



SUMMER 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

Stellat'en First Nation RE: Lejac Residential School

At its June 10th Committee of the Whole Meeting David Luggi, Stellat'en First Nation provided a virtual presentation regarding the Lejac Residential School.

Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Bylaw

The Board gave first and second reading to Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Bylaw No. 1951, 2021 at its June 24th Board meeting. The bylaw has been forwarded to RDBN member municipalities for consideration of participation in the service.

Food Economy and Food Hub Assessment Report and Next Steps

The Board approved the Food Economy and Food Hub Assessment Final Report and reviewed next steps and roles moving forward. The RDBN's principle role will be a supportive role for individuals, organizations and businesses that wish to pursue different aspects of a broader marketing and distribution system.

Grant in Aid Funds

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

-Lakes District Family Enhancement Society - \$9,668.21 in Grant in Aid monies, \$4,834.11 (50%) from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and \$4,834.10 (50%) from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for a heat pump installation project.

Letter of Support Request – Village of Telkwa for NDI Application and Canada Revitalization Fund

At its July 15th meeting the Board approved a letter of support for the Village of Telkwa's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Barbeque Grounds Bleacher project.

Sponsorship for 2022 Regional Business Forum in Telkwa

The Board pre-approved funding in the 2022 Budget to the Village of Telkwa for costs associated with facilitating and hosting the 2022 Regional Business Forum.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Evacuation Route Planning

The Board approved, at its August 12th meeting, to enter into a contract with Calian Ltd. as the successful proponent for the Regional Evacuation Route Planning project.

Federal Gas Tax Funds

The Board authorized contributing the following Federal Gas Tax Funds

- Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Up to \$18,585.00 to the Cluculz Lake Community Hall Association to a Recreation Infrastructure Project

Grant in Aid Funds

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-Lakes District Family Enhancement Society - \$9,668.21 in Grant in Aid monies, \$4,834.11 (50%) from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and \$4,834.10 (50%) from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for a heat pump installation project.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

The following organizations were recently approved for COVID -19 Relief Funds:

Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

- Paul Lychak Community Hall – \$2,290.57
- Glenwwod Community Hall – \$2,077.22
- Bulkley Valley Farmers' Market –\$2,490.00
- Bulkley Valley Research Center – \$2,183.00
- Bulkley Valley Gymnastics – \$8,318.06

Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

- Lakes District Film Appreciation Society (Beacon Theatre) –\$6,654.53
- Tweedsmuir Rod and Gun Club - \$2,980.00
- Lakes District Museum Society - \$1,587.66
- Lakes Literacy W.O.W Bus - \$200.00
- The Link - \$454.05
- Lakes District Fair Association – \$3,167.57
- Rose Lake Community Club – \$2,652.74
- Rose Lake Community Club – \$2,707.03
- Burns Lake Public Library – \$2,959.77

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

- Fort St. James Curling Club – \$4,275.00

Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fraser Lake Historical Society - \$1,500.00

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

- Lakes District Film Appreciation Society (Beacon Theatre) –\$6,654.53
- Grassy Plains Community Hall – \$4,363.00
- Burns Lake Public Library – \$2,959.77

Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Cluculz Lake Community Hall –\$3,979.47
- Mapes Blackwater Community Club - \$1,949.00
- Vanderhoof Farmers' Market – \$775.39
- Nechako Valley Exhibition Society – \$15,154.00
- Cluculz Lake Community Hall – \$3,254.89.

Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

- Topley Community Club - \$2,510.00
- Granisle and District Seniors Assoc. - \$5,500.00

The Board recognizes that Non-Profit Societies and Charities have been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and is open to exploring ways to support organizations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Economic Development Staff at economic.development@rdbn.bc.ca or call 250-692-3195.

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