



## JANUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### UBCM Housing Needs Reports Program

The Board supports submitting a grant application to UBCM's Housing Needs Reports Program to undertake housing needs reports for Electoral Areas "A" (Smithers Rural), "B" (Burns Lake Rural), "C" (Fort St. James Rural), "D" (Fraser Lake Rural), "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural), "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) and "G" (Houston Rural).

### Tiny Homes in the RDBN

The Board is sending a letter to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing urging the Province to undertake a review of the BC Building Code to better accommodate tiny homes.

### 2020 Budget

The Board reviewed the draft 2020 Budget at the January 23, 2020 Board Meeting. The 2020-2024 Financial Plan will be on the agenda for further consideration at the February 6<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> Board and Committee Meeting days, and is scheduled for adoption at the March 19, 2020 Board Meeting. A form will be available at the upcoming meetings for the public to ask questions and/or provide comments.

### Regional Mass Communications Program

The Board approved the implementation of a Regional Mass Communications Program to assist the Regional District and member municipalities to provide current and accurate information to residents during an emergency.

### Cheslatta Carrier Nation - Land Transfer

The Board received a referral from the Province for a proposed disposition of crown land to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation. The Board will advise the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation that the transfer of fee simple land should be zoned appropriately prior to transfer in consultation with Cheslatta.

### Recent Grant in Aid

#### Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

- \$2,104.48 to the Rose Lake Community Association for an AED Installation Project.

#### Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

- \$2,500 to the 899 Vanderhoof Air Cadets Squadron for Canoe Equipment.

#### Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural), Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural), & Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

- \$66.67 each for the Nechako Environment Water Stewardship Society Meeting costs.

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