

November 25, 2016

## **BC Seniors Advocate Presents to CCRHD Board**

Isobel Mackenzie, BC Seniors Advocate, delivered a presentation to the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board about seniors' issues in B.C. She highlighted demographic statistics to correct stereotypes about seniors. For instance, only 80 per cent of people over age 85 have a diagnosis of dementia. She also presented statistics about seniors in Cariboo Memorial Hospital and where they are discharged emphasizing a significant need for more home support services. In the new year, the Office of the Seniors Advocate will be producing a report on home support in B.C. which will be available on [seniorsadvocatebc.ca](http://seniorsadvocatebc.ca).

## **Board Receives Update from Imperial Metals**

Don Parsons, Chief Operating Officer for Imperial Metals Corporation, and Luke Moger, Project Manager for Mount Polley Mine Corporation, updated the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Board on the water management plan for Mount Polley Mine. They also gave a review of the site's water management history and answered questions from the Directors.

## **Provisional Budgets Reviewed**

During the Cariboo Regional District's Finance Budget meeting on Thursday, Nov. 24, 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 2017 Business Plans and Budget will be brought back to the Dec. 16 Board meeting for adoption. The final adoption of the budget will take place at the end of March, 2017, once the public has had a chance to review it. These documents will be posted on the CRD's website at [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca) after the Dec. 16 Board meeting.

## **Heritage Committee Members Re-Appointed**

The CRD Board has reappointed Brent Rutherford, Graham Leslie, Elizabeth Hunter, Phyllis Webstad, Jim Gibson, Williams Adams and George Atamanenko as members of the Heritage Committee. The Heritage Committee meets once a month and raises heritage issues to the Board. All meetings are open to the public and interested parties. Learn more at [cariboord.ca/services/heritage](http://cariboord.ca/services/heritage).

## **Board to Attend Racism Awareness Workshop**

The CRD Directors have accepted an invitation to attend a racism awareness workshop hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association - Cariboo Chilcotin Branch (CMHA). The workshop is part of CMHA's Multiculturalism Awareness Program and addresses awareness of language and assumptions, the ways that racism affects individuals and groups and how racism is perpetuated in unintentional ways.

## **2017 Grants for Assistance Applications Approved**

Upon recommendation from the Central Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus, the CRD Board approved funding for nine Grants for Assistance applications in the Central Cariboo totaling \$44,723.

The Board also approved the recommendation of the South Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus to fund 28 applications for a combined total of \$71,805. The 2017 recipients are listed in today's agenda which can be viewed at [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca).

## **CRD Submits Funding Application to NDIIT**

The CRD is submitting an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for \$60,000 in grant funding to complete a second phase of upgrades and renovations to the ball fields in Barlow Creek. Specific project works include skinning and resurfacing of one infield, demolition and replacement of outfield fences for two fields, grading and topdressing for two fields, and dugout and roof replacement for one field.

The Board of Directors also agreed to support three additional NDIT applications:

- Nazko First Nation's application for \$250,000 to upgrade the Nazko general store;
- Barkerville Heritage Trust's request for \$250,000 to construct three new cottages within Barkerville Historic Town and Park; and
- Xat'sull First Nation's application for \$30,000 to complete phase three of a multi-phase recreational trail development initiative.

## **CRD Renews Contribution Agreements**

The Board of Directors renewed the CRD's Central Cariboo Victim Services contribution agreement with the City of Williams Lake. The agreement was renewed for a three year term with a contribution of \$24,750 annually to the city for supplying victim services to rural areas.

The CRD Directors also renewed the contribution agreement with the Punky Lake Wilderness Society at a value of \$1,250 annually from 2017-2019 to support victim services in the Chilcotin through the Alexis Creek RCMP detachment.

The Board also renewed a three year agreement to contribute \$31,000 annually to the 100 Mile Development Corporation for the operation of the South Cariboo Visitor Centre.

## **Next Meetings:**

Committee of the Whole – Dec. 15, 2016  
CCRHD & CRD Boards – Dec. 16, 2016