



JAN 18 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regional District supports the exploration of an Electric Vehicle Charging Corridor; Grants awarded to support arts, culture and heritage initiatives in the region; 9-1-1 agreement renewed with Regional District Bulkley-Nechako

Regional District supports the exploration of an Electric Vehicle Charging Corridor

A representative from the Community Energy Association presented information to the Regional District Board on a proposal that would see the development of an electric vehicle charging corridor from Kamloops through Prince George to Haida Gwaii. The proposal is still in development but could see between 12-16 level 3 charges and 40-80 level 2 chargers along the corridor. It is suggested the corridor could be a benefit for tourism, opening up the area to tourists with electronic vehicles to explore the region, while significantly reducing carbon emissions. The Regional District approved the provision of a \$9000 grant to further explore the concept.

Grants awarded to support arts, culture and heritage initiatives in the region

The Regional District approved the provision of \$17,000 worth of grants to support arts, culture and heritage initiatives in the region. The grants are part of a program that utilizes interest revenue from the Cultural Endowment Fund established in 2006 to support worthy projects. Grants have been awarded to Exploration Place, Two Rivers Gallery, Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum and the Valley Museum and Archives in McBride.

9-1-1 agreement renewed with Regional District Bulkley-Nechako

The Regional District is renewing its 9-1-1 service agreement with the Regional District Bulkley-Nechako. As part of the five-year agreement, the RDFFG will provide 9-1-1 call taking and fire dispatch and communications services. The value of the contract is dependent on call volume. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is also seeking to renew contracts with the Cariboo Regional District and the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine.

Community Grants

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

- \$6000 to the Hixon Seniors Activity Society for activities and program support
- \$50,000 to the Hixon Volunteer Fire Department for new engine upgrades
- \$16,000 to the Willow River Volunteer Fire Department for operating expenses
- \$1400 to the McBride Farmers Institute for insurance

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