



FEB 15 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Directors get forestry update; Regional District seeks approval for fire training at PG Airport; Regional District inks deal with Cariboo RD for 9-1-1 services

Directors get forestry update

Representatives from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations made a presentation to the Board regarding the recent Timber Supply Review and an update of the Spruce Beetle situation in the area. As part of the presentation, the Board heard about the difference between the Spruce Beetle and the epidemic seen with the Mountain Pine Beetle. It is estimated there are more than 340,000 hectares infested with the Spruce Beetle and the population is expected to grow. The beetle attacks the inner bark of spruce trees, and unlike an attack with the Mountain Pine Beetle, it can take between 13-15 months before a tree will show visible signs of an infestation.

Regional District seeks approval for fire training at PG Airport

The Regional District is entering into a License Agreement with the Prince George Airport Authority. The agreement will provide for the use of airport property in order to conduct fire department driver training. A number of the volunteer fire departments in the region are taking part in the session to provide training for driving fire department apparatus on the ice. The training will take place this weekend.

Regional District inks deal with Cariboo RD for 9-1-1 services

The Regional District is renewing its 9-1-1 service agreement with the Cariboo Regional District. As part of the five-year agreement, the RDFFG will provide 9-1-1 call taking and fire dispatch and communications services. The value of the contract is \$2.29 million. Last month, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort renewed its agreement with the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako. A renewal with the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine is expected soon.

Community Grants

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

- \$1600 to the Nukko Lake Recreation Commission for Easter party and volunteer appreciation dinner
- \$2000 to the Pilot Mountain Firefighters Club for volunteer appreciation
- \$2554 to the Salmon Valley Community Association for Christmas party expenses and insurance
- \$982 to the Salmon Valley Gymkhana Club for insurance
- \$165,000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for building addition costs
- \$10,000 to the Hixon Community Association for liability and property insurance
- \$15,000 to the Shell-Glen Volunteer Fire Fighter Association for a thermal imaging camera
- \$15,000 to the Mackenzie Fire Fighters Association for road and ice rescue equipment
- \$500 to the McBride Farmers' Institute for hall rental and dinner
- \$7500 to Robson Valley Tourism for recreational area improvements and tourism promotion
- \$6221 to the Valemount Curling Club for insurance

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