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**October 15 Board Meeting Highlights**

**Regional Hospital District Invests \$1.6 Million in Health Projects; Consultation set to begin next month on Regional Parks Plan; Community Expresses Concerns over Proposed Tourism Accommodation in Tete Jaune; Regional District to provide IT services to District of Mackenzie;**

**Regional Hospital District invests \$1.6 Million in Health Projects**

The Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District is investing \$1.6 million dollars to fund capital projects for Northern Health. The funds come in the way of a \$1 million global grant for 2009 for minor capital projects and three other capital projects valued at just over \$600,000.

The \$1 million global grant will be used to pay for a variety of medical equipment for hospitals and health facilities in Prince George, Mackenzie, McBride and Valemount.

In addition to the \$1 million global grant, the Regional Hospital District approved just over \$600,000 for Health Link North Project (\$334,000), an improved clinical information system that integrates patient information from a variety of sources including radiology, pharmacy, lab, admitting and emergency. It will also support a second endoscopy room at PGRH (\$61,678) and Rad Room 6 at PGRH (\$232,000) which will provide a new digital radiographic unit for trauma patients.

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**Consultation set to begin next month on Regional Parks Plan**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is in the process of reviewing the Regional Parks Plan, which provides a framework for the operation and management of Regional Parks, as well as guidance for development and land acquisition of future parks. An analysis of the current plan has been completed and now the next stage is to gather public feedback on Regional parks through a process of surveys and open houses. The consultation will begin in November. The feedback from the consultation will be compiled in a Draft Regional Parks Plan and presented to the Board in the spring of 2010.

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**Community Expresses Concerns over Proposed Tourism Accommodation in Tete Jaune**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George heard concerns from community members regarding a proposed tourism accommodation development near Tete Jaune. The matter has received numerous comments from the community, expressing various concerns about the development. After a review of the proposal and the public hearing minutes, the Board defeated the rezoning at third reading.

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**Regional District to explore providing IT services to District of Mackenzie**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is looking at entering into a service contract with the District of Mackenzie to provide IT services. The District of Mackenzie has been challenged in securing a contractor to provide that service and approached the Regional District. The Regional District is already providing GIS support services to the District of Mackenzie and will now explore terms for an agreement to manage the network system. A proposed contract will be brought back for the Board's review in the coming months.

## Community Grants

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

- \$1500 to the Lakes Cemetery Society for insurance
- \$500 to the Beverly Community Association for Halloween fireworks
- \$500 to the Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for Halloween fireworks
- \$500 to the Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for printing costs
- \$10,000 to the Pineview Volunteer Fire Fighters Association for training area upgrades
- \$3400 to the Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for power pole installation for garage
- \$1000 to the Sinclair Mills Recreation and Education Club for barbeque and patio furniture for community hall
- \$370 to the Bear Lake Improvement Society for winter fertilizer

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