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## 2018 CRD Chair and Vice-Chair Elected

The Regional District Board of Directors elected Margo Wagner (Electoral Area H) to serve as Board Chair. Director Al Richmond was also nominated for the position, but declined the nomination. Congratulations to Director Wagner and many thanks to Director Richmond for his nine years of service as CRD Chair.

The Board also re-elected John Massier (Electoral Area C) as Vice-Chair for 2018. Director Massier has served as Vice-Chair since 2016.

## First Nations Health Authority Presentation

Mary McCullough, Regional Manager-Interior, and Community Engagement Coordinators Londea Riffel (Secwepemc), Connie Jasper (Tsilhqot'in), and Jamie Tanis (Dakelh Dene) from the First Nations Health Authority presented an overview of the health authority to the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board. They also discussed potential opportunities for collaboration in the future.

## 2018 Provisional Budgets Reviewed

During the CRD's Finance Budget meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, the Board of Directors reviewed the proposed provisional Business Plans and Budget, which will be revised and brought back to the Dec. 15 Board meeting for adoption. The final adoption of the budget will take place at the end of March 2018, once the public has a chance to review it. These documents will be posted on the CRD's website at [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca) after the Dec. 15 Board meeting.

## Estimated Wildfire Timber Losses

Jeff Mycock, Chief Forester, BC Operations of West Fraser Mills Ltd., and Tom Hoffman, Manager, Tolko Industries Ltd., spoke to the Regional District Board about the timber losses from the summer's wildfires and the resulting impact. It is estimated that the fires impacted close to one year of the Provincial Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) and up to 6-10 years of the AAC in Cariboo management units. Recent estimates also indicate about 24 percent of the burned timber in the Cariboo is salvageable.

## Union Agreement Ratified

The Cariboo Regional District and the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) have ratified their Collective Agreement for 2016-2020. Some of the updates include an increased shift premium, entitled paid days off during Christmas office closures and increased benefits coverage.

## CRD Recovery Manager in Place

The CRD has hired a Recovery Manager, Stephanie Masun. Visit [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca) and click on the recovery button on the front page for information on available resources, supports and services. If you need assistance, call or email Stephanie at [recovery@cariboord.ca](mailto:recovery@cariboord.ca) or 1-866-759-4977.

## Provincial Wildfire Recovery Update

The Board heard an update from Ken Vanderburgh and Mike Pederson from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development about the progress they are making on wildfire recovery.

- Their structure is in place, including the Community Wildfire Recovery Branch, and the District offices are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Work on a Range Resource Inventory and Invasive Plant Strategy is expected to begin in December.
- The Ministry is working with First Nations to maximize their economic opportunities in wildfire recovery efforts.
- Rehabilitation plans are complete for two Cariboo wildfires, the rest are ongoing. About 200 kilometres of fireguards have been rehabilitated so far.
- Cutting permits are being expedited to address the deficit of log supply at mills and fair stumpage rates have been established. Licensee salvage operations have begun.

## 2018 Central Cariboo Grants Approved

Upon recommendation from the Central Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus, the CRD Board approved funding for 10 Grants for Assistance applications in the Central Cariboo totaling \$45,750. The 2018 recipients are listed in today's agenda, which can be viewed at [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca).

In addition, the Board approved the following Grants for Assistance:

- \$1,000 from Area D Electoral Area Funds to the Wildwood Community and Recreation Association for recognition plaques for the Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department;
- \$2,500 from Area G for the Hun City Mountain Bike Club to conduct a feasibility study for a bike trail between 108 Mile Ranch and 100 Mile House; and
- \$250 from Area F to the Stampede Whirlways Square Dance Club towards their 60th anniversary jamboree weekend in 2018.

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### **NDIT Grants Sought for North Cariboo Projects**

Following a recommendation from the North Cariboo Joint Committee, the CRD will be submitting three grant applications to Northern Development Initiative Trust for upgrades at the Quesnel Arena 2, Bouchie Lake equestrian grounds and the Barlow Creek Hall.

### **South Cariboo Cemeteries Function Established**

Following an Alternative Approval Process (AAP), the CRD Board voted to establish a South Cariboo Cemeteries function. This function will support the operating costs of cemeteries across the South Cariboo; the budget currently includes a contribution to the District of 100 Mile House cemetery. In 2018, the estimated residential tax rate will be \$0.59 per \$100,000 on the net taxable value of land and improvements for all of Electoral Areas G, H and L. In the AAP, 866 elector responses were required to prevent the CRD from proceeding without a referendum; 42 valid signatures were received. For more details about the new bylaw, visit [cariboord.ca](http://cariboord.ca) under Resources > Bylaws.

**Next Meeting:** CCRHD & CRD Boards – Friday, Dec. 15