



**REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
of Fraser-Fort George

**February 20, 2020**

# **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

## **FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tippling fee changes coming for construction and demolition waste; Regional Hospital District sets its annual budget; Fire Chief recognized for 40 years of service**

### **Tippling fee changes coming for construction and demolition waste**

As the construction season gears up, the Regional District is concentrating on how it receives disposal of demolition, land clearing and construction (DLC) waste at its facilities. This type of waste includes things like asphalt and asphalt shingles, stumps and large branches, masonry and rubble, gypsum board or wallboard and scrap metal. Last year, nearly 20,000 tonnes of DLC waste was received at Regional District facilities, with the majority coming in as a mixed load, meaning all types of waste bundled in one load. The Regional District wants to encourage separating the different types of DLC waste, as much of this waste still holds value and doesn't need to be landfilled, like clean wood, scrap metal and concrete, and takes up valuable space in the landfill.

To encourage separating the different types of material coming into the landfill as DLC waste, the Regional District is introducing a new fee structure which would see variable tipping fees for source separated DLC loads in comparison to mixed loads of DLC. Similar fee structures have already been implemented in many other Regional Districts around the province.

The new fees are expected to come into effect once Bylaw amendments are in place. Further information will be provided to the public, including construction companies and waste haulers in the coming months.

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

The Regional Hospital District Board approved its 2020 annual operating budget. The budget calls for just over \$14 million in expenditures to support Northern Health capital projects within the region. The budget includes \$3.8 million in support of larger capital projects (up to \$2.5 million), \$7.9 million in a capital reserve fund and \$1.05 million for minor equipment and capital projects costing under \$100,000.

### **Fire Chief recognized for 40 years of service**

The Regional District recognized Chief Bruce Waldner for his years of dedicated service to the Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Waldner joined the department in 1979 and continues to serve as the Chief of the department.

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### Community Grants

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

- \$3537 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for community hall engineering and insurance
- \$10,000 to the Salmon Valley Firefighters Association for generator and installation
- \$30,000 to the Tabor Lake Cleanup Society for the purchase of a weed harvester
- \$400 to the Mackenzie Community Arts Council for youth summer camp instructional aide
- \$2861 to the Canoe Valley Community Association for operating costs
- \$1528 to McBride Secondary School for facility rental fees for grad

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