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Upcoming CRD info fairs focus on emergency preparedness

Williams Lake, B.C. – The Cariboo Regional District is hosting two information fairs next week. The events give residents the opportunity to drop by and meet with their Electoral Area directors and CRD staff, along with other agencies to discuss issues specific to their community. This year’s events are themed around emergency preparedness and resilience.

Representatives will be on hand from various government ministries and services agencies to share information with residents, including the Red Cross, Provincial Wildfire Recovery Program, Emergency Social Services, United Way, Samaritan’s Purse and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Specific to the North Cariboo meeting, some of the other participating organizations will be the RCMP, Pet Safe Coalition Society, EMBC and the Nazko Valley Community Association. In the South Cariboo, residents will also be able to visit with representatives from Interior Roads, BC Ambulance Service, Community Futures, Lone Butte Volunteer Fire Department and Interior Health.

“Essentially we are trying to create a one-stop shop for residents where they can visit each booth to have their questions answered directly by the agency that deals with that specific issue,” explains CRD Chair Margo Wagner. “After last year’s wildfires, the topic of emergency preparedness and resilience is top of mind for many of our residents and we hope lots of people take advantage of these opportunities to ask questions and gather information.”

This is the third year the CRD has hosted information fairs instead of traditional Town Hall Meetings. The aim is to hold these types of meetings each year in the South, Central and North Cariboo regions with a rotation through each Electoral Area.

The information fairs will take place as follows. The events are open-house style, so residents can drop by anytime between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24
Nazko Valley Community Centre
9560 Nazko Road
5:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
Lone Butte Community Hall
5994 Highway 24
5:30-7 p.m.

Other agencies are planning similar events in other locations in the region. Information on those events will be shared as it becomes available. Additional wildfire recovery and preparedness information can be found at cariboord.ca or at facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations.

The Cariboo Regional District currently provides more than 100 local government services to taxpayers including fire protection, land-use planning, solid waste management, and invasive plant management as well as libraries and recreation facilities.

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