



## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Regional District supports food waste prevention program; Regional transfer stations set for review; Regional Hospital District sets annual budget; Regional District exploring electric vehicle charging stations**

### **Regional District supports food waste prevention program**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is adding its voice to those that support the Love Food, Hate Waste initiative. Wasted food fills up landfills and costs money - each year the average Canadian household wastes 140 kg of food adding up to a cost of more than \$1,100. To try to combat this, a new campaign, Love Food Hate Waste Canada, is being launched nationally. First founded in the UK as a reduction effort, this program has inspired and empowered residents to reduce their amount of avoidable household food waste by 21% within its first five years. For more information, visit [www.sortsmart.ca](http://www.sortsmart.ca) or [www.lovefoodhatewaste.ca](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.ca)

### **Regional transfer stations set for review**

The Regional District will be taking a look at its network of transfer stations as part of an assessment. The assessment will evaluate the effectiveness of the current transfer station network and identify opportunities to improve caretaker amenities, overall costs, efficiency and waste diversion delivery options within the network. The Regional District operates 17 different transfer stations within the region.

### **Regional Hospital District sets annual budget**

The Regional Hospital District Board approved its 2019 annual operating budget. The budget calls for just over \$15.4 million in expenditures to support Northern Health capital projects within the region. The budget includes \$5.6 million in support of larger capital projects (up to \$2.5 million), \$6 million in a capital reserve fund and \$1.1 million for minor equipment and capital projects costing under \$100,000.

### **Regional District exploring electric vehicle charging stations**

The Regional District will be part of a funding application to the CleanBC Fund to secure funding for electric vehicle charging stations along the Highway 5, 16 and 97 corridors. The Community Energy Association is applying on behalf of six regional districts, including the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George for funding that could cover up to 73% of the eligible costs to purchase, install, operate, maintain and the network cost for 5 years for 120 electric vehicle Level 2 chargers. As part of the application requirement, the Regional District will also provide up to \$25,000 for electric vehicle charging stations to be located on select Regional District properties, pending the outcome of the grant application.

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### **Community Grants**

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

- \$1969 to the Salmon Valley Community Association for insurance
- \$10,000 to the Hixon Community Association for insurance
- \$7500 to the Longworth Recreation Commission for hall outbuilding repairs
- \$15,000 to the Mackenzie Fire Fighter Association for road and ice rescue tools
- \$4500 to the Dunster Community Association for insurance
- \$1000 to the Valemount Community Sports Day Association for community event expenses
- \$1500 to the Valemount Public Library for a book drop
- \$5000 to the Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society for energy retrofit expenses
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