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CRD Director Byron Kemp passes away

Williams Lake, B.C. – Cariboo Regional District Electoral Area E Director Byron Kemp passed away Monday night at the age of 78. He leaves behind his wife Diane, their two children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Byron Kemp was first elected as Electoral Area E Director in 1999 and has served four terms with the CRD. He served as an Alternate Director prior to 1999 as well.

Byron lived in Chimney Lake with his family; his property and his electoral area were his pride and joy. Even in his last days, Byron was talking about the Regional District and the topics discussed at the Board table.

Byron worked in many capacities in the education field throughout the Cariboo. He was vice principal at Anne Stevenson Junior Secondary School in the 1970s; he taught at the school in Big Creek; and he was principal at both the Chimney Creek and Glendale schools. Byron was instrumental in starting the year-round schooling program at Glendale and he founded the Williams Lake rugby club.

Byron also was a school counsellor at Thompson Rivers University in Williams Lake. He helped train many student teachers through the university as well.

“Byron’s dedication and commitment to his electoral area and the broader community is an inspiration,” says CRD Chair Margo Wagner. “He leaves behind a tremendous legacy and big shoes to fill.”

Melynda Neufeld, the Alternate Director for Area E, is stepping in as the Director for the area ahead of the local government elections this fall.

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