



March 2022 BOARD MEETINGS

Delegations

At the March 17, 2022 Natural Resources Committee Meeting Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development staff provided an update regarding the Province of B.C.'s Old Growth Deferral.

At the March 17, 2022 Regional Transit Committee Meeting BC Transit staff provided a presentation regarding the Highway 16 Service Review that is being conducted in 2022.

Recreation Contribution Service Bylaws

The Board directed staff to move forward with implementation of a recreation contribution service as proposed in staff's March 31, 2022 staff report. [Recreation Contribution Service Bylaws Staff Report](#)

Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw

The Board adopted Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1951, 2021 at its March 31st Board meeting. This service enables the RDBN to pursue partnerships to assist with the provision of high-speed internet and cellular connectivity for all residents.

Budget Adoption

At its March 31st Board Meeting the Board gave third reading and adoption to its Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1971, 2022.

Connecting Remote Communities and First Nation Reserves to High-speed Internet – Request to Participate (RTP)

The Board approved participating in the Province of BC's Request to Participate (RTP) in the Connecting Remote Communities and First Nation Reserves to High-speed Internet project. Staff will prepare proposed responses to the RTP questions for the April 14th Connectivity Committee Meeting for discussion and feedback.

Fort Fraser Fire Apparatus Purchase

The Board ratified the purchase of Pierce BXP engine for the Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire (FFVFD) Department. The new equipment allows for the existing FFVFD engine to be transferred to the Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department (CLVFD) to replace its aging equipment.

Federal Gas Tax – Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Bleachers at Telkwa BBQ Grounds

The Board authorized contributing up to \$30,000.00 of Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Telkwa BBQ Grounds.

Grant in Aid Funds

Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society for 2022 management and maintenance of recreation sites - \$5,000.00 (Area B and E - \$2,500 each)

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Lake Kathlyn Protection Society for capital repairs for the Lake Kathlyn Weed Harvesting Service -\$42,415

Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

- Fort St. James Search and Rescue for the purchase of a Search and Rescue Building -\$100,000.00

Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Nechako Valley Rodeo Association to support a 2022 Nechako Valley Rodeo event - \$5,000.00.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

The following organizations were approved for COVID -19 Relief Funds

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Paul Lychak Community Hall - \$6,533.17
- Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club - \$8,091.00
- Smithers Gallery Association - \$938.52
- Glenwood Hall Committee Association - \$6,424.13
- Telkwa Museum Society - \$4,452.94
- Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society - \$9,294.00

Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

- Burns Lake Woman's Vortex Hockey - \$3,494.40
- Rose Lake Community Club - \$1,820.86
- Decker Lake Recreation Commission - \$2,599.87

Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

- Fort St. James Community Foundation - \$3,917.31
- Stuart Lake Recycling Co-op - \$3,126.46

Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society - \$2,451.00

Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission - \$5,119.45
- Colleymount Recreation Commission - \$1,431.96
- Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Commission - \$1,430.00

Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Mapes Blackwater Sob Lake Community Club - \$4,050.00
- Vanderhoof Community Foundation - \$1,101.00
- Vanderhoof International Airshow - \$3,139.37

Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

- Granisle and District Senior Citizen's Association Society - \$6,423.00.

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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