



Director's Corner

Wells Gray Country-Electoral Area 'A'

TNRD

TNRD BOD's Meeting Highlights Dec 18, 2008

Blackpool Firehall/Community Hall water system

An opportunity presented itself at the board today. A grant application is going in for remote turbidity monitoring which IHA will be requiring on all TNRD community water systems. Due to the hall set ups in Blackpool the water system there is actually under the same regulations. I made a motion to add the Blackpool system to the grant application "if monitoring is required" (this is still undetermined) Pat Wallace seconded the motion, CAO Greg Toma and myself both explained the situation to the board. The entire grant application went forward with my amendment and was passed unanimously. The original item can be viewed here: <http://tnrd.fileprosite.com/contentengine/launch.asp?ID=6956> This was a late item on the Extra Agenda. If successful this should help alleviate some potential costs to the Blackpool Firehall.

Blackpool Community Hall Grant in Aid Bylaw

Both of the following recommendations went forward today.

- 1. That the report dated December 5, 2008 with respect to the Blackpool Community Hall Grant-in-Aid Service and reporting as to the results of the Alternative Approval Process be received noting that only 39 signatures were received.**
- 2. That Thompson-Nicola Regional District Blackpool Community Hall Grant-in-Aid Service Area Bylaw No. 2237, 2008 be reconsidered and adopted.**

I arrived early and had some time to discuss both the Joint Committee with the Municipality and the WGCSC with staff. Joint committee the intent is to have the appropriate bylaw in place and have a first meeting in Feb. The Christmas season shut down of the TNRD office does not allow sufficient time to prepare the bylaw in time for a January meeting. The WGCSC bylaw is simultaneously being rewritten. Staff feel that due to the incorporation of Clearwater the WGCSC should be reduced in size among other things.

Directors will not be receiving the list of various committee applicants until the New Year. Application numbers were low so staff are still hopeful that a few applications will straggle in through the holiday season. (Hint Hint if you know somebody who may be interested) Note I can also present applicants to the BOD for approval at any time throughout the year.

I was also able to have lunch with several senior TNRD managers. We discussed solid waste management issues and a few planning issues.
Cheers all and Merry Christmas

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