



NOVEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

Delegations

The Board received the following delegations in November:

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 4th the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development provided a presentation regarding Predator Reduction for Caribou Recovery. The Ministry also provided a presentation at the November 18th Board meeting regarding Old Growth Deferrals.

TC Energy – Coastal GasLink Project

At the November 4th Natural Resources Committee meeting TC Energy-Coastal GasLink Project provided an update regarding its Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP).

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)

Joel McKay, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Development Initiative Trust attended the November 4th Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an update regarding NDIT Initiatives. He also attended the Regional Transit Committee Meeting to provide an overview of the Northern Passenger Transportation Service Fund.

Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – Transit Branch

Linda Harmon, Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – Transit Branch attended the November 4th Regional Transit Committee meeting to provide an update regarding BC Bus North.

Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan (OCP)

The Board gave third reading and adoption to Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1963, 2021 at its November 18th Board Meeting.

Official Community Plan Review for Electoral Area C

The Board approved moving forward with the Area C (Fort St. James Rural) OCP review. The Board also approved working with the District of Fort St. James to review the District's OCP and approaching Nak'azdli Whut'en with an invitation to work with the RDBN and District of Fort St. James to explore opportunities for cooperation in community planning efforts.

Regional District Meeting Schedule for 2022

The Board ratified the 2022 RDBN meeting schedule. For a complete schedule of meeting dates please visit our website at:

<https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/administration/regional-board-committee-meetings/2021-2022-meeting-schedule>

Federal Gas Tax

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club – Equipment Shed Upgrade - \$45,000.00

COVID-19 Relief Funds

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

Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

-Treehouse Housing Association – \$11,396.11

Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

-Lakes District Fair Association - \$356.27

-Burns Lake Paintball Association - \$2,675.00

-Burns Lake District Seniors Society - \$4,000.00

Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

-Cluculz Lake Community Hall - \$6,397.73

Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

-Topley Fire Department - \$1,612.23.

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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