



JUNE 2026 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Delegations

Bulkley Valley Research Centre – Update Bulkley Morice Resiliency Project

At the June 11th Board meeting a consultant with the Bulkley Valley Research Centre provided an update to the Board regarding the Bulkley-Morice Resiliency Project.

Surge Copper Corp. – Pre-Feasibility Study – Berg Copper Project

At the June 11th Board meeting Surge Copper Corp. provided a presentation to the Board regarding its pre-feasibility study for its Berg Copper Project.

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. provided a presentation to the Board at the June 25th Board meeting to provide an update regarding the 2025-2027 Revenue Requirement Application decision by the BC Utilities Commission and PNG's Energy Efficiency Rebate Program. PNG is moving forward with a multi-year roll-out of an Automatic Meter Reading (modernization) Program which will lead to fewer estimated bills and more accurate timely consumption data to create more reliable billing. PNG also offers rebate programs for energy efficiency and conservation for residences such as home heating system tune up and smart thermostats. A full list of rebates, including commercial, non-profit, indigenous communities, etc. can be found at PNG.ca/Rebates.

Reports

Draft Volunteer Recognition Program Policy

At the June 11th meeting the Rural Services Committee considered the draft Volunteer Recognition Program Policy. Staff will bring the Policy forward for further consideration at a future meeting. The Policy is to recognize individuals and groups who make exceptional contributions to the community through volunteer services.

Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026 – Alternative Approval Process (AAP)

At the June 11th Board meeting, the Board directed staff to proceed with the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) for the Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026.

Section 57 Notice on Title Process

The Board made a motion at its June 25th Board meeting for staff to change their approach to the Section 57 notice on title process by submitting recommendations to the Board for the placement of notices on title as a routine first step where non-compliance is noticed and compliance is not being actively pursued.

Budget 2027 Presentation on Affordable Housing

At the June 25th Board meeting staff provided an update regarding a presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on the provincial Budget 2027 Consultation, to advocate for the funding of affordable housing. A five-minute presentation was given to the Committee on June 18, 2026 in Smithers.

Appointment of a Director to the Chinook Community Forest (ComFor) Board

The Board appointed Mr. Bill Miller as representative for Electoral Area E to the Chinook Community Forest Board effective at the next Chinook ComFor AGM for a period of 4 years.

Bill M214 – Firefighters Health Act

At the June 25th Board meeting the Board directed staff to write a letter to the Honourable David Eby outlining concerns regarding Bill M214 – *Firefighters Health Act*.

Grant in Aid

At the June 25th Board meeting the Board approved the following:

- A grant of \$13,388 from Electoral Area A allocation to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 Smithers for a Veterans Crosswalk project.
- A grant of \$10,000 to Ootsa Lake Bible Camp, split between Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural), and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for a geothermal heating system project.

Grant in Aid and Northwest BC Regional Funding (RBA)

A grant of \$1,000 from the Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Regional Grant in Aid and \$7,000 from RDBN's allocation of Northwest BC Regional Funding (RBA) was approved by the Board at its June 25 meeting for the Community Garden Project at Saik'uz First Nation.

Build Communities Strong Fund, Community Stream Grants

The Board authorized contribution of the following Build Communities Strong Fund, Community Stream Grants at its June 25 Board meeting:

- Area C (Fort St. James Rural) to the District of Fort St. James for a Recreation Infrastructure project at Cottonwood Marina for \$50,000.
- Area C (Fort St. James Rural) to the District of Fort St. James for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the Fort Forum Arena for \$50,000.

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