



JANUARY 2022 BOARD MEETINGS

Delegations

At the January 13, 2022 Natural Resources Committee Eamon O'Donoghue, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development provided an update regarding the Province of B.C.'s Old Growth Deferral.

At the January 27, 2022 Board Meeting, the Regional Board received updates from Enbridge regarding its Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Project Overview; Taylor Bachrach, MP Skeena Bulkley Valley and M'akola Development Services regarding the RDBN Housing Needs Report Project.

Write a Letter to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development RE: Harmonizing Stumpage Policy for Community Forests

The Board approved writing a letter to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding Harmonizing Stumpage Policy for Community Forests.

Write a Letter to Recycle BC

The Board approved writing a letter to Recycle BC regarding the shortage of their supplies required to facilitate recycling operations at the RDBN Recycling Depots.

Electoral Area Housing Needs Reports

The Board received the RDBN Electoral Area Housing Needs Reports 2021. In 2018, the *Local Government Statutes (Housing Needs Reports) Amendment Act*, 2019, S.B.C. 2018, c. 20 made amendments to the *Local Government Act* which requires local governments to complete housing needs reports by April 2022, and every five years thereafter. To view the Reports please visit the RDBN website at <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/housing/electoral-area-housing-needs-reports>.

RDBN Budget

At the January 27, 2022 Board meeting the Regional Board gave 1st and 2nd reading to RDBN Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1971, 2022. Additional consideration of the RDBN 2022-2026 Financial Plan Budget discussion will be on the February 10, February 24 and March 17, 2022 RDBN Board and Committee Meeting days and for adoption at the March 31, 2022 RDBN Board Meeting.

Northern Development Initiative Trust Applications

The Board supported applications to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the Nechako Valley Sporting Association and Stuart Lake Nordic Society.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

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

Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

- Fort St. James Curling Club -- \$11,396.11
- Fort St. James Speed Skating Club - \$5,000.00.

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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