



May 21, 2020

## MAY 21 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### COVID-19 Update; Arts, Culture, Heritage grants approved;

#### COVID-19 Update

Directors received an update on Regional District operations and how COVID-19 has impacted services and facilities within the Regional District. The Regional District is actively following directions from provincial and federal authorities and health agencies and continues to adjust operations accordingly. Some significant changes include:

- Office at 155 George Street is open for pre-arranged appointments only. No walk-in traffic permitted.
- Recreation centres in Robson Valley have closed until further notice.
- Robson Valley Community Centre in McBride has closed until further notice.
- Landfill and transfer stations remain open, but with physical distancing protocols implemented. The public is asked to reduce unnecessary trips.

The Regional District is reviewing its processes for public hearings and public consultation meetings to ensure the safety of those participating in the meetings. The Regional District is also looking at recent changes made by the provincial government pertaining to public hearing and how those changes may be incorporated.

#### Arts, Culture, Heritage grants approved

The Regional District approved six grants totaling \$26,500 to various non-profit organizations as part of its Arts, Culture, Heritage grant program. The program is funded through an endowment fund the Regional District established in 2006 as part of the original Regional Cultural Plan. The following grants were approved:

- \$5000 to Wishbone Theatre Productions in Dunster, BC to write and produce an original theatre production
- \$5000 to the Prince George Downtown Business Improvement Association for the Downtown Winterfest event
- \$1500 to the Fraser-Fort George Museum Society (Exploration Place) to support online programming
- \$5000 to the Prince George Regional Art Gallery Association (Two Rivers Gallery) to support online programming
- \$5000 to the Prince George Symphony Orchestra to commission an anniversary composition
- \$5000 to the Prince George Folkfest Society to support the Coldsnap music festival in 2021.

#### Community Grants

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

- \$1159 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for hockey rink upgrades and ballpark maintenance
- \$24,000 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for operating expenses
- \$25,000 to the Red Rock/Stoner Volunteer Fire Department Society for man door covers
- \$2500 to the Tabor Lake Recreation Commission for insurance, events, maintenance and improvements
- \$5500 to the Cariboo Ferndale Community Association for insurance and programs
- \$1500 to the Penny Community Historical Association for insurance, fire extinguisher and hall maintenance

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- \$11,000 to the Bear Lake Improvement Society for a tourism information kiosk
- \$7500 to the Summit Lake Community Association insurance, hall maintenance, improvements and utilities
- \$2500 to the BC Parks Foundation for Ancient Forest Story trail signage

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