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2014 Community Works Funds Increased

The Cariboo Regional District agreed to increase the original budget of \$75,000 to \$150,000 for the 2014 Community Works Fund (CWF) Community Hall Energy Improvements to accommodate the needs for further energy efficiency works at community halls and other recreation facilities. Recently, a number of organizations have enquired about accessing CWF funding to complete energy efficiency works at their facilities, including the Forest Grove Recreation Society to leverage CWF funding with other grant monies to replace the Forest Grove Community Hall's severely compromised roof. The Horsefly Seniors' Activity and Wellness Society is also looking to upgrade the heating system in the Horsefly Seniors' Centre. Further information about the Community Works Fund is online at www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/renewed-gas-tax-agreement/community-works-fund.html.

Town Hall Meetings

The minutes from the CRD 2014 Town Hall Meetings have now been compiled. The Town Hall meetings saw slightly smaller crowds this year with the highest attendance at the meetings taking place in Areas L with 50 residents. Some of the most commonly discussed topics included Solid Waste Management, Recycling and Library Services. A total of 197 people attended the Cariboo Regional District Town Hall meetings last month. During the Open Houses, residents were also requested to complete a survey about the session, recent experiences with the Regional District and the extent to which they understand the taxation process. The survey results also establish a baseline of resident satisfaction throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin and awareness of any issues that may be emerging on the local, sub-regional or regional basis. The survey included general questions, a section about the Town Hall Meeting process, and the financial plan. The Board of Directors and staff will now use this information in consideration to help formulate the 2015 budget and five-year financial plans. Full comments from the Town Hall meetings and results from the surveys are available for viewing on today's agenda online at cariboord.bc.ca.

Financial Literacy Month 2014

The Cariboo Regional District has declared November, 2014 as Financial Literacy Month throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin. The request for the declaration in honour of National Financial Literacy Month was received from the Cariboo

Chilcotin Partners for Literacy. Financial literacy means having the personal knowledge, skills and confidence to make responsible financial decisions. The theme of Financial Literacy Month 2014, is Strengthening Financial Literacy through Collaboration, which underlines the importance of coordinating efforts of organizations that offer programs, resources, information and services to help Canadians understand and manage their personal finances.

2015 Canada Winter Games

The Cariboo Regional District endorsed in principle, participation in the 2015 Canada Winter Games to promote economic development opportunities and tourism of the Cariboo Chilcotin. The CRD will encourage the District of 100 Mile House, the City of Quesnel, the District of Wells and the City of Williams Lake to partner with the Regional District on this opportunity. The Canada Winter Games will take place in Prince George from February 13 – March 1, 2015. As part of the games, Northern BC Tourism has organized an opportunity for areas within the North Central Local Government Association to showcase their regions to the games participants and spectators. The Canada Games Plaza is located at the Prince George Civic Centre. It will be the centre for all Games related celebrations including the main stage with nightly concerts, medal ceremonies, the Games cauldron and other sponsor activities. Through their sponsorship with the Games, Northern BC Tourism has secured space in the plaza, indoors and out, for communities and tourism stakeholders to show off their tourism experiences and assets. It is being called Northern BC Plaza.

NC HandyDART Referendum Open House Nov. 4

The Regional District Board authorized up to \$1,000 from each of Areas A, B, C and I Director Initiative Funds for advertising a North Cariboo HandyDART Open House. The Cariboo Regional District's northern directors will be hosting an Open House on November 4, 2014 from 5-7 p.m., to help provide information and answer questions about the upcoming North Cariboo HandyDART Referendum being held in conjunction with local government elections on November 15. The session will be held in the CRD's Quesnel branch Library Programme Room located at 101-410 Kinchant Street.

Upcoming Meetings

Nov. 14, 2014 – CCRHD & CRD Board Meetings.