



## OCTOBER 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

### **Chinook Community Forest and Forest Enhancement Society of BC Delegation**

At the October 7, 2021 Natural Resources Committee Meeting Chinook Community Forest and the Forest Enhancement Society of BC provided an update to the Committee regarding 2018 Wildfire Salvaging.

### **Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan**

The Board gave first and second reading to the Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw. The plan will be referred to the Agricultural Land Commission and then proceed to Public Hearing.

### **Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**

At its October 21, 2021 Board meeting the Regional Board discussed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. Staff will bring forward five Calls to Action at a time for the Board to reflect and/or discuss at future meetings, thus creating space for the Board to discuss each of the 94 Calls to Action and how the Regional District can support local First Nations in their advocacy for reconciliation efforts in the region.

### **Meeting Request to Minister Farnworth re: Potential Solutions for 'Stay & Defend'**

The Board authorized sending a letter to Minister Farnworth requesting a meeting between the Minister and the RDBN to discuss potential solutions to 'Stay & Defend' issues.

### **Grant in Aid Funds**

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

- Lakes Literacy for the W.O.W Bus - \$4,497.75 (Area B - \$2,248.87/Area E - \$2,248.88).

### **COVID-19 Relief Funds**

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

#### **Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)**

-Smithers District Chamber of Commerce -- \$5,000

#### **Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)**

-Lakes District Family Enhancement Society - \$7,066.50

#### **Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)**

-Fraser Lake Saddle Club - \$1,739.50.

The Board recognizes that non-profit societies and charities have been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and would like to continue to be open to exploring ways to support organizations through additional allocation of funding to Rural Areas. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Economic Development Staff at [economic.development@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:economic.development@rdbn.bc.ca) or call 250-692-3195.

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