



DECEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Committee appointments set; Board considers third Reading for Graymont; Illegal dumping strategy approved

Committee appointments set

The Regional District approved a number of appointments to standing committees, external agencies, and select committees. Directors appointed to external agencies include:

Municipal Finance Authority – Lyn Hall
Fraser Basin Council –Danielle Alan
PG Treaty Advisory Committee – Pat Crook
Columbia Basin Trust – Owen Torgerson
Municipal Insurance Association – Warren Wilson
NCLGA – Dannielle Alan
Yellowhead Highway Association – Dannielle Alan
NDIT's PG Regional Advisory Committee – Art Kaehn
Valemount Area Recreation Development Association – Dannielle Alan
Nechako Watershed Roundtable – Lara Beckett
UNBC South-Central Regional Advisory Committee – Allan Frederick

Board considers third reading for lime plant

The Regional District proceeded with third reading and adoption for OCP and zoning bylaw amendments to allow the establishment of a limestone quarry, conveyor system and lime plant in the Giscome area. The Board received feedback from a public hearing held on November 21 and correspondence from the Lheidli T'enneh. The approval means Graymont is able to use the land for mineral resource processing.

Illegal dumping strategy approved

Directors approved a strategy to help combat the incidence of illegal dumping in our region. The strategy is based on three key elements – education, infrastructure/services, and enforcement. Providing education informs the public about illegal dumping and identifies suitable disposal and recycling options available. Landfills, transfer stations and recycling depots are the established physical infrastructure that allows for appropriate disposal or recycling behavior. Signage also serves as infrastructure to deter further illegal dumping in the identified hotspot areas. The enforcement of bylaws and provincial acts that regulate waste management and prohibit illegal dumping comes into play after illegal dumping has already taken place. Public knowledge that illegal dumping regulations are being enforced and will result in fines and prosecution may act as a deterrent to more illegal dumping.

Community Grants

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

- \$1340 to the Salmon Valley Community Association for volunteer appreciation dinner and address signs
- \$144 for the Bednesti/Berman Community Association for replacement pads for AED
- \$800 to the Miworth Community Association for Halloween fireworks
- \$17,000 to the Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for operating expenses
- \$2492 to the Bear Lake Recreation Association for hall upgrades
- \$3000 to the Canoe Valley Community Association for utilities and operating expenses
- \$500 to the McBride Farmers' Institute for hall rental and community dinner
- \$5000 to the McBride and District Public Library for meeting room enhancements
- \$3500 to the Valemount Lions Club for insurance, repairs and renovations

The Board also approved the following allocations:

- Electoral Area A Community Grant-in-Aid of \$20,000 be allocated to the Salmon River-Lakes Community Endowment Fund.
- Electoral Area C Community Grant-in-Aid of \$20,000 be allocated to the Chilako River-Nechako Community Endowment Fund
- Electoral Area F Community Grant-in-Aid of \$18,000 be allocated to the Willow River-Upper Fraser Community Endowment Fund

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