

2010 ANNUAL REPORT (for the 2009 fiscal year) FOR THE VILLAGE OF NAKUSP

To be presented by Municipal Council on June 22, 2010.

The format below is as required by the Community Charter and was advertised twice in advance as required prior to its presentation.

1. **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – Separate copies will be made available at the front counter of the Municipal Office as soon as they have been completed by the auditor.

2. **REPORT ON PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS**

In accordance with Sec. 98 (2) (b) of the Community Charter, the following properties in the Village Of Nakusp were provided permissive property tax exemptions by Council for the 2009 taxation year.

<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Civic Address</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Taxes lost</u>
(a) Lots 14-16, Block 9, Plan 494	94 4 th Ave NW	Royal Canadian Legion	\$ 843
(b) Lots 5-7, Block 22, and Lots 17-20, Block 48, of Plan 494	205 6 th Avenue NW 97 2 nd Avenue NW	Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services	\$ 10,023
(c) Lot 3, Block 20 Plan 494	211 – 4 th Ave	7 th Day Adventist	\$ 705
(d) Lot 1-2, Plan 13443, DL 397	Nakusp Waterfront	Nakusp Launch Club	\$ 2678
(e) Lots 1-2, Block 12, Plan 11846, and Lot A, Plan 12608, DL 397	715 Broadway	Halcyon Assisted Living Society (Halcyon Home)	\$13,511
(f) Lots 14-16, Block 12, Plan 494	92 7 th Avenue NW	Arrow Lakes Historical Society	\$ 984
Total amount of tax revenue lost is.....			\$28,744

3. MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND OPERATIONS REPORT FOR 2009

An open letter to the Citizens of Nakusp from Mayor Karen Hamling

On behalf of the Council of the Village of Nakusp, I am pleased to provide an overview of activities since the last Annual Report of June, 2009. The past year has been very busy for Council and staff. Council welcomes our new Treasurer Don Willems who is replacing Richard Mahoney. Richard is away on extended sick leave and we all wish him well. Some highlights of 2009 are as follows:

- **GRANTS** – Grant Projects completed in 2009 include well #2, (\$521,830), except for the connecting piping, Arena ice plant (\$650,000), Cemetery upgrade (\$20,000), Arena sound system (\$10,000), Playground (\$20,000) Historical Registry Grant (\$20,000) and Age Friendly Planning Grant (\$10,000)

Grant projects in progress include the sewer treatment plant (\$971,000) – scheduled for completion in March of 2011, Brouse Creek water treatment plant (\$1,614,000) scheduled for completion in March of 2012, Arena Geothermal heat recovery grant (\$885,000) scheduled for completion in March of 2011, and the new Emergency Services Building grant (\$1,345,000) scheduled for completion in March of 2011. TOTAL GRANT APPROVAL is \$6, 351, 830.00) Council is looking forward to moving ahead with the next stage of development in a community now “open for business”

- **STAFFING** – public works staff have been training up in preparation for the new water and sewer plant, as have the arena staff for the operation of the new ice plant. Rachel Hughes has moved over from Administration to assist the Public Works Manager. Beth McLeod has been employed at the Village Office (in 2010) to assist with reporting requirements, accounting, and front counter duties.
- **OH&S** – A new Occupational Health and Safety Committee is now operational and busy preparing procedures and plans to ensure the safety of village employees, residents and visitors, and to ensure the villages risk is minimized.
- **THE NAKUSP COMMUNITY FOREST** - is now a reality after six years of hard work by community volunteers. Although the forest industry has not yet bounced back, the community forest is showing a healthy profit and is gearing up for a healthier forestry economy.
- **THE HOT SPRINGS** – The initiatives taken by Council to restrict winter operating hours and make improvements to the hot water boiler system have resulted in dramatic improvements to the bottom line. The facility is nearing a break even and Council is hopeful that continued initiatives and ideas from staff and consultants will result in actually showing a small profit. The facility, however, remains for sale as this option is considered as being in the best interest of our tax payers, as was verified in the referendum question. Council will continue to show leadership and initiative until such time as the facility sells or another option is chosen regarding its disposition.
- **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND PARK** – A new committee is busy at work addressing issues such as signage, store front appearance, sidewalk, waterfront and park issues. The committee will be making recommendations to Council for consideration that will enhance the appearance, make the core area more pedestrian friendly, and to ensure visitors and residents obtain the maximum enjoyment and experience when visiting these areas.
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – Council, through bylaw amendments and policies is making every effort to ensure that Nakusp is providing the most affordable housing possible
- **CLIMATE CHANGE** – Carbon reduction is a key goal of Council. In collaboration with the RDCK, the village is participating in several initiatives to reduce our carbon foot print. Council is proud to announce that Nakusp has been chosen by the Province as a “model” community in making real changes to achieve these goals through construction techniques and material, bylaws and policies.

Included are an anti – idling bylaw and a no smoking bylaw that rivals most for not permitting smoking in public places (both in and outside) MTI Ticketing Bylaws are there for enforcement.

Nakusp has adopted very aggressive targets for carbon emission reduction, setting goals of 15% per capita by 2020, 5% Total Green House Gas by 2030, and 40% by 2050.

- **OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ZONING BYLAW** – have been received very well by both residents and developers. Council is enforcing and defending it to ensure the plan is followed

The attached reports provide details of Councils 3 year plan, how it is progressing, and where it is going in 2010 and 2011. Department Managers have also provided year end reports for your review.

It is important that you, the residents of Nakusp, advise Council of your needs and wants so that we can act on issues of community concern.

Again, we offer our thanks to the people of the Village of Nakusp for their support and understanding of the changes that are occurring in our Village, and we encourage your attendance and participation at regular Council Meetings (we even have more room for you) and special forums called to solicit public input.

Sincerely,

Karen Hamling, Mayor

4. DECLARATION OF DISQUALIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION 111 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER

There were no disqualifications of Council

5. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR (2010)

Council has completed a formal three year plan. Its details are attached to this report as they provide a clear statement of Council's objectives and goals through until the fall of 2011 and beyond in some areas.

6. 2009 REPORT ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Council wishes to thank all those who assisted with committee and volunteer work, and again invites its citizens to become more involved with the provision of good governance. We continue to emphasize the importance of volunteers within our community and how critical they are to our continuing viability as a Community

7. OTHER INFORMATION

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