



JANUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

2020 building permit value at \$75 million; Regional District to increase grant writing capacity; Regional District enters into agreement for EV charging station initiative

2020 building permit value at \$75 million

Directors received an update on 2020 building permits issued by the Regional District. In 2020, a total of 301 permits were issued for a total value of \$75,413,750. Of that total, 41 permits were issued for single family dwellings valued at \$16,452,000. In 2019, the Regional District issued a total of 328 permits for a total value of \$28,711,750.

Regional District to increase grant response capacity

In November of 2020, it was announced the Regional District would receive \$747,000 from the COVID Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments program from the provincial government. At the time, the Regional District committed \$160,361 towards expenses it had already incurred related to safety, technology and operational costs directly attributed to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board has allocated a further \$150,000 towards capacity building initiatives within various Regional District services in 2021. The funding will be utilized to help Regional District respond to grant programs and other opportunities that may arise in 2021.

Regional District enters into agreement for EV charging station initiative

The Regional District will be entering into an agreement with Northern Development Initiative Trust to support the Charge North electric vehicle (EV) charging station proposal. The Regional District has received \$207,000 from NDIT and the funding will be used to purchase 50 Level 2 EV charging stations within 25 municipalities and First Nation communities in the regional districts of Peace River, Northern Rockies, Bulkley-Nechako, Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George, Kitimat-Stikine, Thompson-Nicola and North Coast.

Community Grants

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

- \$1250 to the Pilot Mountain Fire Fighter Club for volunteer appreciation
- \$5000 to the Blackburn Elementary PAC for a digital radar sign
- \$18,000 to the Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for operating expenses
- \$2500 to the McBride Figure Skating Club for insurance

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