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July 16 Board Meeting Highlights

Support for 16-97 Economic Alliance Approved; Funding for Economic Resiliency for Robson and Canoe Valleys; Regional Landfill Annual Report

Support for 16-97 Economic Alliance Approved

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George approved a one-year service contract with the 16-97 Economic Alliance. The Alliance is a group of local and sub-regional economic development organizations working together to grow and diversify the regional economy of north central British Columbia. As part of the agreement, the Alliance will host professional development and networking sessions for regional economic development practitioners. They will support their members in developing and delivering effective projects and continue to actively engage and support cluster development with regional industry and business. The value of the contract is \$20,000.

Funding for Economic Resiliency for Robson and Canoe Valleys

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has received some funding from the Western Economic Diversification Canada (CEDI) program and will be using that money to investigate potential economic opportunities for the Robson and Canoe Valleys. The total cost of the project is \$70,000, with \$52,500 coming from the Western Economic Diversification program. The remaining amount is coming from the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The funding will be used to promote economic diversity in the Robson and Canoe Valleys including identifying the type of industry that would fit in this area; the needs of industries and potential lands that would be suitable to these needs; and what would have to be done to the identified lands to make them ready to promote..

Regional Land Fill Annual Report

A report was released on the activity of the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill for 2008. Highlights of the past year include:

- 101,825 tonnes representing 95% of the regional municipal solid waste stream was managed at the Foothills facility.
- 9,290 tonnes of the material received at the Landfill was recycled through onsite waste reduction initiatives. This represents 74% of all Regional District recycling efforts.
- 95,535 tonnes of waste, or 98% of all waste landfilled at Regional District facilities was buried at the Foothills site
- 7,770 tonnes of yard and garden waste and residual debris from urban mountain pine beetle logging operations were received in 2008

Community Grants

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

- \$10,000 to the Ness Lake Firefighters Society for the purchase & installation of new heating system
- \$12,500 to the Pilot Mountain Volunteer Firefighters' Club for paving costs
- \$1985 to the Reid Lake Community Association for insurance costs
- \$650 to the Nukko Lake Recreation Commission for liability insurance
- \$3000 to the Tabor Lake Recreation Commission for Insurance, programs, and miscellaneous expenses
- \$2000 to the Tabor Lake Recreation Commission for playground & area cleaning costs
- \$5500 to the Bear Lake Improvement society for cemetery fencing repairs and upgrades
- \$4000 to the Bear Lake Recreation Association for Hall landscaping

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