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AUGUST BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

RDDFG secures back up 9-1-1 fire dispatch; Update from BC Emergency Health Services; RHD renews Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Health

RDDFG secures back up 9-1-1 fire dispatch

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and North Island 9-1-1 have agreed to enter into a reciprocal agreement that would see the organizations provide emergency back up for 9-1-1 fire dispatch for each other when necessary.

The Regional District's primary 9-1-1 fire dispatch centre is located in the Prince George Fire Hall. A back up fire dispatch centre is currently under construction as part of the Regional District's new public safety building. In the event the primary fire dispatch centre at the PG Fire Hall is unavailable, any 9-1-1 calls requiring a fire department response would be temporarily re-routed to North Island 9-1-1 until the back up fire dispatch centre is online.

The Board gave approval today to amend an agreement it holds with the City of Prince George for centralized fire dispatch to reflect the back up arrangements with North Island 9-1-1.

Update from BC Ambulance

Representatives with BC Ambulance provided an update to the Board on recent changes to paramedic staffing in rural and remote BC. Previous models held a reliance on "on-call" staffing which made it difficult to attract and retain paramedics. The new model brings a net total of 13 new regular paramedic positions to Bear Lake, Mackenzie, McBride and Valemount. The roll out of this new model is expected to start in November 2021.

RHD renews Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Health

The Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District is renewing a two year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northern Health. The MOU was jointly developed by the six Northern Regional Hospital Districts and Northern Health to provide clarity around roles and information sharing for the planning and funding of equipment, clinical information and capital projects. The Fraser-Fort George RHD and Northern Health entered into their first MOU in 2003.

Community Grants

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

- \$10,000 to the Buckhorn Recreation Commission for firehall landscaping
- \$11,500 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for riding arena maintenance

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