



Board Newsletter

Meeting Date: June 14, 2018

Location: Dawson Creek

Delegations

North Peace Division of Family Practice

The Regional Board received an update about the activities of the North Peace Division of Family Practice and a request for further funding. Dr. Joel Bluman, Chief Resident – UBC Rural Fort St. John Family Medicine Residency Program, described the benefits of PRRD funding to resident doctors including housing stipends, exam support, and the ability to engage in electives in different communities.

World Under 17 Hockey Challenge

Barry Reynard, Director of Community Services, from the City of Dawson Creek updated the Board about the community benefits and economic impacts that were as a result of hosting the World under 17 hockey challenge in November 2017.

The Regional Board was presented with a plaque of appreciation for funding provided by the PRRD to assist in hosting the World Under 17 Hockey Challenge.

West Fraser

Ken Wolfe and Jeff Mycock presented West Fraser concerns regarding potential forestry impacts resulting from the Southern Mountain Caribou Central Group.

Caribou Conservation and Recovery

The Regional Board authorized staff to investigate options to hire a wildlife biologist, to provide supporting research to any positions regarding caribou conservation. The Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will be invited to visit the Regional District to tour the area and meet with the Board to discuss caribou conservation and recovery.

Tipping fees waived

The Board authorized that tipping fees to a maximum of \$40,000 be waived at the Bessborough Landfill for material that will be removed from the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association Grounds (Collins Exhibition Park).

RN/RPN Scholarship

The 2018 RN/RPN Scholarship recipients are Alexa Eklund, Amanda Gardner, Cassandra Baker, Emily McKeeman, Jordan Sloane, Sarah Yeske and Nicole Spendiff.

The RN/RPN Return of Service scholarship provides scholarship of up to \$5,000 per person. Students enrolled in their final year of their RN/RPN program can apply to receive \$2,500 to assist with their education. After graduation and upon signing a 2 year return of service agreement for employment with Northern Health in the Peace River Regional District, they can apply to receive another \$2,500.

Pouce Coupe Rural Fire Protection Agreement

The Regional Board approved entering into a 5 year agreement with the Village of Pouce Coupe for the provision of rural fire protection services. The PRRD contributes 34.5% to the budget, the allocation for 2018 will be \$85,178.

2018 Economic Development Grants

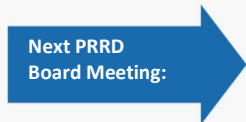
The Board approved releasing \$250,000 in the Economic Development grant funds, once completed grant applications from the following projects/organizations have been submitted to the Regional District

SPARK Leadership Conference	\$2,500
Business 2 Business Expo	\$10,000
South Peace Business Directory	\$5,000
South Peace Health Society	\$7,500
Dawson Creek & District Airport Marketing	\$5,000
Coal Forum	\$10,000
South Peace Love Northern BC	\$7,500
Camp Sagitawa	\$10,000
Fort St John Traffic Circle Design	\$75,000
Fort St John Literacy Campaign	\$17,500
Forge (CDI) Leader Lab Project	\$100,000

Starting in 2018 an annual submission deadline of October 15th has been set to receive economic development grant applications.

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