



## JANUARY 2021 BOARD MEETING

### **Board Delegation – Taylor Bachrach, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley RE: CN Issues**

At the Committee of the Whole on January 14, 2021 the Board had discussions with MP Bachrach in regard to CN issues throughout the region. Some of the topics discussed were rail safety and response times, whistle cessation at rail crossings, cleanup near rail yards and tracks and vacant land near railway properties.

### **Housing in the RDBN**

The Board approved sending a letter to the Honourable David Eby, QC, Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing in regard to Housing Issues in the RDBN including the Province's Owner/Builder restrictions, the B.C. Energy Step Code, and the impact of the BC Building Code on tiny home construction.

### **Letter to UBCM recommending a Committee on Emergency Management**

The Board approved sending a letter to the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) requesting that the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee evolve into a Committee on Emergency Management to assist local government.

### **Telecommunications Subscription Trends, 911 Call Answer Levy and Upcoming Changes to the 911 System**

The Board authorized sending a resolution to the UBCM and the North Central Local Government Association to request the Provincial Government consider a Provincial 911 Call Answer Levy. Telecommunications have shifted way from landline subscription toward mobile subscriptions and landlines are currently the only means of collecting a levy. Providing 911 service is increasing in cost due to evolving technologies 911 providers are required to implement.

### **Northern Development Local Government Internship Program**

The Board supported an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant to host an intern under the Local Government Internship Program.

### **COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Boardroom Upgrades and Telkwa-Smithers Pathway**

The Board is submitting applications for grant funding for RDBN Board Room Technology Upgrades and the Telkwa-Smithers Pathway Project (Cycle16) through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream.

### **Federal Gas Tax – Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department – Furnace Replacement**

The Board authorized contributing up to \$8,810 of Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies at the Fort Fraser Fire Hall.

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