

June 27, 2014

## **CRD Tough Enough to Wear Pink**

The CRD staff and directors dressed up in their finest western wear and pink in support of the Williams Lake Stampede Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign. So far, the staff and elected officials from the Cariboo Regional District, the City of Quesnel, the City of Williams Lake and the District of 100 Mile House raised just over \$780 which will be presented to the Stampede Association during this Sunday's performance. Visit [williamslakestampede.com](http://williamslakestampede.com) for further event information.

## **Crime Reduction Strategies Discussed**

Inspector Warren Brown, Williams Lake Detachment, RCMP, appeared before the Board to discuss crime reduction strategies in the Cariboo Chilcotin. Some of the topics included enhanced crime reduction, building relationships with Aboriginal Communities, employee wellness, domestic violence, and impaired driving strategies. Inspector Brown also spoke about prolific and chronic offenders, drug houses, road checks and their positive ticketing program. He also provided an overview of the Williams Lake Community Policing program and the important role it plays in the community.

## **BC Building Code & Community Charter**

At the request of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), the CRD will be providing feedback to the UBCM regarding the proposed changes to the provincial building code and Community Charter. Some of the proposed changes include removing the ability for local governments to vary or exceed building standards, establishing provincial decision making for code interpretation and collection of a provincial levy for this service as well as establishing mandatory certification for building inspectors. The CRD Board discussed these changes and will respond with concerns about removing flexibility for local government control over standards while still holding the liability for providing this service.

## **Area H Director Initiative Funds**

The Regional District Board authorized up to \$600 of Electoral Area H Director Initiative funds for an Area H Pilot Project. The funds will be used to host a citizen engagement meeting organized by Director Wagner on July 18, 2014 as an alternative to and replacement of the annual Town Hall Meeting for Electoral Area H this year. This project is being undertaken to allow seasonal residents an opportunity to meet their Area H Director and gain a better understanding of the CRD and the services provided to them through taxation.

## **Alexis Creek Red Cross Outpost Hospital Centennial**

The Cariboo Regional District Board authorized a total of \$500 from the Electoral Area K Director Initiative Fund be used towards the Alexis Creek Centennial Ceremony on September 13, 2014. During the meeting, the Board also authorized an additional \$500 to purchase a cast bronze plaque to commemorate the special milestone.

## **CRD's Anahim Lake Airport Manager Announced**

The Cariboo Regional District officially announced the new Airport Manager for the CRD's Anahim Lake Airport. Mr. Dave Chamberlain of Snooka Aircraft Services will start on July 1, 2014. Mr. Chamberlain takes over the reins from Mr. Wayne Escott of Aerotech Services who has been the Airport Caretaker since it was built. Thank you Wayne for your many years of service to the Anahim Lake Airport and the areas it serves.

## **Support for BC Farm Women's Network**

The Cariboo Regional District Board authorized a total of \$500 of Special Projects funds from Electoral Area B, C, D, F, G, and H to support the 2014 BC Farm Women's Network seminar. The event will be held on October 3 & 4, 2014, at the Ramada Inn, in Williams Lake, BC. The Network promotes agriculture within and outside the farm and ranching industry. Their goal is to promote agriculture and educate the consumer about issues affecting agriculture, farm women, and farm families.

## **Upcoming Meetings/Important Dates**

**July 11** – CCRHD & CRD Board Meetings