Northern Medical Programs Trust update
Tim Tribe and Christine Dillabaugh from the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) met with the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board to discuss UNBC’s Northern Medical Programs Trust (NMPT). Currently the CCRHD has a three-year contribution agreement with NMPT for $40,000 per year.

The NMPT is a partnership between northern BC communities, corporate organizations from the north and UNBC to support educational experiences that provide exposure to rural practice in the North. The goal is to encourage health professionals training at UNBC to stay and work in northern communities. Learn more about the programs and initiatives supported by the Trust at unbc.ca/northern-medical-programs-trust.

Cariboo Memorial Hospital funding approved
The Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) Board approved funding for the Cariboo Memorial Hospital redevelopment project totalling $87,099,000. This amount represents 40 percent of the total project cost of $217,745,000.

The CCRHD is in a strong position to financially contribute to this vital health investment in the Cariboo. A large portion of the money has been saved up from taxation, as the Hospital District has been setting aside reserve funds for the last 18 years.

Grant for assistance approved
The CRD Board approved a $1,000 grant from the Electoral Area E Grants for Assistance Fund for the Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholder Association. The Association will use the grant to purchase a multi-use sound system.

2020 Board meeting schedule confirmed
The Board of Directors reviewed and confirmed their schedule of meetings for 2020. The CRD’s two Board meetings on the road will be held in Area L in June 2020 and Williams Lake in September 2020. All Board meetings are open to the public and residents are invited to attend. The Board calendar can be found at cariboord.ca/events.

Upcoming meetings:
- Finance/Budget Committee: Wed., Nov. 13 @ 10 a.m.
- Committee of the Whole: Thurs., Nov. 14 @ 1 p.m.
- CCRHD & CRD Meetings: Fri., Nov. 15 @ 9:30/9:45 a.m.

See the full CCRHD and CRD agenda at cariboord.ca/agendasminutes.

108 Greenbelt bylaw offence fee changes
The Board approved an increase to the penalty for cutting or removing trees, logs, brush or other natural growth without permission on 108 Mile Ranch Greenbelt lands. The penalty increased to $500 from the previous $100. Further, the bylaw has now changed the infraction from plural to singular to allow bylaw enforcement wider discretion to issue individual penalties for each tree cut in more serious cases. The penalty increase comes at the request of the 108 Greenbelt Commission. Learn more about the 108 Mile Greenbelt at cariboord.ca/108-mile-greenbelt.

Presentation on caribou herds

The Province is going to be working with local governments, First Nations, industry and stakeholders to collaboratively develop recommended management actions for each herd. The team will coordinate a 4-6 hour engagement session with the CRD board in the coming months to share information and discuss the Province’s proposed plans for caribou recovery.