



Delegations



Alaska Community Society

Bud Powell and Julie Harris updated the Board on the Society's 2016 activities. The Society continues to work on the nomination of the Alaska Highway as a National Historic Site

of Canada and on the North East Heritage Strategy Project. Later in the meeting the Board approved that a grant of \$45,000 be deliberated at the budget discussions.

Provincial Negotiations update

Penny De Waal, Manager Regional Initiatives, Dale Morgan, Manager Regional Initiatives, Greg Perrins, Director Strategic Initiatives, Renee Simard, Senior Resource Coordination Officer from the Ministry for Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Jason Wilson, MoFLNRO and Chris Roine from BC Hydro presented an overview and Status of Provincial Negotiations with Treaty 8 First Nations to the Board.

Letters of support for NDIIT projects

The Board approved support letters for NDIIT grant applications for the following community projects; upgrades to the Bear Mountain Ski Chalet, Geo-Sciences Search Phase III Airborne Geophysical Survey Project, the North Peace Fall Fair, the Kiskatinaw Fall Fair for the Fabulous Festivals and Events funding program and the Tse'Kw'a Heritage Society's to enable the society to create an amphitheater and renovate their current building, from the Capital Investment Analysis funding program

Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)

The Board forwarded the Ross, Hartnell, Merrick and Richter applications to the ALC.

Special Event Grant

The Regional Board approved a Special Event grant, in the amount of \$3,500 to the Dawson Creek Minor Hockey Association (DCMHA) for the purposes of hosting the PeeWee Provincial Hockey Championships to be held in Dawson Creek from March 18-24, 2017.

Invasive Plant Disposal

The invasive plant disposal program will not expand to transfer stations in 2017. The current program receives invasive plants at the three landfills in the region.

2016 Stats

86 Invasive Plant Disposal Visits	40 residential 46 commercial
14,940 kg material received	8,030 residential, 6,910 commercial
Ratio of Municipal Users to Regional District Users	17:23 residential 22:24 commercial
Ratio of materials received from municipal versus regional district users (in kg)	930:4100 kg residential 3100:3810 kg commercial

2017 Parks Maintenance Contracts

The Regional Board approved that the following contract awards to provide park maintenance services: Stacey Lajeunesse for Blackfoot Regional Park - \$8,662.50 Dave Wiebe contracting for Minaker River Regional - \$23,908.50 Morgan Rae Contracting for Spencer Tuck Regional Park \$14,812.88 and Montney Centennial Regional Park - \$20,911.28.

2017 Recreational Trails Grants-in-Aid

The following allocations were approved to:



1. Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association - \$46,142.83
2. Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society- \$8,034.00
3. Northland Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club- \$13,667.84
4. Blizzard Bike Club- \$7,155.33

Revised Mandatory Building Permit Area

On February 23rd, 2017 the Board adopted Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2014 Amendment Bylaw No. 2279, 2017.

Summarized Changes

- Electoral Area 'B' Reduced to include only that area which is included in the Charlie Lake Fire Protection area.
- Electoral Area 'C' No change to existing mandatory building permit area which includes the full electoral area.
- Electoral Area 'D' Reduced to the Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe and Taylor rural fire protection areas and to a small area around the Swan Lake subdivision.
- Electoral Area 'E' Reduced to the Chetwynd rural fire protection area and the Moberly Lake fire protection area.

Residents can still access the building permit program upon request, even if they are not in a mandatory area. Such requests in the voluntary area must be made before any construction starts because inspections cannot be provided for work that has been covered over. Residents not in a mandatory area that are building or adding on to a structure may want to check with their lending agency if it is a requirement to have a building permit, final inspection or occupancy permit.

Residents will still have the responsibility to check zoning requirements when building or adding on to structures, because all regulations regarding permitted uses and siting remain unchanged and in force.

To request a copy The Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2014 Amendment Bylaw No. 2279, 2017 call 1-800-670-7773 and it is on the PRRD website- <http://prrd.bc.ca/engage/proposed-revised-mandatory-building-permit-area>

Emergency Executive Committee (EEC)

1. The Board will forward a letter to the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations requesting that the Ministry be proactive and have resources and crews available prior to fire season to meet the demands of this type of event.

2. Les Husband, Prince George Fire Centre Manager, will be invited to attend an EEC meeting to provide information on operations and risk management issues faced by their agency and how this can be explained.

3. A letter will be sent to the National Energy Board (NEB) requesting confirmation on how the NEB plans on ensuring projects are meeting and complying with the National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995.

4. A letter will be sent to Bob Zimmer, Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies MP, with copies to George Smith, Manager, Maintenance and Operations, Public Works and Government Services Canada, and the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, requesting that Drive BC include Mile 83 of the Alaska Highway to the Yukon border in its program to advise the travelling public of current road conditions

Emergency Planning

Are you prepared to be self-sufficient for 72 hours?
<http://prrd.bc.ca/services/emergency-services/get-prepared/>

NCGLA Resolutions

The Board approve the following two resolutions for submission to the 2017 NCLGA Convention:

1. THAT the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to designate a single Ministry as responsible for regulation of illegal dumping in the Province, including enforcement of said regulations and cleanup and removal of dumped waste, that the NCLGA and UBCM respectfully request that the Province provide adequate funding to the designated Ministry to ensure minimum staffing levels can be maintained in all areas of the Province to address the issue of illegal dumping.
2. THAT the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to require that local government land use regulations apply to all small scale energy generation projects, including wind energy projects, regardless of their location on public or private property to ensure proper consultation with affected landowners and local governments takes place in advance of construction of wind energy projects in the Province.

Audit of Closed Meeting Process – Fire Dispatch

The Board approved the scope of the audit of the Closed Meeting Process used during the Fire Dispatch Contract discussions; and waived the Purchasing Policy requirement of obtaining three bids/quotes/prices and authorized the legal firm of Young Anderson be retained to undertake the audit of the Closed Meeting Process for the Fire Dispatch Contract.

Electoral Area Happenings

Upper Pine Class learns more about the Regional District



23 students from the Upper Pine School visited the Fort St. John Regional District office in February. Six stations were set up for the kids to learn about recycling, the mapping program, emergency preparedness, economic development, invasive plants and to have chat with Electoral Area B Director Karen Goodings.

Electoral Area "D" Community Roundtable Meetings- Dialogue with Director Leonard Hiebert

Director Leonard Hiebert has been visiting communities in Electoral Area "D" to have conversations with community members. The Director has been hearing from residents of Electoral Area "D" about any local issues, concerns or ideas for community initiatives. Meeting notes and answers to some common questions asked at meetings can be found at <http://prrd.bc.ca/engage/electoral-area-d-round-table-meetings/March Meetings: March 2 at Tower Lake at 7 pm and March 7 at Pouce Coupe Hall at 7 pm>

Electoral Area "E" Community Roundtable Meetings- Dialogue with Director Dan Rose

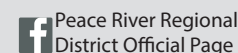
Director Dan Rose will be visiting communities in Electoral Area "E" to have conversations with community members. The Director wants to hear from residents of Electoral Area "D" about any local issues, concerns or ideas for community initiatives.

Chetwynd Recreation Centre	March 27 7 - 9 p.m.
McLeod Community School-Hall	March 28 7 - 9 p.m.
Moberly Lake Hall	March 29 7 - 9 p.m.
Jackfish Community Hall	March 30 7 - 9 p.m.

March Board Meeting Dates

March 9 - Dawson Creek
March 23 - Taylor

visit our website at www.prrd.bc.ca to register online.



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