

THE REGIONAL REPORT

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IN THIS EDITION, WE WILL RECAP SOME OF THE PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON WITHIN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE. ▲

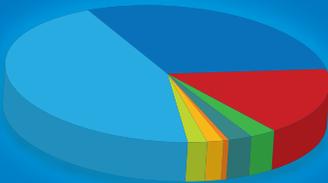
WELCOME TO THE REGIONAL REPORT,

a regular newsletter designed to keep residents aware of programs, initiatives and events underway in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. If you have comments, feedback or ideas for articles to be featured in future editions of Regional Report, please email us at district@rdffg.bc.ca, call 1-800-667-1959 or write to us at: Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 155 George St., Prince George, B.C., V2L 1P8 ▲

2016 Year End INCOME STATEMENT

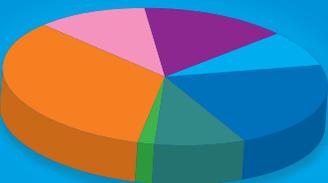
For the year ended Dec. 31, 2016

Revenue



- \$18.2m Requisitions and Parcel Taxes
- \$12.4m Municipal Debt Recovery
- \$6.9m Sale of Services, Utilities and Rentals
- \$1.14m Government Transfers - Operating
- \$1.13m Grants-in-Lieu
- \$150k Permit Fees
- \$691k Return on Investments
- \$773k Other Revenue
- (\$20k) Loss on Disposal of Tangible Capital Assets

Expenses



- \$5.3m General Government Services
- \$2.9m Protective Services
- \$69k Transportation Services
- \$7.9m Environmental Health Services
- \$3.3m Public Health and Welfare Services
- \$620k Environmental Development Services
- \$12.4m Fiscal Services
- \$4.1m Recreation and Cultural Services



(L to R) Regional District Chair Art Kaehn, Chief Dominic Frederick and Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall at the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation on National Aboriginal Day, June 21st

NEW Public Alerting System

The Regional District's public alerting system is now live. Electoral Area residents can stay up to date on emergency events in the electoral areas of the region by signing up via the Regional District website. The system will enable you to be connected and informed with critical information quickly during an emergency situation such as a forest fire. You can sign up here: <https://rdffg.connectrocket.com>

Notifications about emergency events within the Regional District electoral areas are delivered by text message and text to land line message to those who have signed up. The notifications are intended to inform residents and visitors alike about emergency incidents that could impact them. Working together, we can take proactive steps to build a safer and more resilient community.

If you don't have access to a computer and don't have a cell phone, call the Regional District at 250-960-4450 to be registered to receive notifications via text to land line messaging.

For more information call the Regional District during regular office hours at 250-960-4400 or toll-free 1-800-667-1959 and ask for the Emergency Services Coordinator.



The Regional District reminds residents to prepare a 72-hour emergency kit. Visit www.goo.gl/6RQURD for a list of suggested items including water, non-perishable food items, important personal documents, battery or wind-up radio, flashlight and personal items. ▲

Fraser-Fort George Endowment funds **RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED**

The Prince George Community Foundation held a Grant Reception on May 17th at The Exploration Place where successful applicants from the 2017 Fraser-Fort George Endowment Funds Grants were recognized. Grants totaling \$33,270 were distributed to the following groups:

- Northwest 4-H Club
- Beverly 4-H Club
- Miworth Community Association
- Hixon Community Association
- Hixon Seniors Activity Society
- Hixon Volunteer Fire Department Society
- Longworth Recreation Commission
- Sinclair Mills Education and Recreation Club
- Penny Community Historical Association
- Cariboo-Ferndale Community Association
- Eaglet Lake Farmers Institute
- Happier Futures Society
- McLeod Lake Indian Band

The Fraser-Fort George Endowment Funds consist of five endowment funds that are accepting donations of charitable gifts that will be invested in these permanent trust funds. The funds include:

- Salmon River-Lakes Endowment Fund
- Chilako River-Nechako Endowment Fund
- Hixon-Woodpecker Endowment Fund
- Willow River-Upper Fraser Endowment Fund
- Crooked River-Parsnip Endowment Fund

Applications for the next round of grant funding will be available this fall. Information on the Fraser-Fort George Endowment Funds is available on the Prince George Community Foundation website at www.pgcf.ca and the Regional District website at www.rdffg.bc.ca ▲



(Left) Huble Homestead Historic Site, located 40 km north of Prince George, is open 10 am to 5 pm every day until Labour Day, and 10 am to 5 pm on weekends from Labour Day until Thanksgiving. (Above) Program Manager Nicole Krizmanich in the Huble Homestead General Store

2017 Community **ORGANIZATION WORKSHOP**

The annual Community Organization Workshop was held at the Regional District office in May. Representatives from fifteen community associations within the electoral areas of the Regional District were in attendance to watch presentations about Community Emergency Planning, recycling and funding opportunities with Northern Development Initiative Trust.

Representatives from Volunteer Prince George were also in attendance to facilitate presentations on recruiting and maintaining volunteers and give an update on the new *Societies Act* and the potential for future workshops to be held within the electoral areas. The annual community organization workshop is an opportunity for community organizations within the Regional District to network and to gain education and information to support their activities. ▲

ABOUT US

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is home to over 93,000 residents and covers 52,000 square kilometers in central British Columbia – an area almost as large as the province of Nova Scotia. It extends from the Pine Pass in the north to Hixon in the south, and from Bednesti Lake west of Prince George to the Alberta border. As a local government, the Regional District is accountable

to the residents of the region. Services provided include fire protection, 9-1-1 emergency services, solid waste management, community sewer and water systems, land use planning, cultural and recreational services and parks. Total operating expenditures in 2016 were \$36.7 million.

The governing board of the Regional District has fourteen directors: four appointed by the City of

Prince George from its council, one appointed by each of the councils of the District of Mackenzie, Village of McBride and Village of Valemount, and seven directors elected from within each of the seven electoral areas covering the unincorporated portions of the Regional District. ▲