



## **JANUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Huble Homestead celebrates 30 years; Regional District championing volunteers at 2020 World Women's Curling Championships; Support for electric vehicle charging network**

### **Huble Homestead celebrates 30 years**

Representatives from Huble Homestead provided an overview of their operations. The Huble Homestead / Giscome Portage Heritage Society was created in 1984 to preserve the Huble House on its original site. As a result the Giscome Portage Regional Park was established in 1986 and the Huble House was declared a designated heritage building by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The site was officially opened as a living heritage site in 1989, making 2019 the 30<sup>th</sup> year of operations at the site.

### **Regional District championing volunteers at 2020 World Women's Curling Championships**

The World Women's Curling Championships are coming to Prince George March 14-22, 2020. The event will bring top calibre teams from 13 countries and attract an estimated national broadcast audience of about 6.5 million viewers. The event is hosted in Canada on even years and internationally in odd years. In 2018, the event was held in the City of North Bay and attracted over 70,000 in total attendance, with an economic impact of \$6.7 million. The Regional District is proud to be the Official Volunteer Partner, recognizing the volunteer support needed to stage this international event.

### **Support for electric vehicle charging network**

The Regional District is part of Charge North, a group of six regional districts planning for a rural electric vehicle (EV) charging station network. The group is lead by the Community Energy Association and is working to advance a plan to develop an EV charging corridor from Kamloops through Prince George to Haida Gwaii. Recently, Northern Development Initiatives Trust announced a \$192,000 capital planning grant to support the initiative. The Regional District voted to provide \$4000 to continue the work of Charge North and advance planning to the next phase.

### **Community Grants**

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

- \$387 to the Salmon Valley Community Association for Halloween and calendar contest expenses
- \$1250 the Beaverly Community Association for bursary and swim expenses
- 14,800 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for Snowfrolics

### **For further information, please contact**

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