

November 13, 2015

Health Care Recruitment and Retention Activities

Susan Paulsen, Healthcare Recruitment Coordinator, Quesnel Community and Economic Development Corporation appeared before the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board to provide an update on recruitment and retention activities of health care professionals to the Quesnel area. The presentation featured ways in which the organization has been recruiting health care professionals, the Red Carpet Welcome program, various program successes and the next steps for the program. The CCRHD Board also endorsed a resolution to renew their three-year agreement in support of the recruitment programs in the North, Central and South Cariboo. More information about this program is available online at quesnelinfo.com.

Earlier in the meeting, the CCRHD Board agreed to renew its three-year commitment to provide funding to the Northern Medical Programs Trust. The Trust creates a partnership between the University of Northern British Columbia and the communities of northern and rural BC to train and retain health care professionals in northern BC. More information on this program is available online at unbc.ca/northern-medical-programs-trust.

Fraser Basin Council

Colin Hanson, Chair, and Maureen LeBourdais, Regional Manager, Fraser Basin Council (FBC), appeared before the Board to provide an update on the activities of the FBC. The presentation focused on the FBC's strategic priorities including action on land and air quality, healthy watersheds and resources as well as sustainable regions and communities. The FBC remains an environmental organization and is based on three pillars; social, economic and environmental sustainability. The FBC also used this opportunity to inquire about the key issues facing the region, and what role the FBC could play to address them. More information about the organization can be accessed on their website at fraserbasin.bc.ca.

Provisional Budgets Reviewed

During the Cariboo Regional District's Finance Budget meeting on Thursday, November 12, the Board of Directors reviewed the proposed provisional Business Plans and Budget. The Directors provided some input to staff for revisions based on the preliminary business plan goals and budget. The revised provisional 2016 Business Plans and Budget will be brought back to the December 11, Board of Directors meeting for adoption. The final adoption of the budget will take place at the end of March, 2016, once the public has had a chance to review it. These documents can be viewed on the CRD's website at cariboord.ca.

New Fire Chief Appointed for Ten Mile Lake

Effective immediately, Mr. Danny Keeler has been appointed as the new Chief of the Ten Mile Volunteer Fire Department by the CRD Board of Directors.

Support for Community NDIT Applications

The Regional District Board of Directors will provide support to the Xat'sull First Nation's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust. The request is for \$30,000 in grant funding from the Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Development Account, under the Community Halls & Recreation Facilities program. The Xat'sull First Nation is proposing to construct a new community building for the Deep Creek reserve, north of Williams Lake. The proposed facility has been designed to accommodate various uses for the community and includes a full gymnasium which can be used for sporting events, community gatherings and as a rental space for other events, providing commercial opportunities for the community. The total value of the project is \$3.7 million.

Later in the meeting, the Board also agreed to support an application from the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission to the NDIT. The application is for \$20,250 in funding from the Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Development Account. The Recreation Commission is proposing to complete needed upgrades to the hall including painting the ceiling and installing a new sub-floor and linoleum. Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$28,929 is proposed to come from the applicant, community fundraising contributions and the McLeese Lake Recreation function of the Regional District.

Directors' Initiative Funds Authorized

The CRD Board authorized up to \$1,000 of Electoral Area C Director Initiative Funds toward the cost of hosting a Meet and Greet session. The event will be held on December 1 at the Barlow Creek Community Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Topics to be discussed will include: proposed changes to Barlow Creek Recreation Commission, a proposed name change for a portion of McLean Road, noise control bylaws and secondary suites.

Chinese Martial Arts Performances

The CRD Board of Directors will be sending an expression of interest to Symaron Communications in response to their request to bring the Shaolin Epo Wushu College Martial Arts performers to the Cariboo Chilcotin.

Next Board Meeting

CCRHD & CRD Boards - December 11, 2015