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## November 2023 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### Delegations

#### Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF)

At its November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting the Board received a presentation from FESBC and HCTF to provide an overview regarding their partnership, projects, and initiatives throughout the RDBN. Some projects include wildfire risk reduction for communities and habitat restoration.

#### Rio Tinto

The Board had a presentation from Rio Tinto to provide a Business Update at its November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### Participation in a Study of Canadians' Internet Service Performance

At its November 9<sup>th</sup> Connectivity Committee meeting the Committee received a staff report regarding participation in a study of Canadians' internet service performance. The Secretary General of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) sent a letter to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to encourage their customers to participate in Phase 3 of the Measuring Broadband Canada (MBC) project.

Information about how to participate in the data collection study, which is operated by SamKnows, can be found at [Measuring Broadband Canada](#).

### Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Board re-elected Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) Director Mark Parker for the position of Chairperson and District of Houston Director Shane Brienens, for the position of Vice-Chairperson for the 2023/2024 year.

### RDBN Meeting Schedule - 2024

Please visit the [RDBN website](#) to view the approved 2024 Meeting Schedule.

### Volunteer Firefighter & Search and Rescue Tax Credit

The Board approved sending a letter to MP Gordon Johns to support Bill C-310: An Act to Amend the *Income Tax Act* (Volunteer Firefighting and Search and Rescue Volunteer Tax Credits) in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000. There are 90,000 volunteer firefighters and 8,000 search and rescue volunteers in Canada. The RDBN has approximately 225 volunteer firefighters and 120 search and rescue volunteers.

If you would like to view any previous or upcoming Board Agenda(s), please go to our website at [www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca) or click here for a direct link: [Board & Committee Meetings](#).