Election of CRHD & CCRHD Chair and Vice-Chair
The Cariboo Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) re-elected their Chair and Vice Chair for 2014. Area C Director, John Massier was re-elected as Chair while Vice-Chair duties will be carried out by Area H Director, Margo Wagner.

Interior Health Funding Request Approved
The CCRHD Board authorized a funding request from Interior Health in the amount of $287,200, representing 40 percent of the total cost of three capital projects. The projects include replacement of the Direct Digital Controls at the 100 Mile House General Hospital, a new cart washer for Cariboo Memorial Hospital and a new anaesthetic machine with monitor for Cariboo Memorial Hospital. Further information about Interior Health is available online at interiorhealth.ca.

CRD Support First Nations Museum Lease Agreement
The Cariboo Regional District Board authorized the signing of a long-term lease agreement for an Aboriginal Museum and Cultural Centre at the 108 Mile Greenbelt with the Northern Secwepemc Society (NSCS). At its meeting on October 25, 2013, the CRD approved in principle, proposal information to construct a First Nations museum at the 108 Greenbelt in the south Cariboo. The project is led by the Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society, which is comprised of five local First Nations including Canim Lake, Canoe Creek, Williams Lake, Soda Creek and Easketemc. The lease has a term of 99 years and will allow the NSCS to construct and operate a museum and cultural centre.

Timber Kings
Peter Arnold, Master Builder from Pioneer Log Homes, provided a presentation regarding Pioneer Log Homes being featured on the Timber Kings show on HGTV Canada. Arnold spoke about the log home building process as well as an overview of how the show Timber Kings came to be. Further information about the HGTV show is available online at hgtv.ca/timberkings/.

Gas Tax Funds Approved
A request for up to $1,500 of Community Works Funding was approved by the CRD Board of Directors for the Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club to perform a lighting upgrade in the warming hut at the Bull Mountain Ski Area.

Cariboo Chilcotin MLA Update
MLA Donna Barnett appeared before the Board to provide an update as per Board policy. MLA Barnett spoke about the core review of all Ministries taking place, the Highway 20 corridor and the potential close of the BC Ferries route, as well as the Master Plan for renovations and redevelopment of the Cariboo Memorial Hospital. For further information about the Cariboo Chilcotin riding or to contact the MLA, visit them online at donnabarnettmla.bc.ca.

NCLGA Resolutions
CRD Directors discussed potential resolutions for the North Central Local Government Association’s (NCLGA) annual general meeting and convention. Directors will bring back topics for inclusion to the Feb. 14 CRD Board meeting. The annual NCLGA event will be taking place in Fort St. John May 7-9, 2014.

Expense Limits of Local Government Candidates
The Regional District Board received a letter from the Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The Ministry has invited feedback from the Board with regards to the second phase of the local government elections reform which focuses on expense limits of candidates in local government elections. It is expected that any expense limit changes in legislation, if passed, would be developed, introduced, and implemented after the 2014 local elections.

Williams Lake Timber Supply Area
The CRD Board of Directors received the recently released Williams Lake Timber Supply Area Discussion Paper. Staff will bring back a report to the Feb. 14 Board meeting with highlights and recommendations for feedback. The Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations are requesting public input as it is an important part of establishing the new annual allowable cut. Feedback is welcomed on any aspect of the discussion paper or any other issues related to the timber supply review for the Williams Lakes timber supply area. Comments must be received by March 17, 2014. Further information about the Williams Lake Timber Supply Area is available online at gov.bc.ca.

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