

October 23, 2015

## **Agricultural Land Use Planning**

Dr. David J. Connell, Associate Professor, Ecosystem Science and Management, UNBC, joined today's meeting via teleconference to speak about the recently completed study of agricultural land use planning within the Cariboo Regional District. Dr. Connell has identified four key principles in effective land use planning which include: maximize stability; integrate public priorities across jurisdictions; minimize uncertainty and to maximize flexibility. Another key concept is the consistency among policies and their application. Dr. Connell's assessment of the Cariboo is that the CRD does a good job of its land use planning practices and policies. Further information about the UNBC Ecosystem Science and Management department can be found online at [unbc.ca/ecosystem-science-management](http://unbc.ca/ecosystem-science-management).

## **Urology Outreach Program Launched in 100 Mile House**

The Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District received a news release issued by Interior Health regarding the new urology outreach program offered through the 100 Mile District General Hospital. The program was made possible through the commitment of urologists from Royal Inland Hospital and the contributions of the South Cariboo Health Foundation and Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District. Effective immediately, three urologists from RIH will share a rotation of travel to 100 Mile House, two to three times per month, for nine months of the year (winter months will generally be excluded due to variable weather conditions). Urology is a specialty that involves the treatment of conditions of the male and female urinary tract and the male reproductive organs.

## **Northern Health Update**

Deb Strang, Quesnel Health Service Administrator, Northern Health, appeared before the Board to provide an update on health issues in the Quesnel administrative area. The focus of the NH presentation looked at the development of the Primary Care Clinic, medical staffing changes and recruitment efforts, the Master Planning process, CCRHD Capital purchases and new/current projects. Ms. Strang will be available to discuss regional health care issues with residents attending the CRD's North Cariboo Multi-Agency Forum on October 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bouchie Lake Community Hall. More information is available online at [northernhealth.ca](http://northernhealth.ca).

## **Funding for West Chilcotin Health Centre**

The Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District endorsed a resolution to provide 40 per cent funding of \$31,334 for the purchase of a cardiac monitor/defibrillator for the West Chilcotin Health Centre.

## **Multi-Agency Forums**

The Cariboo Regional District will be hosting a series of multi-agency forums over the next week in the North, Central and South Cariboo. The South Cariboo session will be held on October 26 at the 108 Community Hall, October 27 at the Bouchie Lake Community Hall in the North Cariboo, and at McLeese Lake Community Hall on November 2. All sessions will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Agencies confirmed include the RCMP, Emergency Social Services, Interior Health, Northern Health, Interior Roads, Emcon Highway Services, the Cariboo Fire Centre and more. Further information is available online at [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca).

## **Atlantic Power**

The CRD Board of Directors received notification from Atlantic Power that it has submitted an application for a Permit amendment under the provisions of the Environmental Management Act. This amendment is required to allow Atlantic Power's Williams Lake facility to supplement diminished sawmill residuals with a higher component of used rail ties. Pending official test results meeting provincial environmental standards, the Cariboo Regional District will be providing a letter of support for this project.

## **Support for GeoScience BC**

The Cariboo Regional District endorsed a resolution to send a letter of support for Geoscience BC. GeoScience BC is working with the provincial government to establish a long-term funding model so that they may continue to deliver their mandate of attracting investment to BC.

## **Assent Vote for 108 Mile Water System Improvements**

An Assent Vote (Referendum) will be conducted for residents on the 108 Mile Water System in 2016 regarding a proposed water treatment plant. The water system requires upgrades in order to address issues associated with high concentrations of manganese and lower lake levels caused by the existing wells. A new ground water well is being developed, which will have less impact on lake levels. This water source along with the existing water source has high concentrations of manganese. A water treatment plant is required to remove the manganese from the water. Grant funds for 2/3 of the capital cost of the treatment plant have been secured from the Small Communities Fund which was announced earlier this year. Additional funding, provided by property owners, is required for the treatment plant and the infrastructure associated with bringing the new well on line. General voting day for this referendum is January 30, 2016. Further information about the Assent Voting process, will be available soon on the CRD website at [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca).

## **Next Board Meeting**

Committee of the Whole – Oct. 29, 2015  
CCRHD & CRD Board Meetings – Nov. 13, 2015