



APRIL 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

Coastal GasLink – Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)

At the Natural Resources Committee Meeting on April 8th the Committee had a presentation from Coastal GasLink regarding its Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP). They also discussed community investment and lasting legacy opportunities with Coastal GasLink.

BC Transit – 2021 Bulkley Nechako Transit Service Review

At the Regional Transit Committee Meeting on April 8th BC Transit's Manager of Government Relations provided an overview of the Highway 16 Transit Service Review process to take place in 2021 as well as the outreach that will occur during the review process.

Wireless Cell Service Improvements in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

The Board approved writing a letter to the Ministry of Citizens' Services requesting expansion of wireless cell service to the Southside of Francois Lake, Highway 118 (Granisle) and Highway 27 (Fort St. James) as connector routes to the Highway 16 ('Highway of Tears') route."

RDBN Letter of Support for Inclusion of ICI Cardboard in Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

The Board authorized writing a letter of support to the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce regarding its resolution to the BC Chamber of Commerce in regard to Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) recycling. The letter will also be sent to Nathan Cullen, MLA - Stikine and John Rustad, MLA - Nechako Lakes.

RDBN Review and Recommendation Letter for a 10¢ Bottle Deposit Refund for all Cans

The Board discussed the discrepancy for bottle deposit refunds for all cans of 8¢ and 10¢. The Province of BC conducted a pilot project where all bottle deposit refunds for all cans was 10¢ but is no longer continuing the project. The Board approved writing a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy requesting that a consistent deposit system for the return deposit for all cans is paid in its entirety; and further, that the system is implemented throughout the Province.

Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusion Application – Community Care Facility, Tachick Lake Resort

The Board received the Report of the Public Hearing for Agriculture Land Reserve Exclusion Application to exclude the Tachick Lake Resort Property located at 15112 Tachick Lake Road from the Agricultural Land Reserve to allow the property to be developed as a Community Care Facility. The Agriculture Land Reserve Exclusion Application for the subject property will be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

The Board recognizes that Non-Profit Societies and Charities have been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and are exploring ways to support organizations. The following organizations that have reached out to the RDBN for COVID - 19 Relief Funds were approved by the Board:

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Paul Lychak Community Hall - \$3,729
- Glenwood Community Hall - \$3,495

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

- Francois Lake Hall - \$1,339
- Grassy Plains Community Hall Association - \$4,291.14

Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

- Granisle Public Library - \$2,500
- Love by the Bowl Soup Kitchen - \$2,500

Non-Profit Societies and Charities are invited to reach out to the RDBN to discuss financial supports that are available at economic.development@rdbn.bc.ca or by phone at 1-800-320-3339 or 250-692-3195.

Grant in Aid Request – Nechako Valley Historical Society

The Board approved \$30,000 Grant in Aid monies be given to the Nechako Valley Historical Society from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for a records digitization project.

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