

May 13, 2016

Funding for Wells Primary Care Clinic

The Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board approved a request from the District of Wells for \$2,424.80 in funding from the CCRHD's Foundation Partnership Grants program. The funding represents 40% of the total project cost of providing primary health care services at a clinic in Wells. In addition, the Board authorized \$500 from the Electoral Area C Discretionary Funds, to support a portion of the start-up costs of the Wells Primary Care Clinic.

Rural Dividend Update

MLA Donna Barnett presented information and answered questions regarding the BC Rural Dividend.

The BC Rural Dividend assists rural communities with a population of 25,000 or less in strengthening their community resilience, and supporting their social, cultural and economic viability. The Program is providing \$25 million a year over three years, beginning in 2016, to help rural communities across British Columbia reinvigorate and diversify their local economies, making them more attractive places to live and work.

Further Information on the program can be found at:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/developing-your-community/community-partners/rural-advisory-council/rural-dividend>

BC Rural Dividend Program Applications

The CRD will be submitting grant applications to the BC Rural Dividend Program for the following projects:

Accessible Trails Assessment and Inventory Study – The application is for \$10,000 to be used toward the development of a wheelchair accessible trails assessment and inventory study for the Chilcotin, Central Cariboo and portions of the South Cariboo.

South Cariboo Prosperity Initiative – The application is for \$32,000 to be used to support the sub-regional community economic development project in the South Cariboo.

Agricultural Land Commission Update

Frank Leonard, Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), provided an update on ALC regulations and processes, and addressed questions and concerns from CRD Board members.

The ALC has set the following performance standards:

- Endeavour to reach decisions on applications within 60 days
- Refund the ALC portion of application fees for any applications not processed within 90 days
- Develop a comprehensive compliance and enforcement approach
- Increase engagement with local and regional government
- Implement an annual client survey

Interlakes Rodeo NDIIT Application

The CRD will be supporting an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT), by the Interlakes Rodeo Association. The request is for \$2,500 in grant funding and will be used to support the Interlakes Rodeo event.

Electoral Area K Discretionary Funds

The Cariboo Regional District Board authorized \$800 from the Electoral Area K Discretionary Funds, to be used by the Riske Creek Community Association for the following events:

- \$200 for a Turkey Shoot on June 26, 2016;
- \$300 for a gymkhana on August 1, 2016; and
- \$300 for a gymkhana on September 17, 2016

Support for Fort McMurray

The Board expressed its thoughts and support for all those involved in the Fort McMurray fires and will be forwarding a letter of support to the municipalities involved in firefighting and evacuation efforts.

Next Meetings:

Board on the Road – Bouchie Lake Community Hall
Committee of the Whole – June 9, 2016
CRD Board Meeting – June 10, 2016