



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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RDFFG exploring use of geothermal energy; Harold Mann Regional Park improvements; Assent vote for Valemount Curling Club service; RDFFG supports local NDIT grant applications.

RDFFG to explore using geothermal energy for recreation centres

The Regional District will explore the possibility of using geothermal energy for ice-making at the Robson Valley and Canoe Valley Recreation Centres. The geo-thermal pre-design study will evaluate ground thermal properties at the sites in McBride and Valemount to determine the feasibility of changing over the existing systems to a more energy efficient system. The cost for the study is estimated to be \$60,000.

Harold Mann Park to receive improvements

The Board approved a plan to repair and protect the shoreline and address lawn drainage issues at Harold Mann Regional Park. The shoreline mitigation plan will also enhance the safety of the park. Harold Mann Park is located 50 km northeast of Prince George on Eaglet Lake.

Assent vote for Valemount Curling Club service

Eligible voters in the Village of Valemount and a defined portion of Electoral Area H will be going to the polls on September 30th, 2017 in an assent vote to give eligible voters the opportunity to show if they are in favour of the establishment of a taxable service that will assist in funding the operation costs of the Valemount Curling Club and borrowing for capital improvements to the facility. If the Valemount Curling Club Service is established it will allow funding to be collected annually through taxation in the proposed service area.

RDFFG supports two local NDIT grant applications

The Regional District is providing letters of support for two local organizations in their grant applications to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). The Prince George Rod and Gun Club is applying to NDIT for \$30,000 to further develop shooting ranges and replace an entrance gate. The Tabor Mountain Recreation Society is applying for \$2500 to redesign their website and provide signage on Tabor Mountain.

Community Grants

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

- \$3000 to the Longworth Recreation Commission for wheelchair ramp modifications
- \$50,000 to the Willow River Recreation Association Hall for fire suppression and engineering costs
- \$4,400 to the Willow River Recreation Association for maintenance, insurance, and utilities
- \$1,037 to the Bear Lake Recreation Association for insurance for the Community Hall

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