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## NOV 17 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**RDDFG Board Re-elects Art Kaehn as Chair, Terry Burgess as Vice Chair; PG Public Library shares regional outreach details; New equipment for Pineview and Ness Lake Fire Departments; Region-wide Emergency Management program to be discussed**

### **RDDFG Board Re-Elects Art Kaehn as Chair, Terry Burgess as Vice Chair**

Directors with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George have re-elected Art Kaehn (Electoral Area E, Hixon-Woodpecker) as the Chair, and Terry Burgess (Electoral Area G – Crooked River-Parsnip) as Vice-Chair. Director Kaehn has served as Chair of the Regional District since 2007. Director Burgess served previously as the Vice Chair from 2009-2011, and again from 2015 to current day. Historically the Regional District held its elections for Chair and Vice Chair in December, but recent changes to the Local Government Act now call for the elections to be held at the first meeting after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **PG Public Library shares regional outreach details**

Representatives from the Prince George Public Library shared information about their regional outreach in a presentation to the Sub-Regional Services Standing Committee. In the presentation, the Library mentioned that 10% of their membership resides outside of Prince George. Regional residents comprise 16% of those who utilize online check out for E-books and audiobooks. The library provides numerous programming outside of Prince George, including “Reading without Rules” library collections in Bednesti and Sinclair Mills. The Regional District provides annual funding to the library, which in 2016 accounted for 8% of the library’s total revenue.

### **New equipment for Pineview and Ness Lake Fire Departments**

Two volunteer fire departments in the region will be receiving some new equipment. The Pineview Volunteer Fire Department will be getting a new frontline engine valued at just over \$400,000 to replace the existing engine which is nearly 20 years old. Ness Lake Volunteer Fire Department will be getting new frontline water tender apparatus valued at approximately \$320,000. This new water tender will replace a 1998 unit that no longer meets the requirements of Underwriters Laboratory of Canada (ULC) and Fire Underwriter’s Survey (FUS).

### **Region-wide Emergency Management program to be discussed**

The Regional District will be meeting with its member municipalities and the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Lheidli T’enneh Indian Band to investigate the concept of a region-wide emergency management program. A consolidated emergency management program would provide for unity of effort amongst the Regional District communities creating the conditions for enhanced public safety, climate change resilience, economic sustainability, and the promotion of community well-being.

### Community Grants

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

- \$600 to the Lakes Cemetery Society for insurance
- \$5660 to the Ness Lake Recreation Association for operating expenses, children's Christmas party, volunteer appreciation
- \$3931 to the Nukko Lake PAC for swimming lessons
- \$1200 to the Beaverly Community Association for swimming lessons and bursary
- \$4000 to the Dunster Fine Arts School for insurance

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