

Board HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2019



Statement of Financial Position

The RD's Accumulated Surplus increased \$5.15 from \$94.33M to \$99.48M including a \$4.15M increase in Net Financial Assets from \$37.16M to \$41.31M and a \$1.0M increase in Non-Financial Assets. The increase in Net Financial Assets indicates the RD has sufficient assets to settle existing liabilities.

The RD's Accumulated Surplus position indicates it has net positive resources that can be used to provide future services.

Statement of Operations

The RD had an excess of revenue over expenses in 2018. This measure shows that the revenues raised by the RD in the year were sufficient to cover the year's operating expenses and as a result the financial position of the RD was improved.

This statement also includes the RD's original approved budget for comparison purposes.

The RD's revenues exceeded expenses by \$5.15M which was slightly less than the \$5.49M budgeted."

Statement of Cash Flow

The RD was able to generate sufficient cash from Operations to fund cash requirements from financing activities as well as capital purchases resulting in an increase in cash overall.

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$1.68M for a total of \$58.60M.

Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

The RD's Net Financial Assets increased by \$4.15M due to a \$5.15M excess of revenue over expenses and a lower than budgeted acquisition of tangible capital assets. The total Net Financial Assets at the end of 2018 were \$41.31M which is \$9.94M higher than budgeted.

ALR Applications

The Regional Board supported the following ALR applications to proceed to the ALC:

The Hollow Point Contracting Ltd. application for the exclusion of a 5.77 hectare (14.26 acre) property to allow the applicant to continue to operate his industrial business.

The Pickell application for exclusion of a 53.6 ha (132.4 acre) portion to first create a fenced and graveled storage yard for construction and environmental products, employing 6 people. The owner would like to establish a culvert manufacturing facility and office building in the future.

The Morrone ALR Subdivision application to subdivide a 17 ha (42 acre) portion to allow for the sale of part of the property while still maintaining a residence and being connected with agriculture on the remaining property until such a time as the choice would be made to market the remainder.

The Dawson Creek Co-operative Union ALR non-farm use application to install a fuel card lock station at their property in Rolla.

Agricultural Land Commission

The Minister of Agriculture will be invited to participate in a tour of the Peace region, to view the impact of oil and gas activity on ALR lands with the Board and Agricultural Land Commission. Prior to the tour, the Regional Board has requested that they be provided with a report to inform a Board position on the intent, to outline topics for discussion, suggest tour locations, and provide overall parameters of the tour with the Minister.

Development Variance Permit

The Regional Board approved issuance of a Development Variance Permit to Pilgrim Bros. Ventures Ltd. in Wonowon to reduce the required setback from the 86.97m long parcel line from 3 metres to not less than 1.2 metres at the closest point, to bring the existing structure into compliance.

OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaws

The Regional Board approved the EBA Development Group Ltd. application to rezone their Tse'k'wa, (commonly known as Charlie Lake Caves) property in Area C, from Residential 2 Zone (R-2) to Civic, Assembly and Institutional Zone (P-2). The plan is to establish an Indigenous cultural museum, that will include an accessory café and gift shop, and to restore and protect Tse'k'wa, lands. The Board will ask that the proponents install a privacy fence to provide the adjacent property continued privacy of their residential property.

April Delegations

Bulterys Community House

The South Peace Health Services Society provided the Regional Board with an update on the Bulterys Community House, designed to provide temporary accommodation for patients receiving care in Dawson Creek. Topics presented included: property (purchase, renovations), local sourcing, design (architectural and 3D conceptual exterior drawings, carriage house), operational business plan, fundraising and recognition programs, and charitable status application. The Society hopes to have the service open by December 2019.

Camp Sagitawa

Gordon Miller, President and Gary Pryzner, Camp Sagitawa Director updated the Board on the activities at Camp Sagitawa, stating that since 2014, 3198 people have attended the camp. The camp offers many experiences to participants that include canoeing, sailing, zip lining, outdoor living activities, and horseback riding to name a few. Mr. Miller thanked the Board for past funding to support the efforts of the many volunteers that make the camp possible to operate.

75th Anniversary of the Dawson Creek Chamber of

Kathleen Connolly, Executive Director brought the Board some cupcakes to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Chamber. The objective of the Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce shall be to lead, promote and protect the economic and social prosperity of Dawson Creek and District. For more information about chamber activities go to dawsoncreekchamber ca

North Winds Wellness Centre Update

Isaac Hernandez, Executive Director addressed the Board regarding the ongoing efforts of the North Winds Wellness Centre (NWWC) addiction recovery programing. He provided an overview of the potential expansion and restructure of the program that will be considered if a suitable location can be found and funding secured. He advised that the centre serves clients from across the region, including Dawson Creek, Fort Saint John, Chetwynd, Hudson Hope, Tumbler Ridge; the Seven First Nation Communities of BC Treaty 8; and Kelly Lake (BC) and Horse Lake (AB) Reserves. Mr. Hernandez shared the increasing demand for addiction recovery services and supports in the region, based on utilization of the existing live-in treatment programs from April 2017 - March 2018 increasing by 113.37%, and the day and out-patient program participation increase of 24% over a 10- year period.

Charlie Lake Fire Department

The Regional Board awarded a contract for "One Fire Apparatus" to Hub Fire Engines & Equipment Ltd. for the purchase of a Fire Engine and Accessory Equipment in the amount of \$737,751 (inclusive of PST).

The Regional Board awarded a contract for "One Water Tender/Tanker Apparatus" to Fort Garry Fire Engines & Equipment Ltd. for the purpose of purchasing a Water Tender in the amount of \$464,344 (inclusive of PST).

The Regional Board approved amendments to the Charlie Lake budget to purchase the apparatus, to draw additional funding from reserves for the purchases.

Solid Waste

Directors appointed to the Solid Waste Committee were authorized to meet with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to discuss waste reduction.

In an effort to prevent illegal dumping and as a pilot project, all tipping fees for Tier 1 and Tier 2 transfer stations will be waived for two weeks during the 2019 Spring and Fall clean up periods. Roll-off bins will be placed on the outside of the Tier 2 transfer station confines for two weeks during the 2019 Spring and Fall clean up periods. Roll-off bins will be placed at the Jackfish Lake Community Hall for two weeks during the 2019 Spring and Fall clean up periods.

Tipping fees at the PRRD landfills will be waived for two weeks during the 2019 Spring and Fall Clean-up periods for any customer disposing of waste generated from their own property.

IT Managed Service Provider Contract Award

A one-year contract effective May 1, 2019, for the provision of "IT Managed Service Provider" services, was awarded to Nortech Data Service Ltd. at an annual fixed cost of \$62,688, excluding taxes, to a maximum of \$105,000 including variable costs.

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

Do you have a grab-and-go kit?

A grab-and-go kit is prepared and ready to go with you in the event of an emergency if you need to leave your home. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a backpack, duffel bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach place, such as your front hall closet

Do you have a 72-hour emergency kit?

Take the time to put together a household emergency plan and a well-stocked emergency kit, with at least 72 hours of supplies including food and water.

For ideas on how to build a 72-Hour emergency kit go to www. getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrcs/vds/prprng-kt-eng.mp4 .

Sign Up for North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts

Stay Informed During Emergencies

North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts is a region wide notification system. Residents who subscribe will be alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up to the North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts.

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