

August 26, 2016

## Updates to Hospital District Act Supported

In support of the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District, the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board will be sending a letter to the Minister of Health. The letter will request the *Hospital District Act* be updated to reflect the recommendations from the 2003 Ministry of Health review and request the Ministry of Health host a province-wide session to discuss this topic with all regional hospital districts.

## Funding for GR Baker Memorial Hospital

The CCRHD Board adopted a bylaw to provide funding totaling \$146,600 for ventilation system and boiler plant upgrades at the GR Baker Memorial Hospital in Quesnel.

## Community Hall Improvements Funded

Earlier this year, the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Board of Directors approved \$150,000 within its 2016 Community Works Fund budget for energy efficiency and drinking water projects at rural community halls and recreation facilities. At the Aug. 26 Board Meeting, the Board approved two funding requests out of this fund.

A funding request for up to \$15,000 to install insulation and energy efficient windows at the Horsefly Seniors' Activity and Wellness Centre (SAWS) was approved by the CRD. Increasing the insulation and replacing the old windows in the basement will significantly increase the energy savings for the building; the monthly energy bill for the building is expected to decrease by 50 per cent.

The Board also authorized up to \$5,000 for the Likely Community Hall. The funds will be used to install a reverse osmosis water system on three water taps at the Likely Community Hall and industrial kitchen. This water system will ensure the drinking and cooking water at the Hall meets Ministry of Health Drinking Water Guidelines.

## Two-Tiered Recreation Rates Coming to the South Cariboo

The CRD Board endorsed the resolution from the South Cariboo Joint Committee regarding recreation pass considerations. There will now be a two-tiered rate system for drop-in activities at the South Cariboo Recreation facility. Non-residents will be charged a higher fee compared to the corresponding resident rate.

## Concerns Raised Over BC Ambulance Policy Changes

The Board of Directors expressed serious concerns over the new BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) policy to not provide medical oxygen to first responders. First responders should not be required to cover the costs associated with direct patient care throughout the Province when they are offering pre-ambulance care in aid to both the BCAS and the public.

The Board will be sending a letter to the provincial government highlighting their concerns about these changes and requesting that provincially-funded accounts be set up for first responders from small communities (less than 4,000 people) to allow the refilling of first responder oxygen bottles.

## Recreation Projects Receive Green Light

The Board of Directors endorsed the reallocation of funding for a trail project with the Williams Lake Cycling Club. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a low mobility trail project at the end of Williams Lake is not able to proceed. As a result, the approved funding for that project of up to \$10,000 will be reallocated towards a project on the Fox Mountain trail network to address access issues in the Signal Point area of Williams Lake.

A funding reallocation of \$34,750 from the 2016 North Cariboo Recreation and Parks budget was also authorized. CRD Directors approved the money be reallocated to complete Phase One of the Barlow Creek Ball Field Project in Ranger Park.

The CRD Board also approved funding up to \$79,660 for the concession equipment and ball field upgrades at Barlow Creek as well as replacement of the pump house and repairs to the Community Hall roof at Bouchie Lake.

## Funding for Xat'sull Traditional Pow-wow

The Regional District Board authorized up to \$1,000 in Electoral Area Discretionary Funds for the Xat'sull Save-the-Salmon Traditional Pow-wow on Sept. 9-11, 2016. Electoral Areas D and F will contribute \$500 each from their respective funds.

## Martial Arts Tour

The Shaolin Wushu Martial Arts performance series sponsored by the Cariboo Regional District, District of 100 Mile House, City of Williams Lake, District of Wells, Barkerville Historic Town & Park, City of Prince George and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George wrapped up on August 22. The four performances were a success in all of the sponsor communities. The group's following increased as they travelled and the tour finished off with a sold-out show in Prince George. The communities really enjoyed the show and people are looking forward to seeing similar types of entertainment again in the Central Interior.

## Next Meetings:

**Board on the Road – Wells Community Hall**  
Committee of the Whole – Sept. 22, 2016  
CRD Board Meeting – Sept. 23, 2016