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November 17 Board Meeting Highlights

Regional District recognizes retiring directors; Regional District supports calls for assistance to Northern farmers

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Today marked the final meeting for Electoral Area D Director Bob Headrick. Bob was first elected to the Regional District in 1981, and has served continually for 30 years, including seven years as Board Chair from 1993-2000. He played a significant role in many of the Regional District's milestones including solid waste management, 9-1-1, and the Agricultural Land Commission delegation authority. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the residents in his area and helped champion initiatives such as the Pineview Hall, Pineview Ball Fields and the weed harvester for Tabor Lake.

The Board also took some time to recognize Valemount Mayor Bob Smith who is retiring after serving three years on the Regional District. Directors thanked both retiring members for their years of dedicated service to the Regional District.

Regional District supports calls for assistance to Northern farmers

The Regional District will be sending a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture asking for more support for farmers in Northern BC. The move comes following a petition from P & R Organics, a local vegetable farm who have lost a considerable amount of recent crops due to weather-related issues over the past year. The company had asked for assistance from the Ministry of Agriculture's AgriRecovery Program, but was told that only farmers from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island were eligible for the program. The Board resolved to send a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture asking for support to be made available for farmers in the north.

Community Grants

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

- \$16,000 to the Ness Lake Firefighters Society for communications equipment and survey
- \$3750 to the Salmon Valley Fire Fighters Association for volunteer appreciation jackets
- \$2000 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for a volunteer appreciation dinner
- \$3058 to the Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for Halloween fireworks
- \$5000 to the Reid Lake Community Association for community hall pump replacement

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