



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 and internally implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report. 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.

2022 UBCM Community Resilience Investment Grant

The Board supported a UBCM Community Resilience grant application that includes a letter requesting that they waive the stipulation that rebate funding can only be 50% of the funding for the activities listed in the 2022 FireSmart Community and Supports Program & Application Guide. The Board is also forwarding the letter to neighbouring Regional Districts.

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 - \$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 or call 250-692-3195.

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