

CITY WILL AWAIT WORD ON PINEVIEW SCHOOL NEEDS

Residents win a little time in apartment battle

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The Pinewood Community Association has won a partial victory in its fight to halt apartment construction.

City council Monday passed a motion not to sell a city-owned apartment site in the area until the school situation in the area has been resolved.

But council agreed with planner Mark Stagg that

"no changes in the zoning of Pinewood subdivision are warranted or even desirable."

Stagg said the density of the subdivision was decided years before most of the residents bought their property. He said there was "nothing unusual" about the density of the area, and there was "no problem with traffic."

Stagg's report was made at the request of council

after Pinewood residents opposed two multi-residential developments, one at the corner of Foot Street and Guest Crescent, another at the corner of Massey Drive and Ospika Boulevard.

Pinewood is the area bounded by Ospika Boulevard, Massey Drive, Foothills Boulevard extension (not yet constructed) and 22nd Avenue. Residents claimed many

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had been told when purchasing the lots at those sites, and the city-owned apartment site at 22nd Avenue and Massey Drive were zoned park or green-belt.

The residents told council that apartment projects slated for the area would

make traffic, particularly on Campbell Avenue, intolerable, and mean Pinewood Elementary School would be overcrowded.

The study said the Pinewood area, when fully developed, would have a higher proportion of single-

family homes than three of the six other subdivisions studied, and a lower proportion of single-family homes (to multiple-family) than the other three.

The report said with the exception of 29 lots in the subdivision, Pinewood was developed after July, 1974, and with only minor modifications, the zoning pattern was established in 1971. The vast majority of residents had purchased lots after the

zoning pattern was established, the report said.

The study also said that Pinewood Elementary has a capacity of 270 pupils from grades one to seven, plus 50 kindergarten students. Enrolment now is 238 elementary pupils and 36 kindergarten.

The school board has indicated that several relocatable classrooms may be required for several years during the sub-

division's peak enrolment.

The report added, however, that whether or not this occurs will be determined by the age composition of the single-family dwellings in the subdivision.

The planning department recommended deferral of sale of the city apartment lot at 22nd Avenue and Massey Drive until enrolment from the other apartment sites was determined.

REPORT ON COMPLAINTS

Rec chief fights back

Civic Properties and Recreation Commission manager Bill Woycik Monday gave city council his account of the Age of Wheels and Loggers Sports Exhibition controversy.

Woycik submitted a report on the situation at the request of council, after the Associated Motor Sports Club and the College of New Caledonia Forestry Club said they might cancel the two annual events because of the CPRC's handling of facility rentals this fall.

Woycik's report on the loggers sports event said CPRC staff may have overreacted at a Civic Centre dance in conjunction with the event.

But Woycik said police had been called, and the liquor licence was lifted because of problems with infractions. Woycik said an Archery Club function in the basement of the Civic Centre at the same time did not contribute to any of these problems "and any allegation in that regard is completely unwarranted."

Woycik's report said with regard to the use of the loggers sports area at the exhibition grounds, "the attitude and bad language of the students, toward our staff... was unnecessary and unwarranted."

The report said the students had insisted on using the site, even during the time of exclusive rental by the Age of Wheels Show.

On Nov. 19, CNC Forestry Club representative Scott MacLise told council the log-

gers event may be cancelled because of a "never-ending battle with the CPRC."

MacLise told council there had been a lack of co-operation from the CPRC, and cleanup charges after the dance had been excessive.

With regard to the Age of Wheels Show, Woycik's report said the complaint of lack of co-operation was difficult to understand. He said several motor club members had complained CPRC staff on the co-operation and service provided.

The Associated Motor Sport Club in October said the CPRC had "deliberately created stumbling blocks" to the show, and had "greatly exaggerated" cleanup costs.

The club also claimed that use of the Sports Centre was denied, though use was guaranteed in the contract.

Woycik told council use of the sports centre was not denied for normal use, but only

after it was determined the club had no liquor licence for a party planned to be held there.

The report said the club had difficulty meeting the 50-per-cent rental fee deposit, and CPRC waived this requirement. Woycik said the full rental fee for exhibition ground facilities is still outstanding in the amount of \$4,700.

Woycik's report said rental rates for the facility were ratified by city council, and were no different for the motor club than for any other organization. Extra man hours were required for cleanup, which was not the normal custodial service for any booking, the report said.

Council passed a motion to uphold the \$4,700 rental fee to the motor sport club.

Mayor Elmer Mercier said he expected the matter to be cleared up this week. CPRC still holds a \$10,000 performance bond posted by the club.

Moffat vs. BCTV libel trial slated

Former mayor Harold Moffat's libel action against British Columbia Television will go to trial in B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver April 14, unless pre-trial discussions lead to settlement before then.

Trial had been set for Jan. 7, Moffat's counsel Allan Hope said today, but a new date was set last week.

Hope said the case is in the normal pre-trial discussion stage between the parties aimed at out-of-court settlement if possible.

Moffat is suing the B.C. affiliate of the national CTV network because of allegations contained in a series of television news broadcasts about land dealings and land

development in Prince George.

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CO-ORDINATORS

'Waste of money'

Salaries paid program co-ordinators with the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission are a waste of money, a city resident has told city council.

In a letter to council Monday, June Berry charged that money paid co-ordinators would be put to better use to buy badly-needed equipment for community recreation on school grounds.

Berry's letter said many volunteers have left community associations because the co-

ordinators are not carrying out their responsibilities.

The five full-time co-ordinators act as a liaison between the CPRC and community associations, helping to establish community recreation programs.

CPRC manager Bill Woycik told council in response to the letter that the co-ordinators are carrying out a "very worthwhile program."

Nevertheless, council passed a motion to have Woycik prepare a report on the role of the co-ordinators.

JOE CARTY

Well-known trapper dies

Well-known area trapper and guide Joe Carty is dead at 63.

Carty was found dead on his trapline by his son today. Immediate cause of death is not known, but is believed to be from a heart attack.

Carty was well known in the Prince George area for his work as president of the B.C. Trappers Association in trapper training and education, his work for the trapping industry and his community work through the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

"He was a hard worker," said Al Huble, a trapper who had known and worked with Carty for 20 years. "He was active in the trapper education program. He pushed for it, and today it is a regulation that anyone wanting to become a trapper has to take the trapper education course."

Huble said: "He was a good woodsman; a good worker."

Milt Warren, Fish and Wildlife branch information officer, said the industry should be grateful for the work Carty put into it.

"I knew him when he was a railroader and trapped on the



CARTY

side. He worked harder at it than many people who were in it full time. He did a lot to organize the trappers, formed a co-operative so they could get better prices for their furs."

Warren said Carty's information, advice and assistance was invaluable to the fish and wildlife branch in its operation in the trapping industry.

"He was also instrumental in developing humane traps," Warren said. "He tried out many of the designs in the field looking for a good one."

The provincial government

recently announced a \$75,000 program to develop humane traps.

"We've lost one of the better individuals," said Ken Child of the fish and wildlife branch. "He was easy to talk to and had a lot of talent."

Carty was president of the Prince George chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and remained active in the organization, particularly in organizing its Mother of the Year campaign.

Apart from being president of the B.C. Trappers Association, Carty was a former president of the North Central Guides Association.

Carty was a director of Western Guides and Outfitters Association and was active and respected in that organization.

"I can't remember him ever missing a director's meeting," said Sue Sandeman-Allen, executive director of the organization. "He recently sold his guiding property and was getting off the board of directors, but he was still going to work in the background."

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Paving tenders called

Tenders for 29.3 kilometres of paving on seven roads in the Prince George area have been called by the Highways Ministry, city council was told Monday.

Work will consist of removal of existing traffic island and shoulder curbing, replacing it with concrete curbing and asphalt along the bypass from the junction of the Vanderhoof highway to the Nechako River, a department release said.

Other work, which will include gravel surfacing, gravel shoulder and pavement installation, will be along eight kilometres of Miworth Road from the end of existing pavement at Otway west to Williams Road; along 1.5 kilometres of Fraser Flats Road from Northwood Pulp Road to Millsite Access Road; and along Old Summit Lake Road from Northwood Pulp Road north to Hornby Road including a 700 square metre area of Shady Valley Community site.

Work is expected to begin in the spring.

DANGEROUS SHIPMENTS

BCR outlines emergency plans

The B.C. Railway maintains a higher standard of maintenance and care of dangerous commodities "than normal for railroads" in "metropolitan areas of North America," says a railway official.

In a report received by city council Monday, BCR vice-president of operations and maintenance N.A. McPherson outlined precautions taken by the company to protect against derailments of trains carrying dangerous commodities.

The report was made in reply to concern expressed recently regarding the handling of dangerous commodities by BCR, McPherson said.

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Local news

On Nov. 14, seven butane tank cars on the BCR line between Prince George Pulp and Paper and Northwood Pulp and Timber mills were derailed by a mudslide.

George Hartley, assistant director of the provincial

emergency program in Prince George, told council Nov. 26 the butane tank cars could have exploded, rupturing chlorine tanks at both mills and endangering the residents of the city.

Precautions outlined in the

BCR report include:

- Inspections of each train to ensure no hot wheel bearings or dragging equipment;
- An emergency information centre open 24 hours a day with toll free number;
- BCR dispatch office manned 24 hours a day an organized to co-ordinate emergency procedures;
- Freight trains held to a maximum speed of 25 mph within the city and 10 mph across the BCR Fraser River Bridge, and Northwood and Prince George Pulp mill crossings;
- Daily inspection of tracks by section foreman and weekly inspection by roadmaster;
- Long trains with mid-train power to reduce stress on track and equipment;
- All crews provided a list of location of dangerous cars in the train;

Pickets halt operations

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B.C. Railway employees refused to cross a picketline at Squamish today and the operations at that point on the line came to a standstill.

The pickets were put up about 11 p.m. Monday by the carmen's union. The BCR immediately placed a selective embargo on perishable goods, explosives and dangerous commodities.

BCR spokesman Hugh Armstrong said no embargo has been placed in the area north of Squamish and in North Vancouver.

"The passenger train out of Prince George today will go as far as Lillooet and the passengers will be bused," Armstrong said.

Monday the unions gave the BCR assurance they would give 48 hours notice before any strike action would be taken.

The Joint Council of Unions, representing about 2,200 BCR employees, is in a legal position to strike and the railway is viewing the pickets at Squamish as part of a strike.

But Armstrong said talks with the council are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday in hopes to reach a new collective agreement.

increases over 29 months, but the council said the offer was ridiculous in view of the increase in the cost of living.

The unions have not stated their demands. Currently a shop craft employee earns \$10.18 an hour.

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Fourth body found

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. (CP) — Search and rescue personnel found a fourth body Monday near a fishing boat that washed ashore on a bleak strip of Alaskan shoreline about 75 kilometres north of here.

The bodies of a man, a boy and a girl were discovered Sunday aboard the 10-metre gillnetter, which had left here Dec. 2 and an intensive air-sea search was continuing for six others. Police had not yet identified the dead.

A rescue spokesman said the search was being carried out by two helicopters and a tracker from CFB Comox, a Canadian Coast Guard cutter and public works ministry boat plus a U.S. Coast Guard cutter and helicopter.

He said weather was calm Monday morning but a storm was moving in and threatening to hamper the search effort.

The first three bodies were discovered by the crew of a search helicopter that spotted the wreck, which lay split in two at Tree Point, 40

kilometres southwest of Kincolth.

The boat had a 2½-metre aluminium skiff which has not been accounted for. It is not known if the skiff was with the boat when it left this north coast city for what should have been a 7½-hour trip.

On board were Roy Monstad, 44, and his three children Tommy, 13, Robert 9 and Tina, 9; Judy Stevens, 30, and her children Lyle, 7, Nadine, 6, and Roselle, 4, and her sister Wendy Stevens, 27, and four-year-old daughter Angie. All are from Prince Rupert.

The gillnetter was name Salinta, a combination of the names of Tina and her sisters Sanda and Linda. It was known to have frequent mechanical breakdowns, a manager of a local fish-packing plant that took deliveries from the boat.

"It was an old boat and not a very good boat," said Bob Gerbrach, manager of Royal Fisheries. "When I heard about the search, I figured there must have been some trouble."

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