



AUGUST 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FireSmart BC Home Partners Program Pilot 2.0

The Board authorized staff to participate in the Home Partners Program (HPP) Pilot 2.0 in 2021 and apply to FireSmart Canada for \$10,000 grant funding for the project. FireSmart Canada has identified one property insurance provider that will offer discounted insurance rates to homeowners with a Certified FireSmart Property (as designated through the HPP) and is currently engaged in discussion with the Insurance Bureau of Canada to develop an agreement with other insurance providers regarding the HPP.

Dungate Community Forest

The Board provided a letter to the District of Houston in support of its proposed expansion to the Dungate Community Forest. The Board also recommended that an Advisory Committee be formed for the new proposed Dungate Comfor expansion area that includes representation from area residents.

Lakes District Museum Society Artifact Recovery – Imerson’s Beach & Hospital Point

The Board considered a request from Lakes District Museum Society to conduct informal surveys to find and retrieve artifacts on two properties owned by the Regional District; Imerson’s Beach and Hospital Point. The Board identified that the locations are within First Nations Consultation Areas and has sent letters to First Nations for any questions and comments.

Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association – NDI Application – Community Halls and Recreation Facilities

The Board supports the Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association’s application to Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Community Halls and Recreation Facilities for a grant of up to \$15,000 for its Village Connector and Utrack Project.

Grant in Aid

Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

- \$2,500 to the Smithers Chamber of Commerce for costs associated with its Virtual Canada Day.

Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- \$5,000 – (\$2,500 from each Electoral Area) to the Lakes District Fair Association for costs associated with purchasing a new lawn tractor.

Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

- \$10,000 to the Fort St. James Fire Department for costs associated with improving Road Rescue capabilities in their service area.
- \$1,500 to the Community Arts Council of Fort St. James for its CPA Review Engagement.

Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- \$2,500 to the Southside 4-H Club for its Year End Auction and Achievement Events.

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