



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Changes to hours at landfill and transfer stations starting July 1 approved; Update on Prince George and Lakes Timber Supply Area Apportionments; RDIFFG provides feedback on proposed financial assistance guidelines for emergency response

Changes to hours at landfill and transfer stations

The Board has approved changes to landfill and transfer station hours effective July 1, 2021. The approved changes mean that starting July 1, 2021, the weekend operational hours at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday and that transfer station hours will coincide with the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill.

The Board also approved that Berman Lake and West Lake Transfer Stations and Hixon and Bear Lake Marshalling Areas be closed on New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Canada Day, BC Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Update on Prince George and Lakes Timber Supply Area Apportionments

Representatives from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development shared an update on the timber supply area apportionments for the Prince George and Lakes Timber Supply Area (TSA). Annual allowable cuts in both TSA's have decreased in recent years due to beetle infestation and wildfire. In Prince George, the AAC was reduced by 33% in 2017. The Ministry is looking at a number of factors in considering the apportionment and local government is invited to share feedback by February 28.

RDIFFG provides feedback on proposed financial assistance guidelines for emergency response

The Regional District is providing comments on a draft guideline for Financial Assistance for Emergency Response Costs from Emergency Management BC (EMBC). The presented changes will impact response activity costs by forcing adherence to operational policies, narrowing the criteria of eligible reimbursement costs and directly impose response costs upon local authorities. The Regional District is not supportive of initiatives where new responsibilities, regulatory processes or financial implications are forced upon local governments, especially where those expectations and costs are currently a Provincial Government responsibility. A formal response will be submitted to EMBC.

Community Grants

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

- \$9,710 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for operating expenses, insurance and pickleball equipment
- \$1,446 to the Nukko Lake Recreation Commission for insurance
- \$1392 to the Reid Lake Farmers Institute for insurance
- \$6500 to the Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for utilities, insurance, maintenance and programs
- \$2392 to the Summit Lake Community Association for a beetle treatment program
- \$4000 to the Robson Valley Spay and Neuter Society for program expenses

- \$15,000 to the Valemount Community Bus Society for a community bus

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