



December 17, 2020

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Committee appointments set; Changes to RDIFFG Board meetings; Cultural Agencies receive funding; RDIFFG seeks funding for Dore River works

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
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
UNBC South-Central Regional Advisory Committee – Allan Frederick
Mackenzie Wildfire Advisory Committee – Joan Atkinson

Changes to RDIFFG Board meetings

As a result of updates to Provincial Health Orders, members of the public are currently restricted from attending RDIFFG board meetings. Currently the Regional District does not have suitable webcasting abilities but is researching viable options. In the meantime, the Board has agreed to the following measures, several of which have been in place on an ongoing basis. Agendas are available on the Regional District website one week prior to the meeting. Draft minutes of Board meetings will be posted within one week of the meeting. Community Consultation Committees will continue to be utilized for public input regarding local services and media will be allowed to attend open meetings to report on the proceedings.

Cultural agencies receive funding

The Regional District has approved funding for seven different cultural agencies in the region for 2021. The funding is part of the Regional District's Cultural Plan that was approved last month. The agencies receiving funding are Exploration Place (\$800,000), Two Rivers Gallery (\$520,000), Huble Homestead (\$205,000), Railway Museum (\$205,000), Mackenzie and District Museum (\$39,000), Valley Museum and Archives (\$39,000), and Whistle Stop Gallery (\$44,000)

RDIFFG seeks funding for Dore River works

During the emergency freshet events of 2020, a number of residents along the Dore River near McBride experienced significant erosion to their properties. Since that time, the Regional District has been working with Water Stewardship Branch, EMBC and residents in the area to identify the cause and impacts of erosion, what kind of short and long term actions might be needed and potential actions residents can take to protect themselves and their property from future events. As part of that work, the Regional District will be submitting an application for an Adaptation, Resilience & Disaster Mitigation (ARDM) grant from the province to support potential mitigation works.

Community Grants

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

- \$1356 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for volunteer expenses
- \$1200 to the Nadsilnich Community Association for office equipment
- \$5000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for insurance expenses
- \$20,000 to the Hixon Community Association for administration, maintenance, utilities, program expenses and insurance
- \$40,000 to the Hixon Volunteer Fire Department Society for Woodpecker Church maintenance and insurance and new building expenses
- \$4000 to the Shell-Glen Improvement Society for insurance, utilities, supplies, maintenance and equipment
- \$491 to the Summit Lake Community Association for street signs
- \$10,000 to the McBride Elks #247 for operating expenses

The Board also approved the following allocations:

- Electoral Area F Community Grant-in-Aid of \$25,000 be allocated to the Willow River-Upper Fraser Community Endowment Fund
- Electoral Area G Community Grant-in-Aid of \$15,000 be allocated to the Crooked River-Parsnip Community Endowment Fund.

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