

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Held Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre**

PRESENT: Mayor Reid, Councillors Fraser, Hallberg, Moritz, Nielsen and Thorne

CAO Elsie Lemke
Corporate Officer Betty Briggs
Director of Operations Dave Gold
Director of Planning & Development Services David Smith
Head Groundskeeper Vic Loney (part of meeting)

Members of the Public
Members of the Media

ABSENT: Councillor Condon

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reid called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

ADOPT MINUTES MOVED by Councillor Fraser, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 8, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WATER RESTRICTIONS & IMPACTS

Mr. Vic Loney, Head Groundskeeper, presented a report which provided information on parks' irrigation, and the impact on the parks should the District be required to adhere to residential water use restrictions:

- most parks lack soil reservoir and are on beach gravel
- lack of reservoir causes grass to go dormant, which allows weeds to take over
- some special events require irrigation to be shut off 2 or 3 days prior; water is needed immediately after the event to bring the grass back
- if the 2 large parks (Cousins & Heritage) were watered at the same time, according to restrictions, the reservoir could be drained

Mr. Loney presented possible solutions:

- top dressing to hold more water; approximately \$13,000 per year to top dress Cousins & Heritage
- artificial turf (irrigation still required to cool it down)
- remove 6" from top, add 2" clay and 4-6" topsoil (approx. \$1 million to do one soccer field)
- solutions may still not reduce water usage

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WATER (CONT.)

- To increase water conservation in parks, Mr. Loney suggested:
- xeriscape specific areas of some parks; irrigation system changes would be required
 - install moisture sensors (expensive, and would not necessarily reduce water consumption)

Mr. Loney advised Council that the parks are watered from approximately 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. The new grass area at 13th Street and Beach is watered more frequently at present, until the grass is established.

Council expressed thanks to Mr. Loney for the comprehensive report.

PRIVATE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE

Information was included in the Agenda package from the Fire Chief. Director of Operations Dave Gold advised that the District, as of November 1, 2007, will no longer inspect private fire hydrants in order to reduce liability exposure; this is a result of changes to the BC Fire Code in December, 2006. Private hydrant owners have been given sufficient notice.

MOVED by Councillor Thorne, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT the information regarding private fire hydrant maintenance be received.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Staff Reports:

BYLAW #1841 OFFICERS

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT Officers Bylaw Number 1841, 2007 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

BYLAW #1842 BEETLE KILL RESERVE FUND

MOVED by Councillor Thorne, SECONDED by Councillor Hallberg:

THAT Beetle Kill Reserve Fund Bylaw Number 1842, 2007 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

CASH IN LIEU OF PARKING POLICY

Director of Planning David Smith advised that Environment & Land Use Committee reviewed the Cash-in-lieu of Parking Policy, which is outdated with the \$3,000 per parking space cost. ELUC recommended that Council amend the policy to \$6,000 per space; staff have recommended that the policy apply to the Town Centre area in the Beach Avenue Neighbourhood Plan, between 1st and 8th Streets.

Mr. Smith answered questions from Council members.

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**CASH-IN-LIEU
(CONT.)**

MOVED by Councillor Hallberg, SECONDED by Councillor Moritz:

THAT Off-Street Parking – Cash-in-lieu Policy #DEV-170 be amended to read:

“Payment in lieu of parking will be at the rate of \$6,000 per stall for new development that does not meet the parking requirements of the District of Peachland Zoning Bylaw Number 1375, 1996;

AND THAT the areas eligible for the provision of cash-in-lieu for parking include the Town Centre area in the Beach Avenue Neighbourhood Plan, between 1st and 8th Streets, and Beach Avenue from Princeton Avenue to 1st Street.”

CARRIED.

**BYLAW #1830
WATER USE
RESTRICTIONS**

MOVED by Councillor Thorne, SECONDED by Mayor Reid:

THAT Water Use Restrictions Bylaw No. 1688 Amendment Bylaw Number 1830, 2007 be finally reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT staff be requested to report on costs of recommendations for improvements to parks and grounds, and better water management practices, for consideration for the 2008 budget.

CARRIED.

MAYOR & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**COUNCILLOR
FRASER**

Councillor Fraser attended an Okanagan Regional Library Board meeting on May 16th, at which information regarding several Branches was received.

MAYOR REID

Mayor Reid reported that the Regional District will be purchasing a curtain burner for disposal of pine-beetle killed trees; this unit will be mobile, and Peachland may partner with the Regional District in respect of its operation. Mayor Reid congratulated Al Wiebe on the World of Wheels held last Sunday, at which a record 312 participants registered.

CORRESPONDENCE

For Information:

- a) Ministry of Community Services re: Restructure Planning Grant
- b) MP Stockwell Day re: Infrastructure Grant application
- c) MLA Rick Thorpe re: redirection of \$200,000 Infrastructure Grant
- d) Copy of letter from CORD to Ministry of Mines re: Maxwell Road Pit
- e) Copy of letter from CORD to Ministry of Mines re: Keith Coe Pit
- f) Copy of letter from School Board to Minister of Mines re: student safety with gravel extraction applications.

OTHER BUSINESS

IN CAMERA MTG. MOVED by Councillor Moritz, SECONDED by Councillor Fraser:

THAT an In Camera Meeting be held at 1:00 p.m. June 12, 2007, pursuant to Sec. 90(1)(e)[land] of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED.

QUESTION PERIOD

E. HURD

Mr. Ernie Hurd, 3774 Inglis Place, Peachland Boxing Club Director, asked how Council will proceed to determine where the \$200,000 grant funding for youth projects will be distributed.

Mayor Reid advised that one meeting with youth representatives has been held, and in his Mayor's column in last week's newspapers, groups and organizations were invited to send in suggestions and requests. Council will make allocation decisions.

T. CAVE

Mr. Ted Cave, 4324 Beach Avenue, expressed confusion with the \$6,000 cash-in-lieu of parking per space, if that amount doesn't come near the cost per space of building a parking facility.

Mayor Reid noted that the funds are collected and set aside, and that no downtown applications are pending at this time.

R. J. COLDHAM

Mrs. Jean Coldham asked if Council would make reference to the letters listed under 'Correspondence.'

Mayor Reid advised that the correspondence has been received, as no action was required.

MAYOR REID

Mayor Reid noted that as of June 1st, Council's dress code changes to 'summer attire.'

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Nielsen:

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

CARRIED.

(Original signed by Mayor & Corporate Officer)

Certified Correct.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Dated at Peachland, B.C.
This 13th day of June, 2007.