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Interior Health Update

Chris Mazurkewich, Interior Health CEO, gave a presentation to the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board. He gave an overview on recent accomplishments in the region, new research efforts and improvements in innovation and technology throughout Interior Health.

CCRHD Funds G.R. Baker Bus Shelter

The CCRHD will be providing a [Foundation Partnership Grant totaling \\$5,480](#) to the Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundations [towards funding construction of a bus shelter](#) at G.R. Baker Hospital.

The bus shelter will provide a space out of the elements for patients waiting for the Northern Health Connections bus, which transports patients between G.R. Baker Hospital and other centres for medical treatment. The estimated cost to purchase and install the bus shelter is \$14,600. The CCRHD grants covers 40 per cent of construction costs.

Forest Enhancement Society BC Presentation

In April, the Province announced \$99 million was being awarded by the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) for forest enhancement and restoration projects in the Cariboo region. Steve Kozuki, Executive Director of FESBC, provided an update for the Cariboo Regional District Directors on some of those initiatives in the region, including those that are focused on Wildfire Risk Reduction.

Currently a project is underway in the Williams Lake Community Forest where helicopter logging, primarily for bark beetle, is being done to reduce fuel loading. Other projects are also underway in 100 Mile House, Quesnel, Tatla Lake, Alkali Lake, Borland Valley, Hanceville, Anaham, Meadow Lake, Lac La Hache, Sugar Cane, Canim Lake, Alexandria, Clinton, Barkerville, and Nazko.

Official Community Plans Pass First and Second Reading

Drafts of the [Lac La Hache](#) and [South Cariboo](#) Official Community Plans (OCP) were presented to the CRD Board for first and second reading. The draft OCPs were circulated to all Advisory Planning Committee members, legal consultant and provincial agencies. Staff received comments from the agencies and the OCP has been revised to address the comments.

These plans will now be presented at public hearings before returning to the Board for third reading and adoption. Information on the public hearings will be available in the coming weeks at cariboord.ca/public-hearing-notices.

Board Will Speak to Resolutions at UBCM

CRD Directors will be speaking to four resolutions at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities convention in Whistler on Sept. 10-14.

The resolutions cover regional district by-elections in election years, provincial financial support during a state of emergency, amendments to the rural dividend fund process, and parity in hospital district's capital contributions. Read the resolutions in the [Aug. 24 Board agenda](#).

The Board has also requested meetings with Ministers and ministry staff at UBCM and are awaiting confirmation. The proposed meeting topics are recycling programs, emergency preparedness and response, expanding cellular and broadband services in rural areas, continuing concerns following the Mount Polley tailings pond breach, the Spanish Mountain Gold project, garbage maintenance at the McLeese Lake boat launch and communications around the Commodore Heights ditching project.

Updates will be posted after UBCM on the CRD website and social media channels.

Bylaws Approved for Lexington & Benjamin Water Systems

The Regional District Board adopted [establishment](#) and [loan authorization](#) bylaws for a new Lexington Water Service, which will serve a 28-home subdivision south of Williams Lake in Electoral Area F. Residents in the area voted favourably for the service's establishment through a petition process in March 2017. The CRD will now begin finding a new groundwater source and a constructing a new pumphouse for a new water system.

The Regional District Board also approved several bylaws reflecting necessary [administrative](#) and [taxation](#) changes related to establishing water services for the [Lexington](#) area and the [Benjamin](#) subdivision, which is in the Red Bluff/Dragon Lake area of Electoral Area A. The CRD will be taking over operations and management of the Benjamin Water System on Jan. 1, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings:

Committee of the Whole – Thursday, Sept. 20
CCRHD & CRD Boards – Friday, Sept. 21

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