



“A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION”

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025 BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Delegations

The Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests

At the January 9th Board Meeting the Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests, along with Ministry staff visited the RDBN and met with the Board to discuss forestry concerns in the region.

Northern BC Tourism

At the February 13th meeting the Board received a presentation from Northern BC Tourism providing an update regarding tourism and the importance of the Tourism Industry to economic diversification in the region.

Conservation Officer Service

At the February 13th Board meeting Sergeants Bates and Corbett from the Conservation Officer Service discussed illegal dumping in the region.

CityWest

At the February 27th Board meeting CityWest provided an update regarding connectivity projects within the region.

Reports

Grant in Aid Policy Update

At the January 24th Board meeting the updated Grant in Aid Policy was approved as recommended by the Rural Services Committee.

2025 Budget

The Board gave first reading to its Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw at its February 13th Board meeting and second reading at its February 27th Board meeting. The 2025 Budget is scheduled to be adopted at the March 27th meeting.

Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan and Program to Enhance Rail Safety Engagement Final Report

The Board received the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) and the Program to Enhance Rail Safety Engagement Final Report. Both these reports will help the Regional District plan for any future disaster events.

Grant in Aid – Spirit North

At the February 13th Board meeting the Board approved a grant of \$15,000 to Spirit North, split between Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural), D (Fraser Lake Rural), and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) from Regional Grant in Aid to support the ability to deliver outdoor, land-based Sport for Development programs to indigenous children and youth in the Bulkley Nechako region during winter months.

Community Works Funds

The Board authorized contribution of the following Community Works Funds at its February 27th meeting:

- Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) to the District of Vanderhoof for a Pump Track Project
- \$130,000
- Area C (Fort St. James Rural) for a Luck Bay Fire Hall generator - \$11,000
- Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) - \$12,800, and Area B (Burns Lake Rural) - \$3,200 for a Topley Fire Hall generator.

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