



## JULY 18 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Sale of landfill gas to FortisBC receives elector approval; RDFFG seeks to have Common Tansy added as a Noxious Weed; Additional funding sought for electric vehicle charging network.**

### **Sale of landfill gas to FortisBC receives elector approval**

The Regional District has received elector approval to enter into a 20-year agreement to have FortisBC purchase raw landfill gas from the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill to purify and inject it into the natural gas distribution system as Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). As part of the agreement, FortisBC will finance, construct and operate the plant required to process the raw landfill gas for injection into their system. The Regional District will continue its role in being responsible for upgrades and maintenance to the landfill gas collection system to ensure it will meet its obligations for quantity and quality of gas to be supplied through the agreement. The Regional District is slated to receive between \$75,000-\$145,000 annually from FortisBC for the supply of landfill gas.

Now that elector approval has been given, the RDFFG and FortisBC will seek to finalize the agreement subject to approval by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC).

### **RDFFG seeks to have Common Tansy added as a noxious weed**

Upon request by the City of Prince George, the Regional District will be asking the provincial government to add the Common Tansy to its list of noxious weeds. The City of Prince George has identified that Common Tansy is a growing problem and that for the City to include treatment for the invasive plant it must be recognized as a noxious weed in provincial regulations. Requests to the Province to have an invasive plant recognized as a noxious weed must be made by a Regional District.

### **Additional funding sought for electric vehicle charging network**

The Regional District will be part of two new funding applications to seek additional funding for electric vehicle charging stations in Northern BC. The Regional District is a member of Charge North, a collaborative project led by the Community Energy Association made up of six Regional Districts interested in supporting the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Northern BC. The project engages 43 local governments from south of Kamloops to Haida Gwaii in order to develop an electric vehicle (EV) charging station network of over 2,780 kms. An application was made earlier this year for CleanBC funds. Applications will be going forward to the Rural Dividend Fund and NDI's Strategic Initiatives Fund.

### **Community Grants**

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

- \$3044 to the Salmon Valley community Association for address signs and concession supplies
- \$5500 to the Bednesti Berman Community Association for assessing species composition study
- \$50,000 to the Buckhorn Volunteer Fire Association for fire hall roof replacement

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- \$16,793 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for building improvements and Sunfrolics 2019
- \$3500 to the Sinclair Mills Education and Recreational Club for insurance, maintenance and activities
- \$2000 to the McLeod Lake Indian Band for Annual General Education Celebration
- \$2600 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #75 for insurance
- \$6602 to the Valemount curling Club for building insurance
- \$500 to the Valemount Farmers Market Society for membership fee and insurance
- \$3500 to the Yellowhead Ski Club for trail and cabin maintenance and related expenses

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