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February 17 Board Meeting Highlights

Northern Cancer Lodge Update; Willow River Referendum Official Results; Support for BC Cattlemen Convention

Northern Cancer Lodge Update

Les Waldie from the Canadian Cancer Society provided an update on planning for the Northern Lodge. The Lodge will provide accommodation and support to individuals undergoing cancer treatment at the Northern Cancer Clinic. It will provide a "home away from home" atmosphere that is conducive to positive patient outcomes and provide services for all patients of the clinic, whether or not they are residents of the lodge. The \$10 million lodge will be located within 100 metres of the clinic, with construction expected to begin in June of 2011. The clinic and the lodge are both expected to be open during the last part of 2012.

Willow River Referendum Official Results

Directors received the official results of the February 5 referendum for a proposed water and sewer system for Willow River. In the referendum, voters were asked whether they were in favour of borrowing up to \$2,283,000 to establish a community sewer and water service in the Willow River area. The final results showed 67 votes in favor, with 25 opposed. The \$2.28 million represents one third of the estimated project costs. Grant funding will be sought for the remaining amount.

Support for BC Cattlemen Convention

Directors from all seven Electoral Areas are providing a total of \$8700 in Community Grants-in-Aid to support the hosting of the 83rd Annual BC Cattlemen Convention in Prince George from June 8-11. Over 500 people are expected to attend the four day event which focuses on issues in BC's cattle industry.

Community Grants

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

- \$6000 to the Dome Creek Community Association for foundation improvements of the hall
- \$350 to McBride Secondary School for a Forum for Young Canadians
- \$500 to the Robson Valley Arts and Culture Council for the Fraser Heritage Festival
- \$2000 to Valemount Secondary School for team travel expenses
- \$3500 to VARDa for the Mountain Host Program
- \$1885 to the Giscome Elementary PAC for swimming lessons
- \$1500 from Electoral Area A for sponsorship of the BC Cattlemen's Convention
- \$1000 from Electoral Area C for sponsorship of the BC Cattlemen's Convention
- \$1000 from Electoral Area D for sponsorship of the BC Cattlemen's Convention
- \$1500 from Electoral Area E for sponsorship of the BC Cattlemen's Convention
- \$1500 from Electoral Area F for sponsorship of the BC Cattlemen's Convention
- \$1000 from Electoral Area G for sponsorship of the BC Cattlemen's Convention
- \$1200 from Electoral Area H for sponsorship of the BC Cattlemen's Convention

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