

December 16, 2016

Provisional Budgets Available for Public Input

The Cariboo Regional District's (CRD) provisional five-year financial plan was endorsed by the Board. The Regional District Board of Directors and staff encourage all residents to review the documents and provide feedback prior to the budget's final adoption on March 24, 2017.

Hard copies of the budget will be available for viewing at all three CRD offices and in the CRD Branch Libraries in 100 Mile House, Quesnel and Williams Lake. The budget can also be viewed at cariboord.ca under Services > Finance > Financial Plans.

Rural Land Use Bylaw Amendments Adopted

The CRD Board of Directors adopted text changes to six rural land use bylaws regarding ancillary structures following discussions with the CRD's Advisory Planning Committees and public hearings. The amended bylaws will be posted at cariboord.ca/resources/bylaws.

CRD Board Supports NDIIT Grant Applications

The CRD Board will be supporting several funding applications to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). NDIT requires all grant applicants to secure a resolution of support from their local government.

The Board will be supporting the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation's request for \$250,000 towards phase two of their Community Electrification Renewable Energy Project. Xeni Gwet'in First Nation would use the funding to develop an electrical micro grid system to provide numerous on-reserve residences with renewable power.

The Regional District endorsed a grant application from the Wells Wheels ATV Club for up to \$30,000. The group intends to use the funding to construct a motorized ATV trail between Wells and Barkerville.

Barkerville Heritage Trust's request to NDIT for \$250,000 in grant funding met with approval from CRD Directors. Barkerville will use the grant to complete phases two and three of its Shamrock Cottages project, which involves the construction of five new cottage units within Barkerville Historic Town, a fenced playground, picnic area and a wheelchair accessible trail.

Electoral Area Funds Support Local Initiatives

The CRD Electoral Area Directors authorized \$200 in discretionary funds from Electoral Area D. The funds will be used towards the Wildwood Community and Recreation Association's awards night.

The Directors also allocated \$2,800 of Electoral Area C Discretionary Funds for the replacement of two pit toilets at the Barlow Creek Recreation Site.

CCRHD Board Receives Recruitment Update

Susan Paulsen, Healthcare Recruitment Coordinator of S. Paulsen Consulting, appeared before the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board to provide an update on healthcare recruitment and retention activities in Quesnel. Twelve physicians have arrived in Quesnel this year and one more will arrive this January. A new dietician and physiotherapist have also been recruited with a new speech pathologist arriving in January. For the first time in more than a decade, Quesnel will have a full complement of physicians.

Taseko Presents to CRD Board

Richard Tremblay, Vice-President and General Manager for Taseko Mines, gave an update to the CRD Board of Directors on the water management plan for Gibraltar Mines Limited. Currently, Gibraltar Mine is releasing discharge into the Fraser River and is exploring alternatives to incorporate into their long-term site water management plan.

CRD Seeks Funding from NDIT

The Cariboo Regional District is submitting two grant requests to NDIT for a total of \$40,000 to enhance the delivery of the CRD's Business Façade Improvement (BFI) program. Through this program, eligible businesses are able to receive up to \$5,000 to complete exterior improvements. In 2016, the CRD successfully delivered the program in Likely, Horsefly, and the Interlakes area. If NDIT approves the funding, the 2017 delivery will be extended to all commercial businesses or properties in the regional district.

The CRD is also submitting additional applications to NDIT requesting:

- \$35,000 in funding to employ a local government management intern for 12 months;
- \$80,000 to support the Cariboo Strong regional economic development initiative;
- \$50,000 which would be paid directly to the South Cariboo Community Enhancement Foundation to help establish a community foundation endowment fund; and
- \$13,750 in grant funding to complete runway enhancements at Anahim Lake Airport.

Happy Holidays

The Board of Directors and staff wish all residents of the Cariboo Chilcotin a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please note our Williams Lake Office will be closed from Monday, Dec. 26 to Monday, Jan. 2. Our 100 Mile House and Quesnel Offices will be closed only on Monday, Dec. 26, Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Monday, Jan. 2.

Next Board Meeting:

CCRHD & CRD Boards – Jan. 13, 2017