



APRIL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COVID-19 Information and Updates

The RDBN Offices opened to the public on April 20, 2020. The health and safety of staff and citizens continues to be of utmost importance, and we request that the public visiting the office adhere to our posted customer service guidelines to keep our staff and the public safe. Please visit the RDBN website for information and updates in regard to COVID-19 at www.rdbn.bc.ca.

New Zoning Bylaw Adopted at the April 23, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 was adopted at the April 23, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting. The Planning Department is excited to work with our updated new Zoning Bylaw which will serve as a more efficient and effective document.

Federal Gas Tax

The Board supports and authorized contributing the following Federal Gas Tax funding to projects throughout the region:

- **Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)**
 - Bulkley Valley Gymnastics Association – up to \$120,000 for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the LB Werner building
 - Bulkley Valley Regional Pool – up to \$42,175 for Boiler and Air Handling System upgrades
- **Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**
 - Lakes District Fair Association – up to \$18,250 from each Electoral Areas “B” and “E” for the Rodeo Concession Renovation and Electrical Upgrades project
- **Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)**
 - Community Arts Council of Fort St. James – up to \$80,000 for an Entrance and Interior Renovation project
- **Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)**
 - Nechako Valley Exhibition Society – up to \$75,000 for Fire Safety Upgrades.

RDBN Emergency Operations Centre COVID-19 Response Update

The Province initiated a “Province wide response” to COVID-19 and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General asked local authorities to activate their emergency plans. The RDBN updated its Emergency Plan for Pandemic Response and Business Continuity Plan for Pandemics.

Recent Grant in Aid

Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

- \$1,000 to the Smithers Chamber of Commerce for the New Business Reception.

Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- \$1,000 from each Electoral Areas “B” and “E” to the Link for Covid-19 Community Support Committee.

Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- \$750 to the Lakes District Fair Association for Financial Statement Preparation.

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