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January 19 Board Meeting Highlights

Committee Appointments Approved; Glacier Ski Resort Proposed for Valemount; Expansion Considered for Ferndale/Tabor Volunteer Fire Hall;

Committee Appointments Approved

The Regional District approved a number of appointments to standing committees, external agencies, and select committees. Directors appointed to external agencies include:

- Municipal Finance Authority – Shari Green
 - Fraser Basin Council –Lara Beckett
 - PG Treaty Advisory Committee – Terry Burgess
 - Columbia Basin Trust – Andru McCracken
 - Municipal Insurance Association – Kevin Dunphy
 - NCLGA – Mike Frazier
 - Northern Treaties Treaty Advisory Committee – Stephanie Killam
 - Yellowhead Highway Association – Ken Starchuck
 - NDI's PG Regional Advisory Committee – Art Kaehn
 - Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – Art Kaehn
 - Valemount Area Recreation Development Association – Ken Starchuck
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Glacier Tourism Destination Proposed for Valemount

Proponents of a glacier tourism destination project for Valemount made a presentation to the Regional District Board outlining their plans. Oberto Oberti of Pheidias Project Management Corporation provided an overview of the benefits and opportunities associated with the project. The project is focused on the creation of a year-round skiing and international-class sightseeing destination. Mr. Oberti suggested the site of the development in the Cariboo Mountains Premier Range, just west of Valemount, compares favourably with other world-class ski destinations, indicating the site would feature the longest in-bounds vertical drop in the world. A preliminary expression of interest has been filed with the Province of BC to seek initial reaction and feedback for the proposal. The approval process could take up to 18 months.

Expansion Considered for Ferndale/Tabor Volunteer Fire Hall

The Board gave approval to enter into a competitive bid process for the expansion of the Ferndale/Tabor fire hall. The expansion is based on a recommendation from a report that highlighted space deficiencies in the current hall. The current hall was designed to house three fire fighting vehicles, though there are currently four vehicles in the hall. This creates some safety and space issues. The report further recommends that the expansion would provide sufficient exhaust extraction for vehicles within the hall.

Community Grants

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

- \$4092 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for operating expenses and insurance
- \$3000 to the Beverly Community Association for insurance, swim program and scholarship
- \$7000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for snow shoes and Snow Frolics expenses
- \$8500 to the Hixon Community Association for insurance
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