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**November 18 Board Meeting Highlights**

**World Baseball Challenge Asks for Support; Summit Lake Sewer System Update; Concerns Expressed Over Site C; Pond Hockey Coming to the Regional District; Regional District Supports Internet Connections for Sinclair Mills and Loos**

**World Baseball Challenge Asks for Support**

Organizers with the 2011 World Baseball Challenge provided an overview of plans for next summer's international men's baseball tournament. In 2009, teams from USA, Canada, Germany and the Bahamas took part and organizers are expecting more countries at the 2011 event. Representatives have asked the Regional District to consider supporting a program that would provide tickets and transportation to underprivileged youth and community members from throughout the region to enable their attendance at the event. Directors referred the matter to administration to look at options, and will further consider the request in the coming months,

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**Summit Lake Sewer System Update**

Construction on the new sewer system for Summit Lake is nearing completion. Directors received an update on the project and approved an additional \$79,770 for additional engineering expenses to improve future operation and maintenance of the sewer system. The additional funds will go to support work like environmental monitoring of downstream wetland and inspections of pump and tank installations. The system is expected to be operable during the winter of 2010/2011.

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**Concerns Expressed Over Site C**

Arthur Hadland from the Peace River Regional District provided a presentation to Regional District Directors over concerns about the proposed Site C power project in the Peace River area. In his presentation, concerns over, agricultural impacts, damage to historical lands and alternate power sources and were cited as some of the key issues.

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**Pond Hockey Coming to the Regional District**

A special event license has been granted to organizers of the inaugural Northern Regional Pond Hockey Challenge. The event is scheduled for January 14-16 at West Lake, and expected to draw as many as 900 people daily. The event will see men and women recreational teams compete on 8 different rinks. The event is connected to a similar competition held in Rossland.

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**Regional District Supports Internet Connections for Sinclair Mills and Loos**

The Regional District is supporting two applications from ABC Communication to the Connecting Citizens Grant Program. If the application is successful, ABC Communications would look to provide high speed internet to the community of Sinclair Mills and the Loos area near Crescent Spur.

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## Community Grants

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

- \$700 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for signs
- \$25,000.00 to the Prince George Community Foundation Area C Endowment Fund
- \$10,000 to the Pineview Old Timers Slo Pitch for Pineview ball field completion expenses
- \$3000 to the Bear Lake Recreation Association for Rural Crime Watch costs
- \$3000 to the Bear Lake Improvement Society for community and cemetery improvements

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