



FALL 2025 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Delegations

At its October 9th Committee of the Whole meeting the Ministry of Forests provided an update regarding the Lakes Resiliency Forest Landscape Planning and Bulkley Morice Forest Landscape Plan.

The Committee of the Whole also received a Project Update from CityWest at its October 9th meeting.

Reports

RDBN Mail Ballot Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 2066, 2025

At its September 18th meeting the RDBN Board adopted RDBN Mail Ballot Authorization and Procedure Bylaw No. 2066, 2025. The bylaw authorizes region-wide Mail Ballot Voting for both elections and referenda.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

The RDBN AI Committee developed a Governance Policy to help guide the use of artificial intelligence with the organization and on September 18th the RDBN Board approved the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy.

Dominion Telegraph Line Research Report

At its September 18th Board meeting the Board supported staff's completion of the Dominion Telegraph Line research project. The Planning Department completed phase 1 of the project to accurately map portions of the Dominion Telegraph Line through the RDBN. Completion of phase 2 of the project will be subject to the Board's approval of the 2026 budget.

Request to Designate Inland Ferries as Essential Services

At its September 18th Board meeting the Board approved a joint letter with Cheslatta Carrier Nation and Nee Tahi Buhn Band to be sent to Premier Eby, Minister Farnworth, and Minister Whiteside regarding Inland Ferries being designated as an Essential Service.

2025 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium October 15, 2025, Prince George, BC.

At its October 9th meeting the Board authorized a Board representative to attend the 2025 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium on October 15, 2025 in Prince George and to sign the Mental Health and Addictions Accord. The Symposium is co-hosted by the North Central Local Government Association and the communities of the Lheidli T'enneh, the City of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort-George.

Community Hall Meeting Summary

At its Rural Services Committee meeting on October 9th staff provided a report to the Board summarizing the hosted RDBN Community Hall meeting held on September 11, 2025. The meeting was for all community hall societies within the region to discuss and generate ideas and comments about the challenges and opportunities that hall societies are experiencing.

Grant in Aid

At its October 23rd meeting the Board approved the following Grant in Aid Applications:

- Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)
 - o Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue (BV SAR) – towards the replacement of their primary rescue truck - \$26,000
 - o Smithers Mountain Bike Association- trail building project - \$20,000 Grant in Aid monies and \$20,000 Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Economic Development Service monies
- Area B (Burns Lake Rural)
 - o Ride Burns Mountain Biking Association – construction of a novice downhill trail - \$10,000.
- Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)
 - o Nechako Valley Historical Society – purchase a replacement cairn - \$8,000.

Canada Community – Building Fund BC

At its October 23rd meeting the Board approved the following Canada Community – Building Fund BC monies:

- Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grassy Plains Hall Foundation Repair Project - \$33,000.

Proposed Regulatory Policy for Renewable Energy Projects

At its October 23rd Board meeting the Board received the Proposed Regulatory Policy for Renewable Energy Projects staff memorandum. Since the Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act received Royal Assent on May 29, 2025 the Board and RDBN staff have been engaging with the BC Energy Regulator.

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