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July 21 Board Meeting Highlights

BC Hydro provides an update on Site C; Regional District requests meetings with Ministers at UBCM; 9-1-1 Service to extend to Bulkley-Nechako Regional District; Regional Hospital District renews MOU with Northern Health

BC Hydro provides an update on Site C

BC Hydro representative Dave Conway provided an update on plans for Site C, a proposed third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River in northeast B.C. Mr. Conway provided information on upgraded project designs, and continued public consultation and engagement plans. He advised that the next steps include proceeding through the environmental assessment process, continued field studies, and advancing some technical work.

Regional District requests meetings with Ministers at UBCM

The annual Union of BC Municipalities convention takes place in September. The Regional District will be requesting meetings with a variety of Ministers to bring up a number of issues, including a meeting with Education Minister George Abbott to talk about the issue of rural school sustainability and funding.

9-1-1 service to extend to Bulkley-Nechako Regional District

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George will be extending its 9-1-1 service to the Bulkley-Nechako region this fall. The service is expected to come on line near the end of October and will add another 40,000 residents. Fire dispatch and communication services will also be provided to 11 fire/rescue agencies within the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District.

Regional Hospital District renews MOU with Northern Health

The Regional Hospital District will be renewing a Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Health. The Hospital District has had an MOU with Northern Health since 2003. The MOU provides clarity around roles and information sharing for the planning and funding of equipment, clinical information technology and capital projects. The MOU was last reviewed in 2009 for a two-year term.

Community Grants

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

- \$10,000 to the Salmon Valley Gymkhana Club for concession expenses and hydro pole
- \$650 to the Nukko Lake Recreation Commission for liability insurance
- \$765 to the Reid Lake Community Association for Director liability insurance
- \$1578 to the Salmon Valley Community Association for liability and skating rink insurance
- \$1500 to the Lower Mud River Rural Watch for Crime Watch sign
- \$2000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for a brush saw and pressure washer
- \$5000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for a defibrillator & training, bowling equipment

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- \$5700 to the Pineview Volunteer Firefighters Association for training and development
- \$6295 to the Tabor Lake Recreation Commission for fencing
- \$10,000 to the Hixon Volunteer fire Department Society for fire fighting equipment
- \$3000 to the Hixon Community Association for programs, swimming and equipment
- \$5000 to the Shell-Glen Volunteer Fire Fighters' Association for fire hall stairs and painting the truck bays
- \$8500 to the Shell-Glen Improvement Society for maintenance and repairs to community park and equipment
- \$3000 to the Shell-Glen Improvement Society for insurance, park maintenance and advertising
- \$30,000 to the Summit Lake Community Association to assist in leveling the community hall and community sewer service connection and installation costs on Tallus Rd.
- \$2000 to the McLeod Lake Indian Band for Youth Achievement Awards and celebration
- \$1200 to the Valemount Saddle and Wagon Club for a horsemanship clinic

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