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## MARCH 2025 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Delegations

#### **Taylor Bachrach, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley**

At the March 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, MP Taylor Bachrach met with the Board to provide an update.

#### **John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes**

At the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, MLA John Rustad provided an update to the Board.

#### **Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society**

At the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board received a presentation from the Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society regarding Beaver Dams.

#### **Houston Search and Rescue – Canine Unit**

At the March 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting Houston Search and Rescue provided an update regarding the authorization of its Canine Capabilities.

### Reports

#### **Support for the Regional Transit Service**

At the March 13<sup>th</sup> Rural Services Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that the Board support the utilization of the Northwest BC Regional Funding Agreement (Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)) funds for the 2025 to 2028 calendar years.

#### **Community Works Fund**

The Board approved Community Works Funds for the Burns Lake Public Library HVAC Replacement and for the Fraser Lake Arena/Curling rink ammonia chiller.

#### **Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Economic Development Services**

The Board approved, at its March 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, grants to the Village of Burns Lake for a Faces and Places marketing project and Website Redesign project from Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Economic Development Services.

#### **Illegal Dumping Mitigation Strategy**

The Board resolved to write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Parks requesting that the Ministry make illegal dumping site clean up and enforcement of regulations against illegal dumping on Crown land a financial and human resource priority. The Board further resolved to implement a community clean-up program.

### **Community Resiliency Investment Program – 2025 FireSmart Community Funding & Support Application**

The Board supported the submission of a grant application to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program – FireSmart Community Funding & Support, to extend the FireSmart Program for an additional two-year term.

### **Northwest BC Regional Funding Agreement (RBA)**

The Board approved a Long-term Development Plan and the 2025 Annual Development Plan for the RBA Funding Agreement which outlines the intended policies, operational activities and capital investment and how the funds will be contributed to the objectives outlined in the agreement.

### **2025 Budget**

The Board approved its 2025 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Premier’s Task Force on Agriculture and Food Economy**

At the March 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Board received information regarding the Premier’s Task Force on Agriculture and Food Economy in response to uncertainty created by the potential implementation of U.S. government tariffs on Canadian agricultural exports and resolved to write a letter to the Premier requesting consideration of northern representation.

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