



SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Update from 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships; Regional Hospital District approves support for hot water upgrades at UHNBC; Regional District to partner with UNBC on Community Studio

Update from 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships

Representatives from the organizing committee of the 2019 World Para Nordic Skiing Championships provided an update on plans for the upcoming event. The event takes place this coming February 15-24 at the Otway Nordic Centre and will feature over 140 athletes from more than 20 countries competing over the ten days. These athletes, men and women, who are grouped into three classes for competition (sitting, standing, and visually impaired) will compete in four cross country skiing and four biathlon medal events over a period of 10 days. The economic benefit resulting from hosting this event is estimated to be \$5.2 million.

Regional Hospital District approves support for hot water upgrades at UHNBC

The Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District approved its share of funding for a hot water upgrade project at UHNBC. The Regional Hospital District has committed \$410,716 for the project which represents 40% of the project cost, which is the amount the Regional Hospital District typically cost shares for capital projects.

Regional District to partner with UNBC on Community Studio

Representatives from UNBC presented information about a Community Studio concept. The concept would see a network of partners including students, faculty, local government and communities come together to co-create projects that make northern BC a more sustainable, livable and joyful region. Similar models have been established in communities across Canada like Vancouver, Calgary, Hamilton and Corner Brook. The Regional District Board gave approval to join the initiative as a partner.

Community Grants

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

- \$10,000 to the Pilot Mountain Volunteer Firefighters' Club for a storage facility
- \$4500 to the Ferndale Tabor Volunteer Rescue Society for water tank repairs
- \$3500 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for Halloween events
- \$2500 to the Pineview Seniors for assorted repairs
- \$3500 to the Sinclair Mills Education and Recreational Club for general operating expenses

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