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AUGUST 15 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regional District to submit to the provincial Plastics Action Plan Policy Consultation; City of PG and RDFFG partner to deliver FireSmart Education; RDFFG seeks borrowing approval for 9-1-1 system upgrades; Annual Cultural Report presented; Regional District renews agreement with PG AIR

Regional District to submit to the provincial Plastics Action Plan Policy Consultation

The Regional District will be providing comment to the provincial Plastics Action Plan Policy Consultation. The purpose of the Plastics Action Plan Policy Consultation is to consider feedback on new policy opportunities and amendments to the Recycling Regulation to address plastic waste resulting from single-use plastic items in waste management. The Regional District's submission will shed light on concerns about challenges in waste diversion in small, rural communities and some of the fundamental problems in managing plastics, including different local, regional, provincial and federal jurisdiction rules as well as gaps in the proposed policy.

City of PG and RDFFG partner to deliver FireSmart Education

The Regional District will be entering into a service agreement with the City of Prince George to provide FireSmart education within the greater Prince George area. The agreement comes after a successful grant application by the City and the Regional District to UBCM's Community Resiliency Investment Program. As part of the agreement, the Regional District will develop and implement a FireSmart education campaign targeting residents in the greater Prince George area. The purpose of the program is to empower property owners to implement FireSmart principles on their property to assist in safeguarding communities from wildfire. Mitigating wildfire risk through a variety of prevention, preparedness and education initiatives will increase resiliency against the impacts of wildfire. The contract is valued at \$126,860.

RDFFG seeks borrowing approval for 9-1-1 system upgrades

The Regional District is proposing enhancements to its 9-1-1 service. The proposed enhancements include relocating the centre that dispatches fire departments within the service area (FOCC) to the new Prince George Fire Hall currently under construction as well as the development of a back-up location. The system will also be upgraded as technologies have evolved and to meet federal requirements for Next Generation 9-1-1 by 2023. The total budget for this project is about \$5 million, with \$3 million of that proposed to come from borrowing, subject to elector approval via an Alternate Approval Process (AAP). Further details on the AAP process will be posted to the RDFFG website at www.rdffg.bc.ca.

Annual Cultural Report presented

The Board received the 2018 Annual Cultural Report. The report is a summary of activities from 2018 from the eight funded cultural sites identified in the Regional Cultural Plan. It contains 2018 and 2017 comparative data on visitors, staff, volunteers and operating budgets. The report shows over 176,000 visits to the various sites last year. The sites employ 69 staff, 36 summer students and have a further 426 volunteers donating their time. In 2018 over 9400 school children visited the sites.

Regional District renews agreement with PG AIR

The Regional District will be entering into a new two-year agreement with the Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PG AIR) and the Prince George Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Working Group. The agreement provides for various air quality programs and projects including education and monitoring. The agreement seeks to help reduce carbon emissions in the Regional District. The total value of the agreement over two years is \$17,900.

Community Grants

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

- \$1000 to the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service for operating costs
- \$12,000 to the Timberline Riders Gymkhana Club for driveway and arena improvements and protective gear, equipment and safety tools
- \$4500 to the Willow River Recreation Commission for insurance, utilities and maintenance costs

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