



January 21, 2016

## JAN 21 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Committee appointments confirmed; Update from Forest Practices Board; Board supports call for helicopter-assisted search and rescue

#### Committee appointments confirmed

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  
PG Treaty Advisory Committee – Terry Burgess  
Columbia Basin Trust – Jeannette Townsend  
Municipal Insurance Association – Warren Wilson  
NCLGA – Pat Crook  
Yellowhead Highway Association – Kevin Dunphy  
NDIT's PG Regional Advisory Committee – Art Kaehn  
Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – Albert Koehler  
Valemount Area Recreation Development Association – Dannielle Alan  
Kinbasket Weir Committee – Dannielle Alan  
UNBC South-Central Regional Advisory Committee – Art Kaehn

#### Update from Forest Practices Board

Representatives from the Forest Practices Board provided directors with an update on their organization's activities. The Forest Practices Board serves as the independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices in BC. They provide reports to the public and government about compliance with the Forest & Range Practices Act and the Wildfire Act. They respond to concerns from the public and provide information about forest and range practices and processes. They can also act as a go-between to connect local governments with forest and range licensees and/or government staff to address issues.

#### Board supports call for helicopter-assisted search and rescue

The Regional District will be providing a letter of support for Prince George Search and Rescue's efforts to create a regional helicopter external transportation systems (HETS) team. HETS allows search and rescue teams to move people and equipment into normally inaccessible terrain. This technique is used to lower rescuers into areas where tall trees prevent the helicopter from landing or allowing search and rescue members to hover exit. It is also used to rescue people in high, glaciated and mountainous terrain.

## Community Grants

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

- \$650 to the Nukko Lake Recreation Commission for insurance
- \$2000 to the Reid Lake Farmers Institute for the AGM and banquet
- \$2495 to the Salmon Valley Community Association for Kids Day event, Christmas party and bear-proof garbage can
- \$480 to the Nadsilnich Community Association for fitness and yoga programs
- \$9800 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for Snow Frolics event and newsletters
- \$4000 to the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society for activities, events and programs
- \$5000 to the Fraser Headwaters Alliance for the Goat River Trail maintenance
- \$1500 to the Yellowhead Ski Club for train maintenance

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