Resolutions Sent to NCLGA
The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Board sent three resolutions to the North Central Local Government Association Conference taking place in Fort Nelson this year on May 8-10.

At today’s meeting, the Board approved a resolution requesting the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the provincial government to change the Local Government Act enabling regional districts to decide whether to hold a by-election in a general election year.

At previous meetings, the Board also endorsed a resolution regarding amendments to the Rural Dividend Fund process and a resolution seeking improvements to financial compensation for local emergency organizations that assist during a declared State of Emergency.

At the Conference, the Association members will vote and prioritize resolutions to carry forward to the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in September.

Grants for Assistance Approved
The Board of Directors approved the following Grants for Assistance:

- $1,000 from Electoral Areas J, K and I’s Grant for Assistance funds for the Carrier Chilcotin Tribal Council towards hosting the Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Skills Training course in Williams Lake and Quesnel in March;
- $800 from Area J for the Tatla Lake Elementary Junior Secondary to purchase badminton equipment for their Family Gym Nights at the school;
- $1,000 from Area K funds to the Alexis Creek Community Club for the costs of equipment and supplies to start an early education program in the community; and
- $1,000 from Areas E and K to assist the Chilcotin Rod and Gun Club with the costs of their annual fundraiser dinner and auction.

Board Supports Funding Applications
The CRD Board endorsed two local funding applications to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). Before applicants can submit a funding request, NDIT requires a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction in the project.

- The West Chilcotin Tourism Association is requesting $30,000 in funding from NDIT to support upgrades to the Nimpo Lake Community Trail System.
- The Barkerville Heritage Trust is submitting an application for a total of $250,000 towards their Shamrock Claim Underground Mining Interpretation Centre project.

Directors Appointed to Local Committees
The Board endorsed the North Cariboo Rural Caucus’ recommendations to appoint the following Electoral Area Directors to sit on various committees in the North Cariboo. Additionally, Director Armstrong was elected as Chair of the North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus and Director Massier was appointed as Co-Chair to the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee.

- Director Bruce – North Cariboo Airshed Committee, North Cariboo Post-Secondary Education Council & South-Central Regional Advisory Council to UNBC
- Director Massier – Museum & Heritage Committee and Quesnel & District Community Arts Council
- Director Cash – Alex Fraser Park Society
- All Directors encouraged to attend when available – Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce

Find the appointments for the South and Central Cariboo Directors in the Board Highlights from Feb. 16, 2018, at cariboord.ca.

Wildfire Consultation Report Presented March 16
The Regional District has called a special Board Meeting on Mar. 16, 2018, starting at 9 a.m. in the CRD boardroom. Tim Conrad of Butterfly Effect Communications will present his report regarding the post-wildfire consultation meetings held in the fall of 2017. The Board will also review a final report from regarding the CRD’s internal debrief with Emergency Operations Centre staff, external agencies the CRD coordinated with during the wildfires and the Board. The meeting is open to the public.

Next Meetings:
Special Board Meeting – Friday, Mar. 16, 2018
CCRHD & CRD Boards – Friday, Mar. 23, 2018