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**October 20 Board Meeting Highlights**

**Regional District not ready to move forward on Regional Performing Arts Centre request; Barkerville Connector Road discussed; Regional District and PG Air enter into agreement**

**Regional District not ready to move forward on Regional Performing Arts Centre request**

In August, the Board received a request from the Regional Performing Arts Centre, asking for a \$1 million contribution, should the project be approved as a public-private partnership project. The Board received a staff report outlining possible funding sources for the contribution. Directors determined no further action was required at this time.

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**Barkerville Connector Road discussed**

Representatives from the Barkerville Heritage Trust and Cariboo Regional District were on hand to discuss the initiative of creating a connector route for Barkerville. The presentation involved a recap of previous studies exploring the issue in recent years. The group is advocating for a proposed Purden Road connector route. Originally, work to the road was estimated between \$6.5 - \$10 million for a double lane, highway standard road. The group has scaled down the work, and now estimates it to be around \$1 million which would see the road upgraded to a Forest Service Road mainline standard. Regional District directors agreed to provide a letter of support for the initiative.

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**Regional District and PG Air enter into agreement**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is entering into a two year service agreement with the PG Air improvement Roundtable (PG Air). Under the agreement, PG Air would be responsible to undertake the delivery of educational programs such as the Wood Stove Exchange, Burn It Smart workshops, anti-idling campaigns and other initiatives to promote the improvement of the Prince George and area air shed. The two year agreement sees the Regional District providing \$15,000 in funding for each of those two years.

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**Community Grants**

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

- \$4000 to the Pilot Mountain Volunteer Firefighters' Club for Members jackets
- \$3750 to the Salmon Valley Fire Fighters Association for volunteer appreciation jackets
- \$750 to the Beaverly Community Association for Halloween fireworks
- \$750 to the Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for Halloween fireworks
- \$5000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for upgrading holding tanks
- \$29,400 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for an LED sign for the Hall
- \$7500 to the Hixon Community Association for Hall and grounds maintenance
- \$500 to the Shell-Glen Improvement Society for insurance and park maintenance
- \$5000 to the Summit Lake Community Association for community hall repairs
- \$1500 to the Robson Valley Support Society for the Pass It On Girls project

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