

April 24, 2015

### **Fortis BC presented an Update on Pipeline Project**

Shelley Thomson, Community & Aboriginal Relations Manager from Fortis BC appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Williams Lake Lateral Pipeline Project located on Fox Mountain. Shelley Thomson assured the Board that the upgrade is necessary due to an increase in population density and code upgrades, and not because of any existing safety issues. The goal of this upgrade is to provide a safe, reliable service for area residents and construction is scheduled to begin in August of 2015.

### **Audited Financial Statements**

Chartered Accountants, Jay Cheek and Susan Woodward from PMT Chartered Accountants/ Business Advisors LLP presented the Cariboo Regional Hospital District (CRHD), the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) and the Cariboo Regional District's (CRD) 2014 audited financial statements. According to Mr Cheek, the financial position of the corporations remains strong. For inquiries contact the CRD's Chief Financial Officer at 250-392-3351 or toll free at 1-800-665-1636.

### **Key to the Cariboo presented to Pioneer Log Homes**

Chair Al Richmond and the CRD Board presented a "Key" to the Cariboo Chilcotin to Andre Chevigny of Pioneer Log Homes of BC honouring the significant impact their international business and reality TV show Timber Kings has had in creating exposure and notoriety for our region. In addition, the Chair thanked Pioneer Log Homes for their support in partnering with the Cariboo Regional District during both the 2010 Olympics and the 2015 Canada Winter Games. The Key to the Cariboo Chilcotin is an award to acknowledge the contribution of an individual, group or organization to furthering the ideals of the Cariboo Regional District at a provincial, national or international level as a representative or resident of the Cariboo Chilcotin.

### **Likely Receives Community Works Funding for Potable Water Project**

The CRD approved the Likely Community Association's request for an additional \$10 000 in Community Works Funding from the 2015 Community Halls Improvements envelope. The funds will be used to complete the installation of the potable water project at the Likely Community Hall previously approved by the Board in January.

### **Support for Orange Shirt Day**

The Cariboo Regional District authorized up to \$2 250 of Electoral Area Administration funds to support the 2015 Orange Shirt Day events taking place on September 30 in the North, Central and South Cariboo. The purpose of the program is to continue the reconciliation process and raise awareness about the residential school experience. More information is available on Facebook at [facebook.com/orangeshirtdayeverychildmatters](https://www.facebook.com/orangeshirtdayeverychildmatters)

### **Mount Polley Ministry Update**

The CRD Board participated in a conference call with the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines, as well as ministry staff and staff from the Ministry of Environment, regarding the Mount Polley Mine. The update covered both the ongoing repair work and the Mine's application for a partial restart of operations.

### **911 Service Delivery in British Columbia**

The Ministry of Justice is seeking input from key stakeholders in order to inform the future of emergency communications across the province. The Policing and Security Branch of the Ministry of Justice forwarded a letter and Discussion Paper entitled "Emergency Communications Service Delivery in British Columbia – Strategic Vision" for review and input from the CRD and other key stakeholders in order to inform the future of emergency communications service delivery across the province. This Discussion Paper outlines the background, challenges, and strategic vision for emergency communications service delivery involving 911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point). The CRD Board of Directors reviewed the paper and Chair Al Richmond will be attending a consultation forum on Monday, June 1, 2015 in Vancouver to further discuss this issue.

### **Cariboo Regional District & City of Quesnel MOU**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been finalized between the Cariboo Regional District and the City of Quesnel. This MOU allows the CRD and the City of Quesnel to continue partnering to provide various community services to their residents.

### **Proposed Changes to Provincial Electoral Area Boundaries**

The CRD Board will be sending a letter to the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission urging them to keep Electoral Area F of the CRD intact in either the Cariboo North or Cariboo Chilcotin riding.

### **Road Conditions and Closures Concern Area Residents**

Poor road conditions in the North Cariboo, as well as other areas of the region, due to flooding, slippage and slides remain a strong concern for area residents throughout the Cariboo Regional District. The CRD Board highlighted some specific areas that are of concern at the present time. These areas will be highlighted in a letter to the Ministry of Transportation, with a request to have the Ministry provide the Board with their short term and long term plans for dealing with these issues.

**Next Board Meeting** May 14, 2015