

January 13, 2017

CCRHD Chair Elected for 2017

The Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board elected Director Margo Wagner as Chair for 2017. The Board will elect a Vice-Chair at the next CCRHD meeting.

Feedback Sought on CCRHD Provisional Budget

The CCRHD Board endorsed its provisional five-year financial plan. Tax requisitions are projected to remain at a residential tax rate of \$70 per \$100,000 of net taxable assessed value for each year of the 2017-2021 Five Year Financial Plan. The CCRHD also plans to maintain its debt-free status.

The CCRHD Board of Directors encourage all residents to review the documents and provide feedback prior to the budget's final adoption on March 24, 2017. The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Board is also seeking public input on its provisional budget.

Hard copies of both budgets will be available for viewing at all three CRD offices and in the CRD Branch Libraries in 100 Mile House, Quesnel and Williams Lake. The budgets can also be viewed at cariboord.ca under Services > Finance > Financial Plans.

CCRHD Funds South Cariboo Health Projects

The CCRHD Board approved multiple funding requests from Interior Health for a total of \$416,000. Interior Health will use \$250,000 of the funding towards several health care projects including a Nursing Station Renovation and Physiological Monitoring System at the 100 Mile House District Hospital as well as several Information Management-Information Technology projects. Interior Health plans to use the remaining \$166,000 for the residential care addition at Fischer Place in 100 Mile House.

CRD Plans to Update Highway Signs

The Cariboo Regional District has log signs at its borders welcoming travelers to the region. The Board has directed staff to update these highway signs as many of the municipalities featured on the sign have updated logos, including the soon-to-be-unveiled City of Quesnel brand. Staff will also conduct a comprehensive review of all CRD signage throughout the region.

Change Sought on Family Business Transfer Tax

The CRD Board will be writing a letter to Todd Doherty, Member of Parliament for Cariboo-Prince George, and Cathy McLeod, Member of Parliament for Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo, urging them to support Bill C-274, which calls on the federal government to end

unfair taxation on family business transfers. Bill C-274 seeks to facilitate the transfer of small businesses, family farms and fishing operations between members of the same family. Specifically, it would give owners and buyers of the same family the same rights and privileges extended to non-related persons involved in a transaction.

Upgrades Planned for Forest Grove Community Hall

The Regional District endorsed a grant application the Forest Grove & District Recreation Society is submitting to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for \$30,000 in funding. The Society plans to use the funding to replace a section of the roof on the Forest Grove Community Hall. Before applicants can submit a funding request, NDIT requires a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction in the project.

Directors Appointed as CRD Representatives

The Board of Directors endorsed a recommendation to appoint the following Directors to the various outside organizations to which the CRD belongs. After each meeting, the representatives forward a report to the Board to keep the Board apprised of the activities of these organizations.

- Municipal Finance Authority:
Director Richmond / Alternate Director Coakley
- Fraser Basin Council:
Director Massier / Alternate Director Forseth
- Cariboo Chilcotin Beetle Action Committee:
Director Sorley / Alternate Director Wagner
- NDIT Regional Advisory Committee:
Director Wagner / Alternate Director Coakley
Director Anderson / Alternate Director Cash

South Cariboo Cemeteries Service Moves to Assent

The Regional District Board gave three readings to a bylaw to establish a South Cariboo Cemeteries Contribution Service within Electoral Areas G, H and L. The bylaw will now proceed to a public approval process. If approved, the service will contribute funds toward the operation of established, registered cemeteries in the South Cariboo, including the District of 100 Mile House. For properties classed as residential in Electoral Areas G, H and L, this service would result in a tax rate of \$0.59 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of land and improvements.

Next Meetings:

Committee of the Whole – Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017
CCRHD & CRD Boards – Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017