



## **Council Meeting Notes - May 27, 2009**

### **Water Treatment Plant**

The tender for the upgrade to the water treatment plant was for the tender price of \$1,117,520.25. The upgrades include refurbishing of well #1 which provides a backup for the main well. This helps insure that an adequate supply of water is always available.

### **Airport Business Case Study**

Council approved that \$5,000 from unallocated general revenue be used to conduct an airport business case study. This will help Council decide future developments at the airport.

## **Council Meeting Notes - June 10, 2009**

### **Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative (NWRI) - Funding Application**

Council supported an application by the Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative for funding to Farm Credit Canada's AgriSpirit program. NWRI plans to purchase three recycling bins for recycling of paper products.

### **Arena Sound System – Funding**

Council supported an application to Northern Development Trust's Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program and to the Federal Government's Recreation Infrastructure Canada program for \$8,333 each to help pay for the replacement the sound system in the arena. The Figure Skating Club will be applying for \$15,000 in funding for a total of \$31,666.

### **Bleachers - Grant Applications**

Council supported an application to Northern Development Trust's Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program and to the Federal Government's Recreation Infrastructure Canada program for \$30,000 each to be used as 2/3 funding for the

purposes of replacing and adding to the number of bleachers in the community. The plan is to replace the bleachers at the ball fields as well as purchase portable bleachers that could be used at other facilities in the community. Council has committed \$30,000 in the 2009 budget for the bleachers.

### **Job Creation Project - Green Teams**

Council supported an application to the Federal Government's Community Adjustment Fund for \$332,411 (93% funding) to support the proposed Green Team Project. The Green Teams initiative is designed to help keep unemployed people in the community during the downturn in the economy. The project will provide 102 months of job creation. The hope is to retain the current labour force in anticipation of an improved economy. The project will also benefit non-profit groups who will be able to utilize these workers.

## **Council Meeting Notes - June 24, 2009**

Council agreed to provide the Vanderhoof Kinettes with use of the Arena on August 22, 2009 to hold a fundraising event.

Council agreed to send a letter of support for the Resources North Association application to the Community Adjustment Fund. The RNA is hoping to fund four new projects that address integrated resource management to offset Mountain Pine Beetle impacts.

Council approved entering into a five year agreement with Pepsi for exclusive use of Pepsi products in the Arena in exchange for a new LED score clock.

Council approved an application to the Federal Government's Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program for \$50,000 to help pay for the replacement of the spray park in Ferland Park.



## *Message from the Mayor*



Summer is here, there are very few times and places that are finer than the Nechako Valley in summer.

It has been great to see so many people enjoying outdoor activities, using the parks and, just generally getting some exercise.

With winter now behind us we have been able to get on with a number of projects, some have been completed and some are just getting started. Here is a quick update on some of the major projects we are working on.

The downtown revitalization project is now complete, the new landscaping and trees were planted this spring. It sure looks good, a welcome addition to our downtown.

The new sports park is progressing on schedule, the washrooms are finished and the contractor is now working on getting the track done and the infield seeded. The grass is already starting to grow.

The upgrades to the arena are also on schedule. The new door that allows large vehicles to enter the arena has been installed. This came in very handy during the recent Chamber of Commerce Trade show. The Trade Show was a great success, congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce on a job well done.

The arena will also be getting a new ice plant, this project will be ready for the new ice season this fall.

The airport upgrade is complete. The landing lights and GPS system have been installed and are operational. The airport is open again.

The upgrades to Fourth Street passed a significant hurdle when the go ahead to proceed without an environmental review was given to the District. This project is a little ahead of schedule.

As the summer progresses the District will be resurfacing a number of roads including Oak St., Williams St., Markay Drive and Reid Drive.

The design of the Historical Park beside the Museum is in the final stages. Work will begin in July and the park is expected to be completed by the end of August.

The trail system joining Riverside Park and the new Historical Park is also in the design stage. There are a number of issues that need to be worked out but the project is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

I invite you to attend one of our Council meetings. We are about to go into our summer schedule, the next regular meeting is July 15th, at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District Offices.

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