



## FEB 18 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Regional Solid Waste Management Plan approved; Application approved for Hart North lands; RDIFFG responds to proposed changes to Emergency Program Act**

### Regional Solid Waste Management Plan approved

Over the past year the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has been reviewing its Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP). The RSWMP is the plan that lays out how we will recycle, compost and dispose of our garbage for the next 10-20 years. The previous plan was approved in 2009, and as part of the monitoring and evaluation component of the plan, there is an obligation to review and update the plan every five years to ensure that it reflects current needs.

The plan aims to reduce the total amount disposed from 840 kg per capita in 2014 to 570 kg per capita, while increasing the amount of waste diverted from the landfill from 300 kg per capita to 570 kg per capita.

The plan keys on actions and initiatives in the following areas

- Reduction and reuse
- Residential diversion
- Organic waste diversion
- Industrial, commercial institutional waste (ICI) diversion
- Construction and demolition waste (C&D) diversion
- Extended producer responsibility
- Promotion and Education
- Illegal dumping

### Application approved for Hart North lands

With its delegated authority from the Agricultural Land Commission, the Board approved an application for non-farm use in the Agricultural Land Reserve as part of an area contemplated for future industrial uses on lands referred to as Hart North, about 35 km north of Prince George. The approval is one part of a process that would clear the way for consideration of industrial use on the lands. There is a zoning bylaw amendment that is also required, which will require a public consultation process. The Hart North lands have long been identified as having potential for industrial development due to its close proximity to transportation corridors, major utilities and infrastructure.

### RDIFFG responds to proposed changes to Emergency Program Act

The Regional District will be providing feedback to the Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness on proposed changes to the Emergency Program Act. The Regional District has conducted an initial review of the proposed changes and noted there may be broad reaching implications to local government in the area of change, local authority responsibility and regulatory and financial impacts. The Regional District is also suggesting a legal review of proposed changes and their impacts to local government should be conducted. The Regional District is committed to ensuring public confidence in emergency management is maintained as a shared responsibility between local and provincial governments.

## Community Grants

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

- \$825 to the Salmon Valley Gymkhana Club for insurance
- \$2200 to the Beverly Community Association for insurance and bursary expenses
- \$17,000 to the Buckhorn Volunteer Fire Association for fire fighting hose and a thermal imaging camera
- \$4000 to the Buckhorn Recreation Commission for insurance and swimming lessons
- \$3500 to the Sinclair Mills Education and Recreational Club for programs, insurance and miscellaneous expenses
- \$3000 to the Mackenzie and Area Community Radio Society for equipment
- \$1000 to the McBride Elks Lodge #247 for a swimming program
- \$1200 to the McBride Farmers Institute for insurance
- \$3200 to the Valemout Area Recreation Development Association for trail development
- \$2326 to the Valemout Lions Club for insurance

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