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CRD Supports Plans for Electric Charging Stations along the route from Kamloops to Haida Gwaii

Dale Littlejohn, Executive Director of Community Energy Association provided a presentation to the CRD Board asking for support to develop a plan to bring electric car charging infrastructure to the 1,240-kilometre Highway 16 and 97 corridor. The CRD will be supporting this project by providing a letter support and a commitment of \$9000 in funds to the collaborative project subject to a successful grant application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 'Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program'.

CCRHD Funds Regional Capital Projects

At today's CCRHD Board meeting, the Board approved funding for various capital projects. This funding will provide 40% of the overall costs of the projects. These funds will go towards information management-information technology software and security upgrades throughout the Cariboo region, renovations at 100 Mile District General Hospital, Mill Site and Cariboo Memorial Hospital and purchase of an ultrasound machine for the Cariboo Memorial Hospital.

NDIT Funding Requested for Regional Airport Projects

The Regional Board is submitting an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for two airport projects: The South Cariboo Regional Airport request is for \$16,500 in grant funding under the Economic Diversification Infrastructure Program. This project will involve replacing the AWOS automated weather information system at the South Cariboo Regional Airport.

Anahim Lake Airport's request is \$96,000 in grant funding under the Economic Diversification Infrastructure Program. This project will involve a fuel system reconfiguration, including self-serve capability. Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$238,000, is proposed to come from the BC Air Access Program. Currently, the Economic Diversification Infrastructure Program has over one million available for grants.

CRD Supports Local Trail Development and Community Hall Improvements

The CRD is requesting \$30,000 in grant funding, under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program. The funding will be used to implement a portion of the North Cariboo Trails Master Plan, which builds on the extensive mountain bike trails development work that has been undertaken in the central and south Cariboo.

Before applicants can submit a funding request, NDIT requires a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction in the project. The Regional Board has also endorsed the following Northern Development Trust grant applications:

Xat'sull First Nation's request for \$30,000 in grant funding, under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program to continue the trail developments from the previous years. The new trails will include a series of cross-country, climbing trails and downhill trails that will greatly add to the Xat'sull trail network.

Horsefly District Board of Trade's request for \$30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program. The funding will be used to re-pave the surface of the Horsefly sports facility, build new boards around it as well as a new pickle ball court on one end. Other funding of the project, which has a total value of \$43,800, is being contributed by the Horsefly District Board of Trade.

Directors Appointed as CRD Representatives

The Board of Directors endorsed the South Cariboo and Central Cariboo Rural Caucus's recommendations to appoint the following Electoral Area 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.

South Cariboo Appointments:

Director Margo Wagner - *South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce, South Cariboo Food Security Committee*
Director Brian Coakley - *South Cariboo Community Enhancement Foundation, South Cariboo Sustainability Committee*
Director Al Richmond - *South Cariboo Poverty Reduction Committee*

Central Cariboo Appointments:

Director Joan Sorley - *Williams Lake Air Quality Roundtable*
Director Betty Anderson - *Williams Lake and District Chamber of Commerce, UNBC South Central Advisory Committee*
Director Steve Forseth - *Central Cariboo Arts & Culture Society*

Steps are underway to Acquire and Upgrade Benjamin Water System in Electoral Area A

The Regional District Board gave three readings to Bylaws 5127 and 5128 to acquire and upgrade the Benjamin Water Service in Electoral Area A. The bylaws will now be sent to the province for approval before the Board can consider for adoption.

Next Meeting: CCRHD & CRD Boards – Friday, Mar. 2, 2018