



Director's Corner

Wells Gray Country-Electoral Area 'A'

TNRD

TNRD BOD's Meeting Highlights June 11th, 2009

The day in Kamloops started out with several meetings with various senior TNRD staff. First off was a review of fire department mutual aid agreements. The Blackpool/Clearwater agreement is being updated. A Vavenby/Clearwater agreement is in the process of being established. All looks good and it is hoped the two agreements will be adopted by the TNRD Board on June 25th.

More Firehall issues followed. Recent maps provided to the two rural fire departments were reviewed. Several suggestions put forward by the Fire Chiefs of Blackpool and Vavenby will be incorporated into new maps. The maps are used in determining their destinations during an emergency and hence data must be very easy to locate.

Distribution of Canfor taxation provided to Vavenby residents within the fire protection boundary requires a decision from the public. Ballots have been mailed out to property owners. So far about 20% of ballots have been returned. I strongly urge all property owners to submit their ballots as soon as possible. The deadline for receipt is June 30th. Your vote does make a difference!

Illegal dumping of garbage was discussed with Peter Hughes, Director of Environmental Services. I provided a small bag of trash containing information that may assist in identifying one local lawbreaker. The TNRD view this as a very serious issue and intend to pursue the matter further. Two other locations of illegal dumping have also been identified to the staff. The only ones to blame for this type of activity are the perpetrators themselves.

At the board meeting two solid waste issues were referred to the Solid Waste Management Committee. We will meet on June 24th to discuss these and hopefully find a solution.

NTEDS (North Thompson Economic Development Society) is winding down and funds are soon to be dispersed. Both the District of Clearwater and TNRD Area A will receive a payout from NTEDS. The funds must be used for economic development within our respective areas. Currently I am working on three local projects and if successful I will release information as soon as I am able.

I made a motion, which was carried unanimously by the TNRD Board, to send a letter to MLA Kevin Krueger, Minister of Tourism Arts and Culture requesting that legislation regarding Off Road Vehicle registration be completed as promised by MLA Bill Bennett the former minister of this department. Off Road Vehicle registration is viewed by many as critical in gaining acceptance to areas where they wish to establish public registered trails.

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