CRD Board on the Road meetings in Tatla Lake
The Cariboo Regional District’s Board meetings were held on the road in the West Chilcotin, Electoral Area J. Thank you to the businesses and resorts in Tatla Lake and Puntzi Lake for hosting and feeding Directors and staff.

A community barbecue was held at Martin Lake gymkhana grounds with about 140 residents in attendance. The Tatla Lake & Area Community Association hosted the barbecue and the Regional District made a donation to the Association in thanks for hosting it.

Rural broadband discussion
John Kerr, representing the Tatlayoko Think Tank, gave a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding rural broadband issues. The Board will be discussing this at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities Convention and has made developing a regional broadband strategy part of their strategic plan for the current election term.

Board sends feedback on B.C. plastics action plan
The Regional District Board is sending a letter to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy with feedback on the Clean BC Plastics Action Plan. Among other comments, the CRD is urging the Province to amend the Recycling Regulation to include industrial, commercial or institutional packaging and printed paper (ICI) as it would divert significant amounts of recyclables from landfills. For instance, a CRD study in June 2019 found 12 per cent of the region’s solid waste was ICI recyclables.

The Board is also supporting and sending a joint feedback submission on the Clean BC Plastics Action Plan along with the Districts of Squamish and Tofino and other local governments.

Support for Williams Lake Cycling Club project
The Board made a motion of support for a grant application the Williams Lake Cycling Club is submitting to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). The Club is applying for $30,000 to improve local trail networks with traditional place names and map kiosks. NDIT requires organizations applying for funding to obtain a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction in the project.

Grants for assistance provided
The Board of Directors approved two grants for assistance:
- $1,000 from the Electoral Area D grants for assistance fund to the McLeese Lake Volunteer Fire Department towards a Fire Prevention Week event;
- $500 from Area D to the Wildwood Community and Recreation Association towards an open house event.

Area E economic development service created
The CRD Board adopted a bylaw to establish an Electoral Area E Economic Development Service. The service will provide support for projects and activities that improve the economic situation in Area E, including work in important sectors such as tourism, agriculture, natural resource development and the retention and attraction of businesses and residents.

The residential tax rate for this service is $4.17 per $100,000 of residential property assessment values and will apply to all of Electoral Area E.

The Board also directed staff to work towards merging all five Central Cariboo economic development services, which includes Electoral Areas D, E, F, J and K. The merged service would support economic development in the Central Cariboo and Chilcotin as a whole, for a greater joint effort instead of focusing solely on individual areas.

Upcoming Meetings:
CCRHD & CRD Meetings: Friday, Oct. 4, 2019

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