

August 21, 2015

## **Taseko Mines Update**

Richard Tremblay, General Manager; Ben Pierce, Superintendent for Environment and Christy Smith, Manager of Community and Aboriginal Affairs from Taseko Mines Limited appeared before the Board to speak about the water discharge permit application for Gibraltar Mine. The presentation included an overview of the project, the water supply, and the approach to the project. The permit application will be submitted in the fall of 2016. Further information about the Gibraltar Mine discharge permit is available online at [tasekomines.com](http://tasekomines.com).

## **Construction Management Contract Awarded for SKP**

The Construction Management Contract for the Sam Ketcham (SKP) Upgrade Project has been awarded to Tango Management. The recommendation from the SKP working group identified Tango as the highest evaluated proponent that bid through the procurement process. The contract is valued at \$275,010 including estimated disbursements of \$9,000. The term of this contract will be from August 5, 2015 to the conclusion of construction, estimated to be in October 2017.

The CRD also endorsed a recommendation regarding the parking and traffic flow component of the SKP Upgrade Project. The plan will include redevelopment of the existing parking area and a parking expansion into a portion of the adjacent ball field. The Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services capital and financial plans will be amended to reflect implementation of these parking improvements at an estimated cost of up to \$1.3 million.

## **Support for Quesnel Chamber**

A total of \$500, apportioned from Electoral Area A, \$250; Electoral Area B, \$150; Electoral Area C, \$50; and Electoral Area I, \$50, was approved by the CRD Board to sponsor the Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Excellence Awards. The annual event is taking place on October 24, and is held to recognize the contributions of businesses in the Quesnel area.

## **Support for Connecting Canada**

The Cariboo Regional District endorsed a resolution in support of ABC Communications to the Northern Development Initiatives Trust's Connecting British Columbia account. The application is for a grant of up to \$2,510,685 with a total of \$1.5 million to be spent within the Cariboo Regional District over a three year project.

## **CRD Supports Regional Grant Applications**

The CRD Board of Directors agreed to support three applications to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Regional Development funding programs.

The first request is for \$30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program. The funding will be used to develop a multi-use recreational trail at the Xat'sull Heritage Village. The proposed trail is expected to provide greater access and connectivity between the critical elements of the Village including commercial areas, heritage sites and cultural facilities, which should provide an improved experience for tourists.

The second request is for \$30,000 in grant funding from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program. The funding will be used to modernize the lighting infrastructure at the Hallis Lake Ski Area. The project includes upgrading the lighting to high-efficiency LEDs, installing underground wiring, replacing poles and extending the lighting by an additional 500 metres.

The final request is for \$30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program. The funding will be used to perform upgrades to the Interlakes Community Centre, including the purchase and installation of a new audio-video system, installation of insulating sound boards, construction of a covered entry platform, and construction of a new wheelchair ramp.

## **Electoral Area Discretionary Funds Approved**

The Regional District Board endorsed requests for Electoral Areas F and G Director's Initiative Funds during today's Board meeting.

Electoral Area G requested up to \$300 from the Electoral Area G Director Initiative Fund for a plaque and appreciation lunch for the Electoral Area G Advisory Planning Commission Chair as he is stepping down from the Commission.

The second request came from Electoral Area F for \$500 to support the Xat'sull Save-the-Salmon Traditional Pow-Wow being held at the Horsefly River spawning channel on September 11-13, 2015.

## **Next Board Meeting**

Forest Grove Community Hall – Sept. 11, 2015