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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Supplementary Memo
Board of Directors
March 15, 2018**

To: Chair Miller and the Board of Directors
 From: Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
 Date: March 14, 2018
 Regarding: RDBN Northern Development Application- Strategic Initiatives Fund

RDBN Staff are working on an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's (Northern Development) Strategic Initiatives Fund for ongoing activities of the Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table (formerly SWOT). An RDBN Board resolution is recommended in order for the Northern Development Board to approve the application.

The Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table (through the RDBN) is requesting \$56,000 for initiatives identified in the Regional Skills Gap Analysis (RSGA), as well as an update to the RSGA, which was originally completed in 2014. Funding from this application will be paid directly to the RDBN, and will be allocated to RSGA initiatives as required.

The \$70,000 project will take place between June 2018 and December 2019. It includes:

- Completing remaining Initiatives not funded through the Labour Market Partnership
- Updating the Regional Skills Gap Analysis
- Completing priority initiatives identified in the updated Regional Skills Gap Analysis

| Funding Organization | Amount | Status |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Regional District Of Bulkley Nechako | \$4,000 | Confirmed |
| Bulkley Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table | \$10,000 | Pending |
| Northern Development | \$56,000 | Pending |
| Total | \$70,000 | |

A copy of the application with attachments will be available at the Board meeting should Directors wish to review the information in greater detail.

| Recommendation: | (All/Directors/Majority) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <p>That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors supports the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's <i>Regional Strategies for Economic Sustainability</i> application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's – Strategic Initiatives Fund, and;</p> <p>That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors agree to enter into a contract with Northern Development, should the funding be approved.</p> | |



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson Miller and Board of Directors
FROM: Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
DATE: March 13, 2018
SUBJECT: Committee Meeting Recommendations
 – March 8, 2018

Following are recommendations from the March 8, 2018 Committee meetings for the Regional Board's consideration and approval.

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 8, 2018

Recommendation 1:

Re: Business Façade Program

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Business Façade Improvement Program Guidelines."

Recommendation 2:

Re: Vanderhoof Transfer Station Recycling Contract Negotiations with Recycle BC – Follow-up Report

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to enter into a recycling depot contract with Recycle BC for the depot service at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station."
2. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve operational and staffing changes to provide a small scale recycling depot that provides full operational coverage in accordance to the requirements of the Recycle BC contract."

Recommendation 3:

Re: Northern Healthy Communities Forum 2018 – May 7, 2018 – Fort Nelson, B.C.

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to Northern Health requesting that the time be changed from a 9:00 a.m. start time to a later time in the day for its Northern Healthy Communities Forum 2018 meeting May 7, 2018 in Fort Nelson, B.C. during the North Central Local Government Association Convention to accommodate NCLGA members confirmed flight arrival times."

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 8, 2018 (CONT'D)

Recommendation 4:

Re: Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station Recycling Contract Negotiations with Recycle BC – Follow Up Report

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to enter into a recycling depot contract with Recycle BC for the depot service at the Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station.
2. That the RDBN Board of Directors approve operational and staffing changes to provide a small scale recycling depot that provides full operational coverage in accordance to the requirements of the Recycle BC contract.
3. That the RDBN Board of Directors direct staff to write a press release, once details are finalized, in regard to small scale recycling at the Smithers/Telkwa Area Transfer Station and Vanderhoof Transfer Station."

Recommendation 5:

**Re: Federal Gas Tax Funds – Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)
Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station**

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$30,000 (plus recoverable GST) of Electoral Area "F" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies and up to \$30,000 (plus recoverable GST) of Electoral Area "A" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for the purchase and set up of two recycle depots to be located one each at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station and the Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$60,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

Rural Directors Committee – March 8, 2018

Recommendation 6:

Re: Permaculture Farm Festival Club- Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

"That the Permaculture Farm Festival Club be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with the Northwest Food Security Partnership."

Recommendation 7:

Re: Town of Smithers - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

"That the Town of Smithers be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with a Smithers and District Transit Marketing Initiative."

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Rural Directors Committee – March 8, 2018 (CONT'D)

Recommendation 8:

Re: Lakes District Fair Association - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

“That the Lakes District Fair Association be given \$5,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) for the parking lot expansion project.

Recommendation 9:

Re: Fort St. James Public Library - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

“That the Fort St. James Public Library be given \$2,700 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for staff training in Interlibrary Loan Code and Outlook Online.”

Recommendation 10:

Re: Fort St. James Secondary School Ski and Snowboard Team - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

“That the Fort St. James Secondary School Ski and Snowboard Team be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with Provincial Championships in Sun Peaks, B.C.”

Recommendation 11:

Re: Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

“That the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Senior Boys’ Provincial Basketball Tournament in Langley, B.C.”

RECOMMENDATION:

(ALL/DIRECTORS/MAJORITY)

Recommendations 1 through 11 as written.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson Miller and Board of Directors
FROM: Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
DATE: March 13, 2018
SUBJECT: Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association - Resolution

At its March 8, 2018 Board meeting, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors discussed the formulation of a resolution to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association to address the following issues:

- Turn off at Stella West Road and Highway 16 – Fraser Lake area/Stellat'en First Nation
- Intersection at Chowsunket St. and Highway 16 – Village of Fraser Lake
- Crosswalk needed at Silversmith Avenue and Pine Street, Vanderhoof
- Street lighting costs in Telkwa.

A "draft" resolution is attached inclusive of the suggested wording that was provided.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors submit the resolution titled "Safety Infrastructure Funding" to the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association for consideration."

SUBJECT: Safety Infrastructure Funding

SUBMITTED BY: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

WHEREAS Highway 16 creates a significant hazard where it passes through populated areas and incorporated communities;

AND WHEREAS those communities incur significant costs and impacts to their residents due to the Highway 16 corridor passing through those communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association lobby the Provincial and Federal Governments to support those communities financially to offset the hazards and support necessary safety infrastructure on Highway 16.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson Miller and Board of Directors

FROM: Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services

DATE: March 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Meeting Recommendation – March 8, 2018

At its March 8, 2018 In-Camera Meeting, the Executive Committee passed the following motion:

Executive Committee Meeting – March 8, 2018

Recommendation 1:

EXC.2018-3-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors rescind the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Wages and Paydays Policy, and

That the Paydays Policy be converted to an operational procedure under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer.”

RECOMMENDATION:

(ALL/DIRECTORS/MAJORITY)

Recommendation 1 as written.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Miller and Board of Directors

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson
 Manager of Administrative Services**

DATE: March 13, 2018

**SUBJECT: Houston Mountain Bike Association – Request for Grant in Aid
 – Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)**

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors, at its February 22, 2018 Board meeting, addressed a Grant in Aid application from the Houston Mountain Bike Association.

Director Newell was supportive of providing \$2,500, as requested, however there was an error in the recommendation and the motion that was passed was for \$1,000.

Director Newell is aware of the error and is supportive of rescinding the previous recommendation and passing a new motion with the correct amount of \$2,500.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors rescind motion 2018-3-20 – “That the Houston Mountain Bike Association be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for costs associated with signage for the promotion of its trail system; and further,

“That the Houston Mountain Bike Association be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for costs associated with signage for the promotion of its trail system.”



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Supplementary Memo Board Agenda March 15, 2018

To: Chair Miller and Board of Directors
From: John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Date: March 14, 2018
Re: UBCM 2018 Invoice

UBCM has provided an invoice of \$11,572.72 for 2018 last year's invoice was \$9,881.30. The increase in cost is primarily due to the increase in the rural area population of the Regional District.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako receive the Chief Financial Officer's memo dated March 14, 2018 titled 'UBCM 2018 Invoice', and further

"That the Board direct staff to renew the UBCM membership at a cost of \$11,572.72 for 2018."



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INVOICE

TO: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

Invoice Date: Jan 31, 2018
Invoice No: D-4539
Due: upon receipt
Reference: 2018 UBCM Annual Dues

| DESCRIPTION | | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Population: | 22,845 | |
| <i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2017 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia, and include a rate increase of 1.00% effective Jan 2018, approved by the UBCM Executive.</i> | | |
| Annual Dues: | | |
| First 5,000 population | at 0.6955 | \$3,477.50 |
| Next 10,000 | at 0.5051 | \$5,051.00 |
| Next 15,000 | at 0.3178 | \$2,493.14 |
| Balance | at 0.0650 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal: | | \$11,021.64 |
| 5% GST: (10815 0541) | | \$551.08 |
| Total: | | \$11,572.72 |



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REMITTANCE PORTION

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

2018 Annual UBCM Dues

Date: Jan 31, 2018

Invoice # D-4539

TOTAL DUE: **\$11,572.72**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Please return this portion of invoice with payment. Please do not combine payment of this invoice with any other billing you may receive from UBCM. Thank you.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAWS NO. 1825 & 1826
March 13, 2018**

Report of the Public Hearing held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Vanderhoof Municipal Office, 160 Connaught Street, Vanderhoof BC regarding Bylaws No. 1825 & 1826.

Present: Jerry Petersen, Chairperson
Jennifer MacIntyre, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Chairperson Petersen Welcomed the persons present and read a statement regarding Bylaws No. 1825 & 1826, noting the location of information packages, and explaining the Public Hearing process.

Chairperson Petersen Called for comments on Bylaw 1825 & 1826.

Chairperson Petersen Called for comments three times.

Chairperson Petersen Closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Jerry Petersen, Chairperson

Jennifer MacIntyre, Recording Secretary



MAR 12 2018
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY NECHAKO

File Number: 36000-20/Lakes TSA Mule Deer UWR 6-043

March 12, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Lakes TSA Mule Deer Ungulate Winter Range (UWR) Order 6-043

Skeena Region, MFLNRORD has suspended the consultation for the proposed Lakes TSA Mule Deer UWR Order until further notice.

In the interim, please use the maps that accompanied the Order as a refined mapping product for mule deer winter range in the Lakes TSA, replacing the Lakes District Land and Resource Management Plan map (Figure 10, Lakes District LRMP). This serves delivery of management strategy 1.4 within the Special Resource Management Zone 4: Ungulate winter habitat sub-zone.

Currently the Forest & Range Practices Regulation section 7 (S.7 FPPR) notice guides Forest Stewardship Plans for mule deer habitat management:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frpa/notices/uwr.html>

The General Wildlife Measures within the proposed UWR 6-043 should be considered as best management practices, serving resource planning, management and development objectives and strategies outlined in the Lakes District LRMP, and implementation of the S.7 FPPR.

Please direct any questions for clarification to Len Vanderstar: Len.Vanderstar@gov.bc.ca
250-847-7326

Yours in resource stewardship,

Len Vanderstar

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British Columbia News

B.C. government announces more funding for expanded high-speed internet<https://news.gov.bc.ca/16588>

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:50 PM

Victoria - The B.C. government's work to connect all British Columbians to high-speed internet continues with more than \$38 million in federal, provincial and partner funding for five major connectivity projects in rural and First Nations and Indigenous communities, Minister of Citizens' Services Jinny Sims announced today.

"This is not just an investment in high-speed internet, it's an investment in the future for those living in rural, First Nations and Indigenous communities, so they have access to cutting-edge emergency services, high-quality health care, world-class education and improved ability to participate in the growing digital economy," said Sims. "By working with our federal and local partners, we are leveraging relationships to give people in these communities the same internet access as those living in major urban centres."

Of the total amount, the province is contributing more than \$11.3 million in key foundational funding to four major connectivity projects through the provincial Connecting British Columbia program. This will mean better and more reliable, high-speed internet connections to 32 communities throughout British Columbia, including 12 Indigenous communities.

The provincial contribution includes:

- \$1.9 million to CityWest Cable and Telephone Corp. for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- \$400,000 to Gwaii Communications for communities on Haida Gwaii;
- \$1.9 million to Shaw Communications for fibre-optic cable along Highway 99 between Whistler and Cache Creek; and
- \$7 million to Shaw Communications to build fibre-optic cable along Highway 97 between Prince George and Dawson Creek.

This announcement was part of an event hosted by Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Navdeep Bains, as the federal government committed a further \$19,748,063 to these four projects, plus a fifth project with the Sts'ailes Band. The federal funding for five projects is through the federal Connect to Innovate program.

"Access to high-speed internet is not a luxury, it's essential," said Bains. "High-speed internet service is a basic tool that all Canadians should have access to, regardless of their postal code. Canadians need this service to do business, upgrade their education and build stronger communities. Thanks to our Connect to Innovate program, more Canadians will be able to participate fully in the digital economy."

In total, with federal and provincial funding, these five projects will receive \$38,265,697 as local partners contribute an additional \$7,151,757. That means that 33 communities in British Columbia, including 13 Indigenous communities, will benefit from this partnership.

Connecting British Columbia is a program funded by the Province, and administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust, to expand and upgrade broadband connections in rural and remote communities throughout B.C.

This investment builds on the B.C. government's \$11.4-million commitment to the Connected Coast project, announced Jan. 17, 2018. Connected Coast is a \$45.4-million joint investment by the federal and provincial governments to bring high-speed internet to 154 rural and remote coastal communities, including 56 Indigenous communities.

"We are pleased to see British Columbia and its partners moving swiftly to bring reliable, high-speed internet access to communities across the province," said Northern Development Initiative Trust CEO Joel McKay. "Connecting communities with limited or non-existent internet access provides a swift and substantial boost to regional economies."

"Canadians are looking for a quality internet connection – whether it's to access education, business development, or to reach out to friends, families and loved ones," said Brad Shaw, CEO, Shaw Communications. "Our partnership with the governments of Canada and British Columbia enables us to provide superior connectivity to more communities than ever before. We look forward to working with Indigenous communities, local internet service providers and other institutions to connect their communities to our network."

"As a company that was built in the North, we know first-hand the challenges that our customers face, which is why we invest heavily in many areas of the North to bring internet to underserved areas," said Chris Marett, CEO of CityWest. "With this announcement, the governments of Canada and British Columbia have opened the door to allow even more residents and businesses in the North to access fast, reliable internet."

"Our company is proud to represent and help advance these basic rights to Haida Gwaii residents through the provincial government and the Connecting British Columbia program," said Gwaii Communications managing director Joseph Lavoie. "Having support on multiple fronts come together to support this project shows the level of commitment there is to Haida Gwaii. The ability for the government to support local businesses in this common goal is greatly appreciated."

Quick Facts:

- Provincial funding breakdown for the four projects includes:
 - CityWest Cable and Telephone Corp. will receive \$1,934,709 to construct a new fibre-optic network in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. This network will service 14 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako communities, including six Indigenous communities.
 - Communities benefiting from this investment include Tintagel, Endako, Broman Lake, Wiley, Perow, Lake Babine, Topley Landing, Tchesinkut Lake, Weneez, Sinkut River, Nak'azdli, Nadleh Whuten, Stelat'en First Nation and Wet'suwet'en Village.
- Gwaii Communications will receive \$400,000 to connect 341 households on Haida Gwaii, with a fibre-optic connection capable of delivering speeds of 100 Mbps. This work will include a subsea cable to provide Sandspit with a comparable level of service to the rest of Haida Gwaii.
- Shaw Communications will receive funding for two projects:
 - \$1,927,353 to build a fibre-optic route along the Highway 99 corridor, from Whistler to Mount Currie (western phase), and from Lillooet to Cache Creek (eastern phase), for a total approximate distance of 110 kilometres.
 - \$7,083,815 to build a fibre-optic route along the Highway 97 corridor from Prince George to Dawson Creek, for a total approximate distance of 400 kilometres.

Learn More:

Connecting British Columbia program:

<https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/partner-programs/connecting-british-columbia/>

CityWest Cable and Telephone Corp. <https://www.citywest.ca/>

Gwaii Communications: <http://www.gwaicom.com/>

Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development news release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development.html>

CityWest Applauds Announcement to Extend Fibre-Optic Network Across North

Posted: March 13, 2018

After the [federal](#) and [provincial](#) governments announced funding to improve Internet services to communities east of Houston, CityWest said it was proud to be a part of another huge infrastructure project.

The \$8 million project will provide backbone Internet services to communities in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. CityWest has been given conditional approval for funding to undertake building the fibre infrastructure for the project.

"As a company that was built in the North, we know first-hand the challenges that our customers face, which is why we invest heavily in many areas of the North to bring Internet to under-served areas," said Chris Marett, CEO of CityWest. "With this announcement, the governments of Canada and British Columbia have opened the door to allow even more residents and businesses in the North to access fast, reliable Internet."

The communities serviced will include Lake Babine, Topley Landing, the Stellat'en First Nation, and Wet'suwet'en Village (a full list of communities is below).

"Access to high-speed Internet is not a luxury; it's essential," said Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development at the announcement. "High-speed Internet service is a basic tool that all Canadians should have access to, regardless of their postal code. Canadians need this service to do business, upgrade their education and build stronger communities. Thanks to our Connect to Innovate program, more Canadians will be able to participate fully in the digital economy."

The project is set to start later this year with more detailed studies and engagement. It is anticipated to take three years to complete with phased construction.

"Alongside the recently-announced undersea fibre-optic network, which will run from Prince Rupert to Vancouver Island, this is yet another example of CityWest expanding its network beyond its current footprint in its mission to provide a superior customer experience," said Marett.

"I am proud to be a part of this announcement and highlight this important project which is a partnership between the Federal Government, the Province of British Columbia and CityWest, and will help bring high-speed internet to the people living in these remote, Indigenous and First Nations communities," said British Columbia's Minister of Citizens' Services Jinny Sims. "This funding will mean better access to vital services like health care, education and emergency response, as well as expanded opportunities to participate in our growing digital economy."

For the government of Canada's press release, [click here](#).

For the province of British Columbia's press release, [click here](#).

LIST OF COMMUNITIES INCLUDED IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Broman Lake
- Endako
- Lake Babine
- Perow
- Nadleh Whuten
- Nak'azdli
- Sinkut River
- Stelat'en First Nation
- Tchesinkut Lake
- Tingatel
- Topley Landing
- Weneez
- Wet'suwet'en Village
- Wiley

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Rural and remote communities in British Columbia will benefit from faster Internet

News release

From [Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada](#)

Residents in 33 communities to get access to new or faster Internet through \$38-million investment

March 13, 2018 – Skidegate, British Columbia

Internet access serves as more than just a convenience: it is an essential means by which citizens, businesses, and institutions access information, offer services and create opportunities that could otherwise be out of reach. The Government of Canada, in partnership with the Government of British Columbia and private investors, is helping to bring new or improved high-speed Internet to Canadians in 33 rural and remote communities, enabling residents to get online. The total combined investment of \$38 million will benefit 33 communities, 13 of which are Indigenous communities.

The funding was announced by the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, and the Honourable Jinny Sims, British Columbia's Minister of Citizens' Services, at [Haida Heritage Centre](#) in Skidegate, British Columbia. Today's funding is in addition to the [\\$45.4-million investment in high-speed Internet for coastal British Columbia](#) announced on January 17, 2018, for a total investment of \$83.6 million.

These investments will help residents of rural and remote British Columbia communities connect with family and friends, do business online, participate in distance education and take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the digital age. The investments will also help connect schools, hospitals, libraries and businesses to networks that are essential to their services.

The Government of Canada's \$500-million [Connect to Innovate](#) program is investing an additional \$19.7 million in British Columbia to go toward building the digital backbone of high-speed Internet networks. Backbone networks are the digital highways that move data in and out of communities. These highways carry large amounts of data that are essential for schools, hospitals, libraries and businesses to function in a digital world.

Quotes

"Access to high-speed Internet is not a luxury; it's essential. High-speed Internet service is a basic tool that all Canadians should have access to, regardless of their postal code. Canadians need this service to do business, upgrade their education and build stronger communities. Thanks to our Connect to Innovate program, more Canadians will be able to participate fully in the digital economy."

— The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

"Regardless of where they live in British Columbia, people should have access to the same high-speed Internet as that available in major urban centres like Vancouver or Victoria. This is fundamental to how all people access high-quality health care, emergency services, education and the global economy. This partnership is another example of our commitment to investing in the people of this province—urban, rural and Indigenous—creating a better future for all British Columbians."

— The Honourable Jinny Sims, British Columbia Minister of Citizens' Services

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Located in the traditional territory of the Ts'il Kaz Koh, also known as the Burns Lake Band, the annual conference will be co-hosted by the Burns Lake, Chinook and Cheslatta Community Forests.

Comments on the BCCFA Conference Experience

"Always useful to connect with others across the province to share knowledge."

"There was so much information that was pertinent to our community forest"

situation.”

“The managers engaged in discussion and were open to sharing their experiences with each other. It seems that the BCCFA enables the development of strong member relations and trust relationships. ”

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, May 24th

9:00-3:30 Field trip to the Burns Lake Community Forest with a focus on management approaches in the post beetle era and local special features. Presentation from Chinook Community Forest.

6:00-10:00 Opening Reception

Friday, May 25th

8:30-4:30 Sessions will provide the latest information on provincial government priorities and programs of critical importance to community forests. These will include the BC Flood and Fire Review, Rural Development, Indigenous Relations, Land Use Planning, and Funding Opportunities. This full day will also include a workshop on Skills for Community Engagement, along with Manager and Board sessions on current and emerging issues.

Lunch with Keynote Speaker, Minister of Forests, Land, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Doug Donaldson, including the presentation of the Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Forestry.

6:00-10:00 BCCFA Banquet and Awards

Saturday, May 26th

8:00-2:30 The day will begin with BCCFA AGM, followed by a special session Wildfire Science and Community Protection: Fire and Fuels Management, with Lori Daniels, Bruce Blackwell and Stephan Martineau. This dynamic and timely session will be open to the public and will put the focus on all aspects of wildfire including firescience, fuel management, Community

Wildfire Protection Plans, FireSmart and community support for treatments. These sessions will be open to the local public.

Accommodation Guide * Note that if you block booked rooms at the Key-Oh Hotel they will be held only until April 24th.

Information on Burns Lake

Become Conference Sponsor

The **Silent Auction** will be held at the Friday night banquet. All contributions are gratefully accepted. Funds raised will go towards student sponsorships for the 2019 conference.

Travel to Burns Lake

Flights connect from Vancouver to Prince George (2.5 hour drive to BL) and to Smithers (1.5 hour drive to BL) We will be using the BC Community Forest Association's Facebook page to link people together. If you want a ride or can offer one from either airport, post your arrival time and your message. Let's get social networking to work for us!

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

BYLAW NO. 1818

A bylaw to amend the tax limit for the Smithers/Houston/Telkwa Television Rebroadcasting Local Service

WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has established by Bylaw No. 630 the Smithers/Houston/Telkwa Television Rebroadcasting Local Service;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District wishes to increase the maximum annual tax requisition for this service from FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS to SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$62,500) DOLLARS;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 349 (1)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, at least 2/3rds of the participants have consented, in writing, to the adoption of this Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS under Regulation 113/2007, the approval of the Inspector is not required because the increase in the tax limit is not greater than 25% of the baseline amount five years previous;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Section 4 of Bylaw No. 630, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore:

"4. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually shall be SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$62,500) DOLLARS."

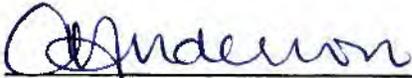
2. This bylaw may be cited as the "Smithers/Houston/Telkwa Television Rebroadcasting Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1818, 2018."

READ A FIRST TIME this 25 day of January 2018

READ A SECOND TIME this 25 day of January, 2018

READ A THIRD TIME this 25 day of January, 2018

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 1818.



Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this day of , 2018

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator