



May 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

Community Energy Association – BC Energy Step Code

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 13th the Committee had a presentation from the Community Energy Association regarding the BC Energy Step Code.

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Tree Planting

At the Natural Resources Committee Meeting on May 13th the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development provided a presentation regarding 2021 tree planting in the region.

Food Hub Feasibility Study

At the Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting on May 13th Urban Food Strategies and Greenchain Consulting provided an overview of the RDBN Food Hub Feasibility Study. The Committee will review the final report and bring it forward for Board consideration.

Agriculture Newsletter

The Board approved a monthly Agriculture Newsletter. If you would like to stay up-to-date on agriculture news and initiatives, please visit www.rdbn.bc.ca/agriculture to sign-up.

RDBN Re-Use Sheds

RDBN Re-Use Sheds re-opened May 25, 2021, with a re-opening plan in place that incorporates Provincial COVID-19 protocols.

Electoral Area Housing Reports Contract

The RDBN authorized entering into a contract with M'akola Development Services for the completion of Electoral Area Housing Needs Reports for each electoral area.

Lakes District Arts & Culture Fund Request – Lakes District Museum Society

The Board approved giving \$5,000 Lakes District Arts and Culture Fund monies to the Lakes District Museum Society for a Burns Lake Centennial Book

Federal Gas Tax Funds

The Board authorized contributing the following Federal Gas Tax Funds

- Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Up to \$27,000 to the Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station for a Solid Waste Infrastructure Project at the Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station
- An additional \$7,140 to the Village of Telkwa for a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Woodland Park Rink

- Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

- Up to \$27,117 to the Lakes District Airport Society for a Regional Airport Infrastructure Project at Baker Airport.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

The following organizations were recently approved for COVID -19 Relief Funds:

- Smithers Multicultural Society – \$1,250
- Round Lake Community Hall – \$3,014
- Friends of the Smithers Library – \$2,500
- Smithers Bikes – \$2,500
- BV Search and Rescue – \$2,500
- Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)**
- Burns Lake Legion – \$3,045.09
- Eagle Creek Recreation Commission –\$1,317
- Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)**
- Fort St. James Curling Club – \$6,326.16
- Stuart Lake Seniors Association – \$3,500
- Fort St. James Music Makers -\$4,436
- Stuart Lake Recycling Co-op – \$2,466.45
- Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)**
- Fraser Lake Public Library – \$150
- Fort Fraser Community Hall – \$2,920
- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society – \$2,371
- Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)**
- Vanderhoof Children’s Theater – \$3,000
- Mapes Blackwater Lake Community Club – \$3,104
- Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce – \$2,000.

The Board recognizes that Non-Profit Societies and Charities have been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and is open to exploring ways to support organizations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Economic Development Staff at economic.development@rdbn.bc.ca or call 250-692-3195.

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