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## MARCH/APRIL 2024 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Delegations

#### School District 54 Bulkley Valley

At its March 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting School District 54 Bulkley Valley provided an update.

#### TC Energy – Coastal GasLink

TC Energy – Coastal GasLink provided a presentation to the Board at its March 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting regarding the TC Energy – Coastal GasLink Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP) – Implementation of Mitigation Measures.

#### Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

At its April 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship provided a presentation regarding the Tweedsmuir-Entiako Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area.

#### RIO TINTO

Rio Tinto provided a Business Update to the Board at its April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### BC Vegetable Marketing Expands Regional Area

The Board received notification that the British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission had issued notification that it was expanding its regulated area north of the 53<sup>rd</sup> parallel latitude. RDBN Chair, Rural/Agriculture Chair and staff met with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the RDBN Regional Agriculture Coordinator continues to track the changes and work with groups in the region regarding the changes.

### Letter to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

The Board is writing a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Public Transportation in the RDBN and the current funding challenges with the BC Transit Bus Service within the RDBN.

### 2024 Budget

The Board approved its Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw at its March 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

### Burns Lake Medical Recruitment Pilot

The Village of Burns Lake invited the Regional District to partner with them on a pilot project for the recruitment and retention of medical professionals in the Lakes District. Electoral Area B Director has been assigned to the Committee.

### Letter to CN

The Board sent a letter to CN emphasizing the importance of vegetation management along the railway tracks. The dry conditions and recent reports of fires highlights the need to address the buffer zone along the tracks to enhance safety and mitigate the risk of incidents.

## **NDIT Resolutions of Support**

The Board provided letters of support for applications to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the Driftwood School Restoration Committee and the Grassy Plains Community Hall Association Projects.

## **Grant in Aid and Canada Community Building Funds**

The Board approved the following grant funding:

### **Grant in Aid**

#### **Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

- Lakes District Family Enhancement Society
- Burns Lake Youth Soccer Association

### **Canada Community Building Fund**

#### **Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)**

- Telkwa Multi-Sport Outdoor Court Project

#### **Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

- Grassy Plains Hall Foundation Repair Project

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

- Arena Mechanical System Upgrade
- Airport Runway Turn Pad Project

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