

June 9 & 10, 2016

Health Care Recruitment

Susan Paulsen, Healthcare Recruitment Coordinator, appeared before the Board to provide an update on recruitment and retention activities in the north Cariboo. Ms. Paulsen focused on current recruitment strategies, the Red Carpet Program and community partnerships. The program has been very successful at recruiting health care professionals to the north Cariboo.

Interior Health Executive

Chris Mazurkewich, President and CEO, Interior Health Authority (IH), met with the CCRHD Board during the June 9 Committee of the Whole session. He presented an overview of IH programs and outlined how the aging population is affecting the cost of health care as well as the health care workforce. More information about IH is available online at interiorhealth.ca.

Electoral Area Discretionary Funds Approved

The following Electoral Area Discretionary Funds were approved by the Regional District Board of Directors:

- \$500 from the Electoral Area D for the annual bbq put on by the Tyee Lake Community Association;
- \$1,000 from Electoral Area F for the Horsefly Community Club to contribute to the community hall upgrade project;
- \$2,000 from Electoral Area J for the Xenigwet'in's 2016 Annual Youth Wagon Trip;
- \$4,000 from Electoral Area G to partner with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for safety improvements to the road shoulders adjacent to the 108 School; and
- \$1,000 from the Electoral Area A, B, C and for the City of Quesnel's Canada Day Celebrations, allocated to Electoral Area A-\$500, Electoral Area B-\$300, Electoral Area C-\$100 and Electoral Area I-\$100.

CRD Submits Low Mobility Trail Application

The CRD will be submitting an application to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program requesting \$20,000 from the program, with a matching \$20,000 funding to be provided from the South Cariboo Recreation budget, to construct a low mobility trail at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre.

Funding for Palliative Care Association

The CCRHD authorized funding from its Foundation Partnership Grants program for the Quesnel and District Hospice Palliative Care Association. The CCRHD will provide \$2,138 (40 per cent of the total cost) to install an awning over part of the deck at the Quesnel hospice unit.

NDIT Grant Applications Supported by CRD

The Cariboo Regional District agreed in principle to support the following applications to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Community Halls and Recreation funding program. All applications are for up to \$30,000.

- Williams Lake Powder Kings Snowmobile Club to improve the Yank's Peak snowmobile recreation area;
- Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium for up to \$30,000 to complete phase 1 enhancements to the Desous Mountain recreation site;
- Likely Chamber of Commerce to construct a mountain bike trail near Likely; and
- Xats'ull First Nation to complete phase two of the Xats'ull Heritage Village Trails Initiative.

The CRD also granted support to an application for up to \$3,020 from the Fishing Highway 24 Tourism Association to purchase and install signage for the Bridge Lake Ice Caves recreation site and an application for up to \$2,500 from the Big Creek Community Association to support the annual Big Creek Round Up event.

Gold Rush Trail Tour

A group of Chinese community leaders will visit the Cariboo June 15-22. The Cariboo Regional District, in cooperation with the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association, Barkerville Historic Townsite, the Districts of 100 Mile House and Wells, the Cities of Williams Lake and Quesnel and the Chinese Consulate General in Vancouver have worked together to organize the tour, which will include tours of Gold Rush Trail communities, First Nations cultural centres, and community dinners organized by local government leaders in each of the communities.

On the Road Again

On Thursday, June 9 and 10, the CRD Board and staff met in the Bouchie Lake Community Hall as part of the 2016 Board on the Road community outreach program. A committee of the whole session was held on Thursday followed by a Community BBQ from 5-6:30 pm.

Approximately 90 residents enjoyed the CRD hosted BBQ with proceeds going to the Bouchie Lake Community Association. On Friday, June 10, the Board of Directors reconvened at the Bouchie Lake Community to hold its regularly scheduled Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District and Cariboo Regional District meetings. Thank you to the Bouchie Lake community for your hospitality!

Next Meeting

CRD Board Meeting – June 30, 2016