



SEPTEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Board passed a resolution on September 9th formally recognizing September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as a statutory holiday. The RDBN Office, Transfer Stations, Landfills, and Recycling Depots will be closed in order to pay respect to the new holiday. Visit www.rdbn.bc.ca for the News Release.

Veterinary Shortages in the RDBN

The Board approved writing letters to the Ministers of Advanced Education and Agriculture, Food and Fisheries in support of the request made to the Province by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) – Society of BC Veterinarians (SBCV) Chapter to make veterinary training a funding priority and increase the number of seats available to BC students at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum – October 12 & 13, 2021 (Virtual)

At the September 9th Committee of the Whole Meeting Rural Directors were authorized to attend the North Central Local Government Association and Fraser Basin Council first ever virtual Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum on October 12 & 13, 2021. The forum will discuss the challenges and future strategies for managing waste and recycling in the region.

RDBN Code of Conduct

The Board adopted the RDBN Code of Conduct at its September 23rd Board Meeting. Information can be found on the [September 23, 2021 Board Agenda](#).

Northern BC Tourism Association – The Great Northern Circle Route Signage Masterplan

At its September 23rd Board Meeting, the Board had a presentation from Northern BC Tourism Association regarding the Great Northern Circle Route (GNCR) Signage Masterplan. Northern BC Tourism Association will be meeting with multiple partners to work on the Thematic Framework that will inform the future planning and development of visitor experiences across Northern BC, based on stories of the region. Findings will influence the signage design and interpretive signage of the GNCR Signage Masterplan.

RDBN Bylaw Ticketing System

The Board directed staff to prepare bylaws, policies and agreements for the implementation of the Bylaw Dispute Adjudication system. The BDA system improves local government bylaw enforcement by providing an accessible venue for determining simple bylaw contraventions.

Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishment

The Board gave third reading to Regional Broadband Infrastructure Bylaw No. 1951, 2021. On June 24, 2021 the Board also approved obtaining elector assent through the Alternative Approval Process (AAP). The first publication of the AAP notice will take place January 12, 2022.

Grant in Aid Funds

Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

- School District #54 Bulkley Valley– Walnut Park School Totem Pole Project - \$30,000.00.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

The following organizations were recently approved for COVID -19 Relief Funds:

Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

- Lake Kathlyn Protection Society – \$8,420.61
- Smithers Zone Canadian Ski Patrol - \$3,949.44

Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

- Decker Lake Recreation Commission - \$2,462.08

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

- Colleymount Recreation Society - \$2,710.28

Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

- Arocha (Houston Hatchery) - \$1,600.00.

The Board recognizes that Non-Profit Societies and Charities have been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and is open to exploring ways to support organizations. 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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