

JUNE/JULY 2025 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Delegations

Ministry of Forests

At the June 5th Rural Services Committee, the Ministry of Forests provided an overview of its resource roads, including funding, oversite practices, standards, services for roads and bridges and policies.

Fraser Basin Council

At the June 5th Committee of the Whole Meeting the Fraser Basin Council presented on their operations and provided an update regarding the Nechako Watershed Roundtable and Community Wildfire Roundtable.

First Nations Major Projects Coalition

At the July 10th Board Meeting the First Nations Major Projects Coalition provided an overview of its membership and operations.

Reports

Rural Community Hall Support

At the June 19th meeting the Board approved inviting the leaders of the region's Community Halls to a brainstorming session to discuss ideas and possible support for the halls.

Statement of Financial Information

The Board approved the 2024 Statement of Financial Information at its June 19th Board meeting.

Grant in Aid

At its June 19th meeting the Board approved the following Grant in Aid Applications

- Paul Lychak (Evelyn) Community Hall for a door replacement project from Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) for \$10,000
- Royal Canadian Legion, Pleasant Valley Branch 249 for a hot water system replacement project from Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) -\$9,345
- Chinook Emergency Response Society for a volunteer training and PPE project from Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) \$15,000
- Round Lake Community Hall Association for an exterior renovation project from Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) \$86,750.

Letter of Support - Lakes District Senior Citizens Housing Association

The Board provided a letter of support at its June 19th meeting to the Lakes District Senior Citizens Housing Association to support its application to the BC Housing Community Housing Fund for the planning phase of a new seniors housing development in Burns Lake.

2024 Annual Report

At the June 19th meeting, the Board approved the 2024 Annual Report.

Planning Institute of BC (PIBC) – 2025 PIBC Awards for Excellence in Planning

The Regional District, in partnership with Cycle 16 Trail Society and WSP Canada Ltd. received the PIBC 2025 Gold Award for Excellence in Planning Practice for Small Town and Rural Areas in recognition of the planning process for the Cycle 16 Trail Project.

Fire Engine Purchase

At the July 10th meeting the Board approved the purchase of two stock fire engines for delivery to Cluculz Lake and Topley Volunteer Fire Departments.

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