



MAY 19 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Support for agriculture considered; Concerns about impacts of new Fire Safety Act; Voters say yes to new building for McBride library and museum; Application denied for Temporary Use Permit in Miworth

Support for agriculture considered

The Regional District will be working with other local governments in the development of a resolution to be forwarded to UBCM dealing with ongoing support to address challenges in the agricultural sector. The Board received an update from representatives with Beyond the Market program. Beyond the Market was established in 2011 to address economic development challenges in the food and agriculture sector, and has been funded primarily through the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition, as well as other organizations including the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Funding for the continuation of the program is uncertain.

Concerns about impacts of new Fire Safety Act

The Regional District will be sending a letter to the Office of the Fire Commission asking for further consideration of local government impacts resulting from changes to the Fire Safety Act. The changes will mean cost implications and other impacts for the Regional District resulting from the designation of fire inspectors and fire investigators.

Voters say yes to new building for McBride library and museum

In an Assent Vote held on April 30, voters in McBride and Area voted in favor of establishing a new service to fund the purchase of a building to be used for the McBride and District Public Library and the Valley Museum and Archives. The museum and library have advocated for bigger premises for several years. The official results show that there were 335 votes in support, and 286 opposed.

Application denied for Temporary Use Permit in Miworth

Regional District Directors denied an application for a Temporary Use Permit that would allow aggregate crushing and screening on a property on Miworth Road. The application was the subject of a Public Consultation Meeting on May 2.

Community Grants

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

- \$5066 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for equipment, lighting, signage, and utilities and maintenance
- \$20,000 to the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society for the Great West Life Senior Mobility Trail materials and concrete pad
- \$2500 to the Hixon 4-H Club for equipment for exhibits
- \$24,500 to the Shell-Glen Improvement Society for storage building, facility upgrades, insurance, supplies and event promotion

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- \$1500 to the Penny Community Historical Association for insurance, hall building and grounds maintenance
- \$500 to the Bear Lake Recreation Association for workshop travel expenses
- \$15,000 to the Mackenzie Fire Fighters Association for road and ice rescue tools
- \$5000 to the Summit Lake Community Association for hall insurance and maintenance
- \$2500 to the Royal Purple 112 for fence improvements
- \$1500 to the Valemount Community Sports Day Association for insurance and venue costs
- \$500 to the Valemount Learning Centre for basketball camp expenses

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