



THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

Highlights from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District [Board of Directors' Meeting of March 14, 2019](#)

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Delegation: Trans Mountain Expansion Project

The Board was given an information update on the Trans Mountain Expansion by Ian Anderson, President and CEO of [Trans Mountain Corporation](#).

Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the Federal Governor in Council will be making a decision regarding the National Energy Board's (NEB) recommendation on May 22. If a favourable decision is made, construction of work camps within the TNRD will recommence this summer in Blue River, Clearwater, and Valemount. Additional project updates will be offered as the project progresses. For more information on the NEB report, read the news release [here](#).



Read more about the Trans Mountain Expansion project [here](#).

Delegation: Southern Interior Local Government Association

Robin Smith, Mayor of Logan Lake and SILGA Director gave a presentation to the Board about the association and the upcoming SILGA AGM and Convention. The convention will include information sessions on climate change, sustainable tourism, wildfire and flood response, active transportation, the future of BC's forests, the provincial response to the overdose public health emergency, and engaging youth in local government.

Learn more about SILGA [here](#).

Funding Approved for Western Canada Theatre

On February 14th, 2019, the Board received a request for \$5,000 to support the Western Canada Theatre (WCT) with its 2019 season. In the time since this request was made, a serious structural issue was found in the Sagebrush Theatre where WCT holds all of its productions.

Director Elliot made a motion to double the donation to \$10,000 this year to recognize and assist with the unexpected loss of revenues due to the issue with the venue. The motion was carried by all Electoral Area (EA) Directors.

\$1,000 from each EA will be allocated to provide this year's funding. Read the report [here](#).

New Tax Bylaws Adopted Savona Community Water System

The Board approved the adoption of the Savona Community Water Service Debt Financing Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2675, 2019.

In 2006, property owners within the Savona community water service area approved borrowing of up to \$1,200,000 for capital upgrades to the water system. This parcel tax bylaw will enable the TNRD to impose a parcel tax to pay the loan for capital upgrades now completed on the Savona community water system, with 2019 being the first year of taxation.

Read the report [here](#).

South Green Lake

The Board also approved the adoption of the South Green Lake Fire Protection Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 2676, 2019.

In 2018, the South Green Lake Fire Protection Service was established and the service came into effect in January 2019. The service is funded through a combination of two types of taxes - a tax based on the assessment value of improvements on each property, and a separate parcel tax for all properties within the service area. This parcel tax bylaw is required in order to collect the parcel tax portion.

The Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will convene at 9 AM on Thursday April 18th to address any reported errors in the tax rolls.

Read the report [here](#).

Kamloops Libraries Closure Approved

The Board approved the closure of both Kamloops libraries (Kamloops and North Kamloops) on Monday, May 6 2019 for staff to attend a system-wide one day development conference.

Read the report [here](#).

Crown Land Tenure Application for Loon Lake Fire Hall

The Board recommended that staff submit a Crown Land Tenure application to secure approximately 2.64 acres of land for the construction of a main fire hall for the Loon Lake Volunteer Fire Department. The hall was destroyed during the 2017 Elephant Hill wildfire and was a critical piece of infrastructure for the community. The TNRD assumed responsibility for fire protection services in Loon Lake in January 2019.

Read the report [here](#).

Funding Applications

Thompson-Nicola Film Commission Projects

The Board approved staff to submit a funding application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust – 2019 Economic Development Capacity Building fund for the following projects:

- Very high-end tourism and film site drone footage;

- Vignettes (short-form video) suitable for social media applications; and
- Website improvement that would allow musicians to upload their own information to support music tourism.

The total amount of funding will not exceed \$50,000. Read the report [here](#).

Wells Grey Community Forest Society

The Board also directed staff to submit an application to the Wells Gray Community Forest (2010) Society for \$50,000 in funding to assist in the development of a community park for the residents of Blackpool in Electoral Area "A".

Read the report [here](#).

Federal Gas Tax Funding Lower Nicola Waterworks Wellhead Protection

The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$100,000 from Federal Gas Tax revenues to assist Lower Nicola Waterworks District (LNWD) in completing wellhead protection for the Lower Nicola Waterworks system.

The TNRD contribution will be provided from the following Federal Gas Tax allocations:

- Electoral Area "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley – North) - \$50,000.00; and
- Electoral Area "N" (Beautiful Nicola Valley – South) - \$50,000.00.

Read the report [here](#).

Black Pines Community Water System Well Development

The Board also approved that an additional \$101,800 in Federal Gas Tax funding be allocated to Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and the Peaks) to fund the well development and pre-design costs for the Black Pines Community Water System. The purpose of the project is to establish a groundwater supply for the system which is needed to replace a failing river intake.

Read the report [here](#).

The next Regular Board Meeting is on March 28, 2019 at 1:15 pm.

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