



Director's Corner

Wells Gray Country-Electoral Area 'A'

TNRD

TNRD BOD Meeting Highlights Feb 12, 2009

We started off with public hearings and a large crowd from the public in attendance. Most were there with regards to an Islamic Mosque proposed in the Knutsford area just outside the City of Kamloops boundary. Many comments were received both for and against the proposed rezoning. Later on in the agenda the TNRD BOD took the bylaw to 3rd reading. Taking into account some concerns of area residents, current zoning and other information some amendments were made restricting usage and height of proposed buildings. Hopefully we were able to satisfy all interested parties. One significant advantage to having a Mosque in the TNRD is that it may open the door to many professionals such as doctors who would like to relocate to the area but require a Mosque in order to uphold their personal religious beliefs.

The TNRD is establishing a "Board of Variance" to deal with minor zoning variance applications. The Board of Variance will consist of 5 members residing in the TNRD Electoral Areas. I am pleased to announce that David Boyes of Blackpool applied and was accepted as the representative for the North Thompson Valley.

Wells Gray Country Services Committee Bylaw 2255 was adopted. The incorporation of Clearwater caused significant changes to the scope, responsibilities and membership of the pre existing WGCSC Bylaw 1937. At the same time changes in existing Vavenby committees resulted in adding the "Vavenby Community Water System" and the "Vavenby Community Hall" to the responsibilities of the WGCSC.

I put forward a resolution to utilize \$50,000 of "Gas Tax Credit" funds to pay for the cost of repairs and upgrades to the "Vavenby Community Water System". The costs were incurred last summer due to a system failure of a significant amount of main water supply line. The TNRD BOD's approved the expenditure and by doing so we have averted a very substantial tax increase that would have been required to cover these costs.

Next on the list for Area 'A' was a resolution to expend \$11,000 of "Gas Tax Credit" funds to pay for the cost of purchase and installation of new high efficiency propane furnaces for the Clearwater Ski Hill Lodge. The TNRD BOD's approved this as well. I would like to note that the Municipality of Clearwater, myself and Wells Gray Country Community Forest are working in cooperation to assist the ski hill in ways which will benefit the entire area.

Last but not least I made several committee appointments and service recognition awards as listed below:

Blackpool Fire Protection Committee

Sharon Ruston
Barb Ferguson
David Poole

Vavenby Fire Protection Committee

Robert Rexin
Wendy Pisarczyk
Stan Hlapky

Wells Gray Country Services Committee

Robert Rexin
Hazel Wadlegger
Richard Dee
Kathy Braaten
Joe Short

Past Service Recognition Awards

Ted Richardson WGCSC
Cheryl Thomas WGCSC
Raymond Jackson WGCSC
John Wilcox WGCSC
Ken Ash Vavenby Fire Protection Committee

All in all it was a very busy meeting with significant benefits to Wells Gray Country!

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