

January 23, 2015

Election of CRHD & CCRHD Chair and Vice-Chair

The Cariboo Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) re-elected their Chair and Vice Chair for 2015. Area C Director, John Massier was re-elected Chair and Area H Director, Margo Wagner was re-elected as Vice Chair.

Interior Health Funding Request Approved

The CCRHD Board authorized a funding request from Interior Health in the amount of \$665,000, representing 40 per cent of the total cost of five capital projects. The projects include replacement of the construction of a Secure Room, a security system/door locking in Maternity Unit, a telephone system upgrade and the purchase of a Radiographic Fluoroscopic for Cariboo Memorial Hospital in Williams Lake. In the south Cariboo, Interior Health plans to purchase a General Radiographic System for the 100 Mile House General Hospital.

New Building Canada Funding Applications

The Cariboo Regional District endorsed a resolution to submit two grant applications to the New Building Canada - Small Communities Fund (SCF). The first funding request is for 2/3 funding of the proposed Mountview Water and Sewer project. The approximate cost of the entire project is \$25M.

The Regional District will also be submitting an application to the SCF fund for 2/3 funding of the 108 Mile Water Treatment Plant. A total of \$800,000 of Community Works funds has already been secured by the CRD Board of Directors for this project.

If these applications are approved, the CRD will be required to hold referendums within six months of approval in order to establish a local service and authorize the borrowing of funds to complete the projects.

Likely & District Chamber of Commerce Receives Support

The CRD will be issuing a letter in support of the Likely and District Chamber of Commerce application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Façade Improvement Program. The funding will be used to support the implementation of improvements to business facades in Likely in order to refresh the downtown business area and attract people to the area.

Community Works Funding Approved

The Regional District Board authorized funds from the Community Works Funding program to install a potable water system at the Likely Community Hall. The direct project cost is approximately \$22,970. The potable water system will allow the community hall to provide safe drinking water to users while also increasing the hall's attractiveness for potential renters and events.

NDIT Applications supported

The Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors agreed to support three central Cariboo applications to the Northern Development Initiative Trust.

The Cedar Point Class "C" Provincial Park Board is proposing to undertake improvements to the boat launch and dock system and construction of a shower house at Cedar Point Provincial Park. The request is for \$30,000 in grant funding from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program.

The Likely and District Chamber of Commerce is proposing to install a billboard on Highway 97 near Hixon to promote the back road from Likely to Barkerville to raise awareness of the scenic route and increase tourism in Likely. The request is for \$2,400 in grant funding from the Marketing Initiatives Program.

The Williams Lake Indian Band is constructing three mountain bike recreational trails on Fox Mountain, connecting the Chief Will Yum Campground on the northern boundary of the Williams Lake Indian Reserve #1 (Sugar Cane) and Asahal Lake Indian Reserve #2. The project will be a collaborative partnership between the Williams Lake Indian Band, the Williams Lake Cycling Club and the Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium.

Provisional budgets head to public consultation

The provisional budgets for the CRD, and the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District will be presented to residents through three sub-regional consultation open houses. The sessions are scheduled to take place in the south Cariboo (100 Mile House Council Chambers) on Monday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m.; the central Cariboo (CRD Board Room in Williams Lake) on Jan. 29 at 5 p.m.; and the north Cariboo (CRD Quesnel Library Programme Room) on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m.

Capital Project Funding Applications

The CRD will be submitting two applications to the Federal Gas Tax Program Strategic Priorities Fund for funding of two major capital projects taking place in the North and Central Cariboo. An application will be submitted to the program for \$6,000,000 towards the North Cariboo Arena Replacement Project and the second application will be a joint application with the City of Williams Lake for the Sam Ketcham Pool Upgrade Project in the amount of \$4 million.

Next Meeting

CRD Board Meeting – February 18, 2015