



# Board Newsletter

Meeting Date: November 24, 2016

Location: Fort St. John

## Delegations

### UNESCO Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark

Sarah Waters and Dr. Charles Helm updated the Board on the activities of the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark over the past year.

### World U-17 Men's Hockey Challenge

Barry Reynard from the City of Dawson Creek and Wally Ferris from the City of Fort St. John made a presentation to the Board about an upcoming sponsorship opportunity for the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge taking place October 26 to November 4, 2017. The Canadian Hockey League and BC Hockey are in discussions with Dawson Creek and Fort St. John to co-host the event. They invited the Regional District to assist in the planning, marketing and hosting the event once the negotiations are completed with Dawson Creek and Fort St. John.

### U-17 Legacy Fund

The Board authorized staff to investigate partnering with other organizations to provide a coaching symposium to the public, to be partially paid for using legacy funds from the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge. A report will be brought back to the Board with more detail.

### Agricultural Land Reserve Applications

The Board approved forwarding the Harroff and Duncan subdivision in the ALR applications to the ALC.

### South Bank Recreation Sites – Site “C” Project

The Board authorized staff to work with the District of Chetwynd to conduct a public consultation regarding the proposed plans by the District of Chetwynd to use funding available from BC Hydro, through the Site C Dam Project, to develop recreation opportunities on the south bank of the Peace River. As part of the District of “Chetwynd Community Agreement Amendment #1” BC Hydro has committed to making a payment of \$200,000 to the District of Chetwynd for the creation of south bank recreation sites.

## Invasive Species Awareness

The Regional Board authorized staff to work with the Invasive Species Council of BC to create and install signage in the five Regional Parks to highlight the undesirable effects of releasing non-native aquatic species into rivers and lakes in the Peace River Regional District.

## Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)

The Regional Board approved the following recommendations from the AAC:

1. The invasive plant education program will be expanded to include methods for composting bagged invasive plants.
2. A copy of the “Discussion Paper regarding the review of ALR Applications” will be sent to each AAC member organization and members at large, requesting that they respond in writing stating their position (including reasons) regarding whether the Regional District should, or should not, discontinue reviewing and responding to ALR applications. The responses will be reviewed by the AAC prior to any decision on the matter by the Board.

## OCP Zoning Amendment

The Board adopted the Cushway OCP amendment application to amend the OCP from Ag (Agriculture) to C (Civic) and to amend the zoning from A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings Zone) to P-2 (Civic, Assembly and Institutional Zone) for a ~2 ha portion of the subject property to ensure the existing school is zoned correctly.

## 2017- 2020 Communications Plan

The Board received the 2013–2016 Communication Plan Strategy Audit Report Card for information. The Board approved the 2017–2020 Communication Plan Strategy. The strategy and the report card can be viewed at <http://prrd.bc.ca/engage/communications-strategy-consultation/>

**The final Board meeting of 2016, is being held Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>, in Dawson Creek**

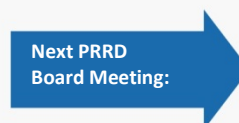
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