

**TOWN OF GRANDE CACHE**  
**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 12:00 noon  
Council Chambers

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**Present:** Councillor Gordon Frentz (Chair)  
Councillor Vic Beland  
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer (12:15 pm)  
Len McLeod, Director of Public Works/Fire Chief  
Robert Wiseman, Public Works Foreman  
Jamey Budd, By-Law Enforcement Officer  
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Councillor Terry Coray

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Frentz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda for the Community Infrastructure Committee meeting was approved as presented.

**3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Public Works Report**

Len McLeod, Director of Public Works, gave a verbal overview of the written report submitted to the Committee, highlighting the following:

- completed crew projects
- equipment maintenance
- administration
- airport
- upcoming activities

Councillor Beland asked if the Public Works Department would be picking up vehicles again this spring. L. McLeod said they are planning to pick up vehicles and appliances in May. He explained they provide this service to residents who have no way of transporting these items themselves. R. Wiseman told the committee that they crushed approximately 125 vehicles, which worked out to 4-5 loads to ship. Councillor Frentz commended the Public Works Department on the good job of cleaning up the dump, and said that it looks good now.

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Councillor Frentz asked if the rail ties could be cabled together and used as a driving pad for when it rains, as that area gets very muddy. He also asked if some sort of barrier or guardrail could be put in front of the unloading pit, as there is a danger that a vehicle may back up too close and fall in. L. McLeod said there are three-foot cement barriers there now. Councillor Frentz explained he meant farther over, towards the fence. L. McLeod said they would look into getting some lower cement barriers in place.

D. Ottaway told the Committee that the Town is applying for grants to fund new remote water meters. If the funding is received, all water meters will be changed out. He explained this would streamline the reading process for the operators and billing staff. He said that many residences in Phase I and II are old and need to be replaced, as they may not be accurate. He went on to explain the current process and the difficulty and time consuming labor involved in collecting data and processing it to billing. Councillor Frentz asked about the new technology available. D. Ottaway told the Committee that the new system will collect data from the meter, and then all the information will be transferred into the computer billing program.

L. McLeod told the Committee that the wind generators installed at the airport beacons appear to be working quite well. Councillor Beland said he had received complaints regarding the beacons, and shouldn't they be fixed as soon as there is a problem. L. McLeod explained that the facility is classed as an aerodome, not an airport; therefore, any landings and takeoffs are at the discretion of the pilot, not the responsibility of the municipality. He said that usually the Public Works Department prepare the beacons in the fall, but the heavy snowfall came before this could be done this winter. The Department has plans to work on the beacons this summer, as they require technical repairs and maintenance, and will need professional service because Public Works is unable to complete this type of work.

The contractor from Hinton is in town today and will be providing estimates to survey pine stands for Mountain Pine Beetles within Town limits.

**a) Drinking Water Reports from Peace Country Health**

Information item. The water quality is good, with no concerns. Councillor Beland asked that the water reports not be included in the meeting packages unless there is a problem.

**3.2 Fire Department Report**

L. McLeod gave a verbal report of the department's activities and handed out a stat sheet for the month of January. He told the Committee that there have been a few problems with bonfires at the ball diamonds. He said kids are stealing bundles of cardboard and burning them. The RCMP have tried to catch the culprits, and the cameras on the Public Works building have been moved to see if anything can be caught on tape.

### **3.3 By-Law Report**

J. Budd gave a verbal overview of his written report, including the following:

- parking offences
- assist RCMP with Drug-related call at Rec Centre
- dog impoundments/incidents

Councillor Frentz said it is a good idea to begin enforcement with warning tickets instead of handing out fines. He asked if the truck for By-Law Enforcement is a new purchase. D. Ottaway said that it is the truck S. Aucoin, former Public Works Director, was using. They added a canopy, lights and decals (to be put on today). He said that uniforms are on order. Councillor Frentz asked if there is a quad available for patrols, and if a skidoo is needed, he has one available.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Letter from MD of Greenview No. 16, re: Notice of Decision – Mustang Helicopters, Hanger No. 10**

L. McLeod explained the current situation, that a temporary hanger/shop has been approved and will be installed.

### **4.2 Letter from Florence Alden, re: Snow Removal for Sidewalks**

L. McLeod said he has spoken to Ms. Alden, and explained that this was an error and will not be enforced. D. Ottaway told the Committee that a newspaper ad was published in January stating that residents have to clean their sidewalks. He had contacted the newspaper to find out who sent this ad to them, but they have no record of it.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 12:00 noon in the Council Chambers.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Community Infrastructure Committee meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.