**2005 FINANCIAL
PLAN (CONT.)**

Discussion took place, and Council members requested that information be included in the staff report when the Bylaw is presented to Council regarding possibilities for reducing tax increases in future years:

- provincial government requires projects to be identified and funding shown, however, in practice, projects could be deferred
- grant funding could be applied for and obtained for specific projects
- future growth estimate of 3% is conservative

Staff were requested to provide preliminary costs for developing Burdekin Lane Park.

The Treasurer advised that public information will be available at the District Office next Tuesday, and will be distributed to Council at the end of this week.

**COUNCILLORS'
OFFICE**

The CAO outlined plans to have all staff under one roof and terminate the lease on the current Planning office. This would involve moving Councillors' mail boxes from the current office, moving the Mayor to the office next to his existing, and moving the CAO and Board Room into the Mayor's current office.

Councillor Reid left Council Chambers at 2:30 p.m. and returned at 2:31 p.m.

Council members spoke in favour of the office reorganizational plans.

ADJOURN

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

CARRIED.

(Original signed by Mayor & Corporate Officer)

Certified Correct.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Dated at Peachland, B.C.
This 13th day of April, 2005.