

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Held Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

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

Acting CAO Doug Pryde
Corporate Officer Betty Briggs
Planner Mark Koch
Fire Chief Grant Topham (part of meeting)

Members of the Public
Members of the Media

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

Mayor Harriman announced the appointment of Treasurer Doug Pryde as Acting Administrator for the interim. Council appointed Mr. Pryde, effective October 11, 2005, at an In Camera Meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA Removed from the Agenda: 13 – Question Period.

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

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.
Councillor Moritz OPPOSED.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

UNITED WAY Dr. John Weisbeck, campaign Chair, and Cheryl Gald, Director of Resource Development, United Way, addressed Council regarding the United Way and the 33 organizations assisted through fundraising. The United Way takes care of people, from children through to seniors. He asked for Peachland's support, and thanked Mayor Harriman for his continued support. Ms. Gald handed out information packages. The Mayor thanked Dr. Weisbeck and Ms. Gald for attending this meeting.

INTERFACE FIRE HAZARD SURVEY Mr. Richard Swanson presented an outline of the recently completed Interface Fire Hazard Survey for Peachland with a power point presentation. He started this project in May, working with Fire Chief Topham, as a result of the 2003 firestorm and the Filmon Report. The purpose was to develop a community wildfire protection plan. The process used a Hazard Assessment form. Information provided included area description and hazard rating, fuel description and recommendations. The results show that most areas in Peachland have high or extreme fire hazard ratings due to the geography and topography of the municipality. A full sized fire hazard assessment map is available at the Peachland Fire Department. Residents can identify their own properties and check the Survey for hazard rating and recommendations to reduce the rating.

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**INTERFACE FIRE
HAZARD SURVEY
(CONT.)**

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Mr. Swanson's presentation time limit be extended beyond 10 minutes.

CARRIED.

Further recommendations include improve exit routes from Trepanier Heights Avenue, reduce the hazard risk at the community compost site, develop the recommendations in the FireSmart manual into guidelines for developers.

Mr. Swanson was thanked for his excellent report. In response to questions from Council, Fire Chief Topham advised that discussions are continuing with BC Forest Service to have a fire break constructed south of town, possibly next spring. He also advised that further funding may be available through UBCM.

**A. SIM – ACREAGE
WATER CHARGE**

Mr. Alex Sim, 6109 Lipsett Avenue, addressed Council regarding the increase in his water billing for his 10.8 acre property with 2 dwellings. He provided a hand-out with his family's history of property ownership. Mr. Earl Sutherland supported Mr. Sim's request for a review with further history of the PID, and ARDA relating to water pressure for farmers for irrigation. He noted that some of Mr. Sim's land is too steep to cultivate and he shouldn't pay extra. He stated that water is precious, especially to farmers, as it is their living.

Mayor Harriman advised that he and previous CAO Chris Prosser met with Mr. Sim, and that the water billing follows the existing bylaw. Changes have occurred since the District took over PID, Mr. Sim has merged 3 lots which sent a red flag to BC Assessment Authority, which is what the water bills are based on. If Council wants, the bylaw can be changed.

It was noted that water meters would provide a solution.

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT staff research future ramifications on agricultural lands relating to changes to the water rates bylaw.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

ADOPT MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 13, 2005, be adopted as circulated.

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ADOPT MINUTES
(CONT.)

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held September 20, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT the Minutes of the Public Hearing held October 4, 2005 for Zoning Bylaw No. 1375 Amendment Bylaw Number 1770, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

SHORT TERM ACTION CHART

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MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT 'Cousins Park Trees – Liability' be removed from the Follow Up Action List on the Short Term Action Chart.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT 'Todd Road Closure' be added to the Follow Up Action List on the Short Term Action Chart.

CARRIED.

Mayor Harriman advised that the Ministry of Transportation's latest recommendation is to allow right turns only from Todd Road to Hwy. 97.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT 'Parks & Recreation Commission Bylaw' be added to the Follow Up Action List on the Short Term Action Chart.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

CORPORATE
SERVICES

Chair Councillor Hallberg reported on the September 20th Corporate Services Committee meeting, for which minutes are included in this Agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Council accepts the recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee and does not approve the request for tax exemption from the Royal Canadian Legion;

AND THAT 2006 Tax Exemption Bylaw Number 1768, 2005 be read First, Second and Third Times.

CARRIED.

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CORPORATE SERV. (CONT.) Councillor Fraser noted that tax exemptions are provided for churches and District-owned properties leased to 3rd parties only, and the Committee felt that granting an exemption to the Legion would set a precedent.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES Chair Councillor Hurd reported on the Development Services Committee meeting held September 22nd, at which only the following item was reviewed.

MOVED by Councillor Hurd, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT Zoning Bylaw No. 1375 Amendment Bylaw Number 1772, 2005, to rezone Lot 49, Plan 10665, DL 220, 4177 San Clemente Avenue, from the R-1 Single Family Residential zone to the R-3 Multiple Family Low Density Residential zone be read First and Second Times;

AND THAT a public hearing be scheduled;

AND THAT the Bylaw proceed to the Ministry of Transportation for approval;

AND THAT final adoption of the zone amending bylaw occur in conjunction with the approval of a development permit for new construction on the land.

CARRIED.

COST OF LIVING INCREASE & FIRE DEPT. INCREASES The Acting CAO presented a report regarding cost of living wage increase for exempt staff, excluding the CAO and Planner, and increases for certain PFRS volunteers, which were approved by Council at an In Camera Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT Council ratifies the cost of living wage increase of 1.9% for exempt staff, excluding the CAO and Planner, effective June 11, 2005 to December 31, 2005;

AND THAT Council ratifies the following increases for PFRS volunteers:

- officers' monthly honourarium increase of \$5.00 per month
- 2% increase in the hourly firefighters' wages effective June 11, 2005
- establishment of a new weekend and holiday summer standby rate for officers of \$2.00 per hour.

CARRIED.

SUBDIVISION APPROVING OFFICER The Acting CAO presented a report requesting that Council appoint Mr. Mark Koch, District Planner, as the Approving Officer for the District.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser;

THAT Council rescinds the appointment of Mr. Chris Prosser as Subdivision Approving Officer for the District of Peachland;

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SUBDIVISION AND THAT Council appoints Mr. Mark Koch as Subdivision Approving
APPROVING OFFICER Officer for the District effective October 11, 2005;
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AND THAT Mr. Koch takes the Oath of Office.

CARRIED.

The Corporate Officer conducted the Oath of Office for Mr. Koch.

SIGNING AUTHORITY The Acting CAO presented a report requesting changes to the Signing
BYLAW #1771 Authority Bylaw resulting from the departure of Mr. Prosser.

MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT Signing Authority Bylaw Number 1771, 2005 be read First, Second and Third Times.

CARRIED.

ACTING ADMIN.
POLICY #PER-010

The Acting CAO presented a report requesting changes to the Acting Administrator Policy #PER-010.

MOVED by Councillor Hurd, SECONDED by Councillor Reid:

THAT Acting Administrator Policy #PER-010 be amended as follows:
(amendments in bold)

Clause #5: No additional pay will be given to Staff serving in the role of Acting Administrator for a term of less than two weeks (ten working days) **for vacation, leave of absence or sick time coverage. For a term of more than ten continuous working days, a per diem of \$67.50 will be paid;**

Clause #6: Should a Staff member serve as **Interim Administrator to cover a vacancy in the Administrator/CAO position, a per diem of \$67.50 per day will be paid commencing on the first day of Interim Administrator duties.**

CARRIED.

CONTRACTING
AUTHORITY &
PURCHASING

The Acting CAO presented a report requesting changes to the Contracting Authority and Purchasing Policy #FIN-060, and rescinding of the Contracting Authority and Purchasing – Administrator Policy #FIN-065.

The Acting CAO detailed the proposed amendments.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Council approves Contracting Authority and Purchasing Policy #FIN-060 as amended.

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- AMEND MOTION** MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:
- THAT the main motion be amended to change the policy to require 3 verbal quotes, held on file, for goods and services estimated to exceed \$1,000 and not exceed \$10,000.
- DEFEATED.**
- Mayor Harriman, Councillors Fraser, Henderson and Reid OPPOSED.
- MAIN MOTION** THAT Council approves Contracting Authority and Purchasing Policy #FIN-060 as amended;
- AND THAT Council rescinds Contracting Authority and Purchasing – Administrator Policy #FIN-065.
- CARRIED.**
- STREET NAMING POLICY #DEV-190** The Planner presented a report regarding the need for a new Street Naming Policy, as the Street Naming Bylaw No. 512, adopted in 1973, is now out-of-date.
- MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Hurd:
- THAT Street Naming Bylaw Number 512, 1973 be rescinded;
- AND THAT Street Naming Policy #DEV-190 be adopted.
- CARRIED.**
- ZONE AMENDING BYLAW #1764** The Planner advised that Ministry of Transportation has now approved Zoning Bylaw No. 1375 Amendment Bylaw Number 1764, 2005.
- MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:
- THAT Zoning Bylaw No. 1375 Amendment Bylaw Number 1764, 2005, be finally reconsidered and adopted.
- CARRIED.**
- Councillor Moritz OPPOSED.
- ROAD CLOSURE BYLAW #1767** The Planner advised that Road Closure Bylaw Number 1767, 2005, read three times by Council, has been advertised twice in the Peachland View, as required by the *Community Charter*.
- MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:
- THAT Road Closure – Portion of 6th Street Bylaw Number 1767, 2005 be finally reconsidered and adopted.
- CARRIED.**
- DVP #05/10,010 6428 MACK ROAD** The Planner presented a report regarding a variance requested for the rear yard setback of the R-1 Single Family Residential zone from 1.5 m to 1.42 m for a proposed garage at 6428 Mack Road.

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DVP #05/10,010
(CONT.)

MOVED by Councillor Hurd, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Council approves Development Variance Permit Application #DVP 05/10,010, to vary the rear yard setback of the R-1 Single Family Residential zone from 1.5 m (5 ft.) to 1.42 m (4.66 ft.) to allow for the compliance with building regulations for the proposed garage at 6428 Mack Road, Lot 3, Plan 25074, DL 912;

AND THAT upon approval of final inspection of the building permit for the above-noted garage, Council directs staff to have notice on title removed by the Kamloops Land Titles Office.

CARRIED.

MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

COUNCILLOR HURD

Councillor Hurd reported on attendance at the UBCM Convention, where he attended meetings with Minister of Transportation regarding Highway 97, Minister of Housing regarding Seniors housing, and Minister of Tourism regarding cultural opportunities. He attended a session on seniors housing where the District of Langford was highlighted. He met with the Deputy Minister of Housing regarding seniors and young families' affordable housing opportunities, and with Minister of Environment Barry Penner regarding water storage options for Trepanier Creek.

Councillor Hurd reported that Joel Young is prepared to come back to Peachland to present his venture centre model for the Primary School.

MOVED by Councillor Hurd:

THAT Council provide approximately \$1,000 towards travel expenses for Joel Young to return to Peachland.

FAILED due to lack of Seconder.

Councillor Hurd asked if those present with correspondence listed on the Agenda would have an opportunity to speak. Mayor Harriman advised that the next Question Period would be at the November 22nd meeting.

COUNCILLOR
HALLBERG

Councillor Hallberg explained that she did not attend the UBCM Convention as she had attended a family funeral just prior, and had not made up her mind to attend the Convention. She has attended 3 Peachland Economic Development Committee meetings, Corporate Services Committee, Committee of the Whole, Seniors Task Force, and Public Hearing. She also attended the 2 nights of the Ambassador pageant, and visited the Boxing Club practice last Friday. She reported that the Wellness Centre is holding an 'Unloading Zone' program, for anger management.

COUNCILLOR
MORITZ

Councillor Moritz reported that he filed nomination papers today to run for Council.

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COUNCILLOR REID Councillor Reid noted that his UBCM report was included in the Agenda package. He attended the September 14th Brenda Mines tour, the official opening of Gellatly Nut Farm on September 17th, Corporate Services Committee and Committee of the Whole meetings, both evenings of the Ambassador pageant. He expressed thanks to Brenda Moshansky and committee for carrying on the Ambassadorial program. Following the busy UBCM Convention, Councillor Reid attended the first meeting of the Premier's Council on Seniors and Aging, to which he has been appointed. On October 6th, he chaired a Peachland Spirit of BC Community Committee meeting, with minutes to follow.

COUNCILLOR FRASER Councillor Fraser attended the Corporate Services Committee meeting and a PDRS Board meeting. She attended an Okanagan Regional Library Board meeting on September 21st, at which salary increases for exempt staff were approved by weighted vote. She has distributed her UBCM report to Council members.

COUNCILLOR HENDERSON Councillor Henderson noted that his UBCM report is included in the Agenda package. He advised residents that he and Councillor Reid are on the Water Committee, and questions can be directed to them.

MAYOR HARRIMAN Mayor Harriman reported 153 hours in September on Mayor duties. He attended the Armstrong IPE parade with 2 Ambassadors, the official opening of Okanagan College and UBC Okanagan, the United Way kick-off breakfast in Westbank, welcomed the Cops for Kids RCMP bike riders to Peachland, attended both evenings of the Ambassador pageant. He extended a bouquet to the Westside for its 5 blooms award in its first entry in the competition. He extended well wishes to Westside Area Director David Knowles and his daughter. He advised that he has entered Peachland in the ICBC Zero Crash Month contest, with a promise to reduce crashes in Peachland by 30%. He expressed the wish to all those running in the local government election to run a clean campaign and apply the 4 way test. There will be no TV coverage of Council meetings in order to be fair to all campaign participants.

CORRESPONDENCE

For Information:

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Henderson:

THAT item 11-G: Mr. Richard Smith – war canoes proposal, be forwarded to budget discussions for 2006.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT regarding items 11-E: petition from MacNeill Court residents re: blasting, and 11-F: Mr. Bert Put re: Island View Villas development, a report from staff regarding blasting be brought to the October 25th Regular Council Meeting.

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MOVED by Councillor Reid, SECONDED by Councillor by Fraser:

THAT regarding the petition on Water System No. 2, a report from staff be brought to the October 25th Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED.

In response to a question regarding bike racks on buses on the Peachland route, Mayor Harriman advised that 3 new buses will be delivered very soon which have bike racks and will be used on the Peachland runs.

Requiring Action:

**I. SIMPSON LAND
LEASE**

The Planner presented a request from Mrs. Irene Simpson for a long term land lease for driveway access to 5895 Beach Avenue.

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Council authorizes staff to commence negotiations with Mr. and Mrs. H. Simpson for a 25 year land lease for property adjacent to 5895 Beach Avenue.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

CARRIED.

(Original signed by Mayor & Corporate Officer)

Certified Correct.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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