



SEPTEMBER 19 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Regional Agriculture Adaptation Strategy presented; 9-1-1 Call Answer contract extended; Update from Nechako Watershed Roundtable; Regional District reviewing its Parks Plan

Regional Agriculture Adaptation Strategy presented

Representatives from BC Agriculture and Food Climate Action Initiative presented the Bulkley Nechako and Fraser-Fort George Regional Agriculture Adaptation Strategy. The focus of the plan is to identify projects and opportunities for agricultural producers to adapt to climate change. The Bulkley-Nechako & Fraser-Fort George Regional Adaptation Strategies planning process brought together farmers from both regions to work with local governments and provincial and federal agencies to identify priorities for agricultural adaptation as well as strategies and actions for strengthening resilience.

9-1-1 call answer contract extended

The Regional District is extending its contract with E-Comm 9-1-1 for call answer services. E-Comm has been providing 9-1-1 call answer services to the Regional District since the fall of 2014. When someone dials 9-1-1, E-Comm call takers determine the nature of the emergency and quickly transfer the caller to the appropriate response agency (police, fire or ambulance). The contract has been extended until December 2020.

Update from Nechako Watershed Roundtable

Representatives from the Nechako Watershed Roundtable provided an update on their work and future plans. The Nechako Watershed Roundtable is a collaborative initiative working to protect and improve the health of the Nechako watershed for future generations. The Roundtable includes representation from BC First Nations, the Province of BC, local governments and other agencies and organizations having responsibilities and interests in the watershed. Following the presentation, the Regional District approved Community Grants-in-Aid for a total of \$3400 for Electoral Areas A and C to support the ongoing work of the Roundtable.

Regional District reviewing its Parks Plan

The Regional District will be reviewing its Regional Parks Plan, the plan that provides direction to projects and goals for the Regional Parks system. The Board approved entering into a contract with Lees and Associates to assist with the review over the coming year. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George operates eleven Regional Parks encompassing 330 ha, at locations throughout the region.

Community Grants

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

- \$2500 to the Pineview Seniors for repairs and maintenance expenses
- \$500 to the Summit Lake Community Association for volunteer appreciation costs
- \$500 to the Robson Valley Arts and Culture Council for McBride Train Station celebration meals
- \$3000 to the Royal Canadian Legion Valemount #266 for refrigerator replacement
- \$3400 to the Nechako Watershed Roundtable for program implementation

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