



August 20, 2020

AUGUST 20 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Cultural Report presented; Mackenzie Transfer Station changing hours in 2021; Update from CN

Annual Cultural Report presented

The Regional District supports eight heritage and cultural facilities within the region with annual operating grants as part of the Regional Cultural Plan. Each year, the Board receives a report outlining the attendance, operations and finances of each site. For 2019, overall attendance for the eight funded cultural sites increased slightly by one per cent over 2018. Total visitation was just over 178,500 with 66 staff and 46 summer students employed, 323 volunteers donating their time and over 10,500 school children visits. The Regional District also supports the facilities with a joint marketing initiative, Recently rebranded as Northern Routes Cultural Experience, the program promotes the cultural sites through several initiatives including a new website, social media promotions, a printed brochure and branded exterior signage.

Mackenzie Transfer Station changing hours in 2021

The Regional District board approved a change in operating hours for the Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station and Select Landfill. Effective January 1, 2021, the new operating hours will be Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm, and Holidays 10am to 4pm year-round. The facility will close on Family Day, Good Friday, Canada Day, BC Day, Remembrance Day, and Boxing Day in addition to Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Update from CN

Representatives from CN's Dangerous Goods Office made a brief presentation to Board outlining their procedures and protocols when transporting dangerous goods. In 2019, approximately 10% of the shipments CN transported in BC were classified as dangerous goods, with slightly more than 40% of those being liquified petroleum gases. CN has 13 Dangerous Goods Officers strategically located at major terminals across our network, including one in Prince George. Officers are equipped with tools and resources to provide 24/7 emergency response and hazmat expertise to company personnel and local first responders during an emergency. CN's Dangerous Goods Officers also offer emergency planners guidance on hazardous materials, emergency response and training.

Community Grants

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

- \$3948 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for operating expenses
- \$3365 to the Nukko Environmental Lake Weed Society for harvester operation expenses
- \$5832 to the Beverly Community Association for insurance
- \$1029 to the Miworth Community Association for a bursary and operating expenses
- \$10,500 to the McLeod's Lake Centennial Club for operating expenses and volunteer appreciation
- \$20,000 to the McBride Elks 247 for Dore River mitigation planning
- \$3500 to the Valemount Learning Society for a hydroponic growing unit

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