

December 12, 2014

Provisional Budgets Headed to Public Input Process

The Cariboo Regional Hospital District (CRHD), the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) and the Cariboo Regional District's (CRD) 2015 provisional Budgets and Business Plans were endorsed by the Board. The provisional budget will then be presented to CRD residents in 2015 through three sub-regional consultation meetings taking 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.

The CRD's traditional Town Hall Meetings were held at the beginning of the budgeting process in September and October, 2014 in each of the electoral areas and municipalities. The budgets are currently listed on the CRD website on the December 12 agendas at cariboord.ca.

CRD Chair and Vice-Chair Elected

The CRD's Area G Director Al Richmond, and Area A Director Ted Armstrong were re-elected during today's meeting as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. This marks the seventh consecutive years as Chair and Vice-Chair for Richmond and Armstrong.

CRD Supports Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society Grant

The Cariboo Regional District endorsed a resolution to support the Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust. The application, in the amount of \$250,000 under the NDIT's Economic Diversification Infrastructure Program, would be used towards the development of their cultural centre and museum project in the south Cariboo. The Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society is undertaking development of a cultural centre and museum in the 108 Mile Ranch area that will preserve, record and exhibit records and objects of educational, historical and cultural value of the participating members including the Canim Lake, Canoe Creek, Esketemc, Soda Creek and Williams Lake First Nations. The Society expects the centre to be a source of education and enjoyment for the general public and a source of economic and general benefit for the members of the participating First Nations and the local area.

Mount Polley Mine Update

Steve Robertson, Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Imperial Metals Corporation, appeared before the Board with an update on the Mount Polley Mine tailings pond breach. Mr. Roberts presented an overview of three main phases of this incident including response, restoration and the geotechnical investigation. He also outlined the extensive testing that has taken place as well as ongoing testing. Mount Polley will be submitting an application to the provincial government for an early restart for operations using Open Pit for tailings restoration. To view information about the Mount Polley Mine Tailings Pond breach and for current updates visit Imperial Metals online at imperialmetals.com.

Heritage Committee Recommendation

The CRD endorsed a recommendation from the Regional District's Heritage Steering Committee to dedicate the Telegraph Trail to the memory of former CRD Director Andy Motherwell. This dedication is in tribute to his years of service to the Cariboo Regional District and the region.

During the Board meeting of November 14, the Regional District officially included a portion of the BC's Telegraph Trail on the CRD's Heritage Registry. The Telegraph Trail includes the Yukon Telegraph Line section north of Quesnel and the Collins Overland Telegraph Line section which extends south of Quesnel.

Happy Holidays

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

The CRD offices will be closed from December 25 through to January 1, 2015. CRD offices will re-open on January 2, 2015.

Next Meeting

CRD Board Meeting – January 23, 2015