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April 15 Board Meeting Highlights

Regional District enters agreement to provide 9-1-1 services to Cariboo Regional District; Red Rock Community Grant deferred one month; New industry proposed for Isle Pierre Area; Beverly Fire Protection Area adds another 105 properties

Regional District enters agreement to provide 9-1-1 services to Cariboo Regional District

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has entered into a five-year agreement with the Cariboo Regional District to provide 9-1-1 services to the entire Cariboo Regional District. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George had previous agreements to provide services to parts of the region, but the new agreement covers the entire region. The value of the contract is \$733,000 annually. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George also has agreements with the Kitimat Stikine Regional District and is in discussion with the Bulkley Nechako Regional District.

Red Rock Community Grant deferred one month

The Red Rock Community Association had its request for a \$40,000 community grant deferred for one month. The community association had requested some funding for costs related to studying the impacts of bio solids in their community. The board voted to defer the Community Grant-in-Aid request to the May meeting in order to get more specific information from the community association on its plans for the funding.

New industry proposed for Isle Pierre Area

A proposal to allow the production of biocarbons and other industrial uses in the Isle Pierre area received first and second readings at today's meeting of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The proposal would see the local firm Alterna Energy manufacture biocarbon and other related products and energy on an 18.6 hectare site bordering Canfor's Isle Pierre Sawmill. Future development plans include a 6000 square foot manufacturing facility, 10,000 square foot storage facility and related storage yards. A public hearing on the proposal will be scheduled in the coming weeks, and the proposal will be brought back to the Regional District Board to consider third reading.

Beverly Fire Protection Area adds another 105 properties

Directors approved an expansion to the Beverly Fire Protection Area. The expansion adds another 105 properties to the service area, which now takes in the Blackwater subdivision area.

Community Grants

The Board approved the following requests for Community and Recreation Grants:

- \$314 to the Nukko Lake Recreation Commission for Easter party expenses
- \$5500 to the Pilot Mountain Recreation Commission for swim lessons, insurance, seasonal events, misc office expenses
- \$3175 to the Beverly Community Association for insurance, swim program, bursary, park maintenance
- \$4000 to the Hixon Community Association for Community Hall and Concession electrical upgrades
- \$6000 to the Hixon Volunteer Fire Department for park improvements
- \$500 to the Hixon Community Association for advertising and miscellaneous expenses related to property use agreement
- \$7000 to the Hixon Community Association for insurance
- \$40,000 to the Bear Lake Improvement Society for tree replacement program and expenses
- \$5000 to the Crescent Spur-Loos Community Association for a community sign

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