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Hen Ingram Lake Power Generation

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Jane Nichol, Crown Lands Section Head appeared before the Board to provide information about their reviews of the Hen Ingram Lake Power Generation Proposal. The Hen Ingram Lake Hydro Project is a proposed pumped storage hydro power generation facility using Quesnel Lake as the lower reservoir and Hen Ingram Lake as the upper reservoir. The intake would be located near the shoreline of the upper reservoir and the powerhouse would be located near the Quesnel Lake shoreline, and an approximately five metre-diameter penstock (tunnel) would be used to connect the two reservoirs. More information about this proposed project can be found online at eclipsol.com/hen/.

“Culture Days” Proclaimed

At the request of the Community Arts Council of Williams Lake and Area, and the Central Cariboo Arts and Culture Society, the Cariboo Regional District proclaimed Sept. 26-28, 2014 as “Culture Days” throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin. Culture Days is an annual national event that consolidates a number of cultural events under a common theme across Canada by promoting the widest possible access to the arts, heritage and culture, and is based on a true concern for cultural democratization. More information about Culture Days is available online at culturedays.ca.

Quesnel Fringe OCP Given Third Reading

The Cariboo Regional District gave third reading and adoption to the Quesnel Fringe Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 4844. The Quesnel Fringe OCP, including all schedules are posted on the CRD website at cariboord.bc.ca.

Director Initiative Funds Endorsed

The Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors authorized up to \$200 from the Electoral Area G Director Initiative Fund to purchase a gift for the family of Barney Pallen (posthumously), who served as a member of the 108 Greenbelt Commission for many years.

HandyDart Referendum slated for North Cariboo

The CRD Board endorsed a resolution from the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee to proceed to referendum on November 15 (in conjunction with local government elections) to seek consent to increase the taxation required to maintain the current level of HandyDart service.

Alexis Creek Outpost Hospital Centennial Celebrations

The Cariboo Regional District will be attending the Alexis Creek Outpost Hospital Centennial celebrations taking place on Saturday, Sept. 13 in Alexis Creek. The CRD Board representatives will be presenting a bronze plaque to be installed on the original building in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the facility.

Sam Ketcham Pool Meetings Continue

The CRD and the City of Williams Lake Sam Ketcham Pool Referendum Public Information sessions will continue over the next week as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 13

150 Mile House Community Hall – 1–2 pm.

Area E Town Hall – WL Sportsmen’s Club – 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 15

Area D Town Hall - Wildwood Volunteer Fire Hall - 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Williams Lake Town Hall - CRD Boardroom 5-7 p.m.

The referendum, which will be held on Nov. 15, 2014, will ask voters if they approve borrowing up to \$10 million over 20 years. The remainder of the cost of the approximately \$11.3 million project will need to be made up from grants, fundraising, and capital reserves. Proceeding with the project would result in a taxation increase for Central Cariboo Recreation services of approximately \$40/\$100,000 of residential assessment, including operating costs of the expanded facility.

Town Hall Meetings Continue

The annual Town Hall Open Houses got underway last week on Sept. 6 and conclude on Oct. 2. Upcoming sessions include:

Sept. 13 – Area I – Nazko Community Hall – 1-3 p.m.

Sept. 13 – Area E – WL Sportsmen’s Club – 1-3 p.m.

Sept. 15 - Area D – Wildwood Fire Hall – 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 17 – Area J – Xeni Gwet’in Community Hall – 1-3 p.m.

Sept. 17 – Area K – Alexis Creek Community Hall – 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 17 – Williams Lake – CRD Boardroom – 5-7 p.m.

Sept. 18 – Wells – Council Chambers – 5-7 p.m.

Presentations for evening meetings will take place at 5:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. for daytime meetings. A full schedule is available on the CRD website at cariboord.ca.

Upcoming Meetings

Oct. 3, 2014 – CCRHD & CRD Board Meetings.