



NOVEMBER 2020 BOARD MEETING

New Floodplain Management Bylaw

The Board adopted RDBN Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1878, 2020. This bylaw provides updated floodplain mapping for the Ebenezer Flats neighbourhood in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural), and improved wording to increase clarity and readability.

Federal Gas Tax Review Letter

The Board is providing a Letter to MP Taylor Bachrach in his role as NDP Critic for Infrastructure and Communities to advocate for changes to the eligibility criteria for the Federal Gas Tax Program.

Federal Gas Tax

Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) Stuart Lake Golf Course

The Board authorized contributing up to \$155,000 of Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Stuart Lake Golf Course.

Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Village of Telkwa – Woodland Park Rink

The Board authorized contributing up to \$13,252 of Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Woodland Park Rink.

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Business Façade Improvement Program

The Board is supporting an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$20,000 for the 2021 Business Façade Improvement Program. This program provides businesses in RDBN Electoral Areas the opportunity to apply for the Business Façade Improvement grant (50% to a maximum of \$5,000 per façade improvement project) and is to encourage private sector investment in businesses façade improvements.

CRTC Proceeding 2020 - 366

The Board is registering as a party to CRTC Proceeding 2020-366 and is completing the proceeding submission with input from RDBN Broadband Committee Members. The CRTC is concerned that untimely and costly access to poles owned by Canadian carriers has negative impacts on deployment of broadband networks and is providing an opportunity for parties to register as a participant (intervener) in the proceeding. Access to poles is a key barrier to expanding connectivity infrastructure throughout rural BC.

Tourism Prince George – NDIT Application – Marketing Initiatives

The Board is in support of the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from Tourism Prince George for a grant of up to \$20,000 for the GO North RV Initiative.

Schedule of Board Meetings – 2021

The Board ratified its 2021 RDBN Meeting Schedule which is posted on the [RDBN Website](#).

Southside Rural Fire Protection Agreement and Topley Rural Fire Protection Agreement

The Board is renewing the Southside and Topley Rural Fire Protection Agreements for five-year terms from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.

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