EMBC Presents Thank You Plaques
Genevieve Fox, Regional Manager for northeast B.C., presented the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) with a plaque on behalf of Emergency Management B.C. The plaque recognizes the CRD and all its residents, staff and Board of Directors for their efforts during the unprecedented wildfire season in 2017.

As representatives of the Central Cariboo Search and Rescue department, Chief Rick White and Don Trim also received a plaque from EMBC for CCSAR’s tremendous work during the wildfires, including their assistance pre-planning and executing the most evacuations the Cariboo has ever seen.

“We are honoured to receive this recognition, but would like to say that it really takes an entire community to respond to an emergency. Our residents, volunteer fire and search and rescue departments, Emergency Support Services volunteers, partner agencies, First Nations governments, BC Wildfire Service and the many other first responders and agencies involved all did an incredible job. They truly went above and beyond in serving our communities,” Chair Margo Wagner commented upon receiving the plaque with Director Al Richmond, who was the Chair during the wildfire season.

MLA Oakes Meets With the Board
Cariboo North MLA, Coralee Oakes, gave the CRD Directors an update on her advocacy work on provincial issues and discussed how to coordinate those efforts.

Specifically, she asked for continued support from the Board urging the provincial government to improve connectivity for rural areas. The Electoral Area Directors have sent letters to the Minister of Citizens’ Services, the Honourable Jinny Sims, and have requested to meet with the Minister at UBCM regarding the province’s commitment to cellular and broadband services in rural B.C.

CRD Discusses Rural Policing
RCMP Inspector Jeff Pelley met with the Regional District Board to discuss rural policing issues. So far in 2018, the Williams Lake detachment has seen a 10 per cent increase in calls for service in its rural communities, compared to 2017. However, the majority of these calls have not been criminal code offenses, but other offenses like speeding or vehicle collisions.

One of the detachments’ strategies to reduce rural crime is through increased seasonal policing. The detachment has an additional 26 shifts scheduled though the summer in rural communities. Through increased police presence in the rural areas, the detachment is seeing a decrease in speeding, collision and impaired driving offenses.

Esler Projects Approved
The Board approved three capital projects totaling around $15,000 for the leagues at the Esler Sports Complex fields near Williams Lake:
- The Minor Fastball league will install security shutters for the clubhouse storage;
- Slo-Pitch will erect backstop fencing on their field;
- Soccer will construct bleachers for spectators.

These projects will be completed in 2018 and funding is allocated in the 2018 budget and business plan. In 2017, Minor Fastball purchased a new mower and Slo-Pitch constructed bleachers and a large sign.

North Cariboo Airport Service Referendum: Oct. 20, 2018
The Regional District approved the bylaw under consideration in the proposed North Cariboo Airport Service referendum (assent vote). The referendum will take place on Oct. 20 in conjunction with the general elections. Find details about the proposed service and the referendum at cariboord.ca/airports.

Interlakes Fire Truck Assent Vote: Aug. 18, 2018
Voting time and locations, along with a frequently asked question document about the referendum, are posted at cariboord.ca/firedepartments.

General Election: Oct. 20, 2018
Nomination packages for running as a CRD Electoral Area Director will be available on the CRD website and at all CRD offices starting July 27. Information on the election timeline, an election map, and resources about running for office are on the website. Visit cariboord.ca/elections.

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