



"A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION"

JULY/AUGUST 2026 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Delegations

Parks and Trails Master Plans - Lees and Associates

At the July 9, 2026 Board meeting the consultant with Lees and Associates provided the Board an overview of the RDBN Areas G (Houston/Granisle Rural) and C (Fort St. James Rural) Parks and Trails Master Plans.

Office of the Seniors Advocate of BC

At the August 6, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting the Office of the Seniors Advocate of BC provided a presentation regarding Supporting BC Seniors Challenges and Opportunities as British Columbians Age.

Rio Tinto

At the August 20, 2026 Board meeting, the Board received an update from Rio Tinto. A few of the items discussed were the reservoir and watershed conditions, capital projects, Nee Too Infrastructure Project and community investment.

Reports

Proposed Energy Projects RDBN Priority List

At the July 9th meeting the Board discussed the numerous energy projects being referred by the Province. The Board requested staff develop a list of RDBN Board priority items to use when reviewing and evaluating proposed energy projects in the region. At the August 20th Board meeting the Board supported the Wind Project Review Strategy.

Letter of Support Request – College of New Caledonia

At the July 9th Board meeting, the Board passed a motion to provide a letter of support to the College of New Caledonia to support its application to the Province of BC's Project Based Labour Market Training funding program for its DRIVE program.

At the August 20th Board meeting, the Board provided a letter of support to the College of New Caledonia Burns Lake Campus to support an application to WorkBC's Community Workforce Response Grant for its Carpenter Foundation Program.

Volunteer Recognition Program Policy

At the August 20th Board meeting, the Board approved the Volunteer Recognition Program Policy to recognize individuals and organizations that make exceptional contributions to the community through volunteer services.

Resolution of Support Requests – Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Applications

At its July 9th and August 20th Board meetings the Board passed the following motions to support applications to NDIT:

- Nechako Valley Sporting Association for the 2026 Nechako Nordics Ski Trail and Lighting Upgrade Project
- Evelyn Community Association for the Paul Lychak Evelyn Community Hall Upgrade Project
- Smithers Whitewater Club for its Short Film Marketing Project.

Economic Development Services Grant

At its July 9th Board meeting, the Board approved an Economic Development Services Grant to the Village of Telkwa from Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) of \$10,500 for the Telkwa Community Hall Kitchen Upgrade project.

Build Communities Strong Fund, Community Stream Grants and Northwest BC Regional Funding (RBA) - Stelat'en First Nation for Marianne Louis Memorial Hall Restoration Project – Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

At the July 9th Board meeting the Board authorized contributing \$5,000 from the RDBN's allocation of the Northwest BC Regional Funding (RBA) and \$5,000 in Build Communities Strong Fund monies from Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) allocation to Stelat'en First Nation for its Marianne Louis Memorial Hall Restoration Project.

Build Communities Strong Fund, Community Stream Grants

At its August 20th Board meeting, the Board authorized contributing up to \$200,000 of Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) of Build Communities Strong Fund allocation to the Town of Smithers for a Cultural Infrastructure project at the Smithers Public Library for \$200,000.

Grant in Aid

The Board approved the following Grant in Aid applications:

July 9th Board Meeting

- A \$15,000 Regional Grant in Aid from the Area C (Fort St. James Rural) allocation to the Stuart Lake Golf Club for a Clubhouse Replacement Feasibility Project

August 20th Board Meeting

- A Regional Grant in Aid of \$30,000 from Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) allocation to the Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association for new bleachers at the Bulkley Valley Exhibition Fair Grounds.
- A Regional Grant in Aid of \$50,000 from Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) allocation to the Paul Lychak Evelyn Community Hall for a Roof and Kitchen upgrade project
- A Regional Grant in Aid of \$6,887 from Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) allocation to the Telkwa Museum Society for a furnace replacement project.

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