



SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Lheidli T'enneh acknowledgement; 2021 Annual Cultural Report; New Frontline Engine for Beverly Fire Rescue

Lheidli T'enneh acknowledgement

Lheidli T'enneh Chief Dolleen Logan and representatives from Lheidli T'enneh First Nation presented the Regional District with a territorial acknowledgement plaque. The plaque acknowledges the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh. Regional District Chair Art Kaehn says the plaque will be displayed prominently at the Regional District office and will serve as a reminder of the privilege to live, work and play in the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh.

The Regional District has a long-standing relationship and spirit of cooperation with the Lheidli T'enneh and City of Prince George. "We are guided in our work by a core set of shared values of trust, mutual respect, open listening, cooperation and understanding," says Kaehn.

The Regional District will continue to find meaningful ways to work with Lheidli T'enneh and the City of Prince George to deliver services, to collaborate on decision making and contribute to the development of sustainable and inclusive communities that meet the unique economic, cultural, social, and environmental needs of all parties.

2021 Annual Cultural Report

The Board received the 2021 Annual Cultural Report. The report is a summation of the number of visitors, staff, volunteers and operating budgets of the eight cultural sites the Regional District supports. The report also provides a summary of each site's activities over the past year and a look ahead to plans for the future. The sites include Exploration Place, Two Rivers Gallery, Central BC Railways and Forestry Museum, Huble Homestead, Mackenzie and District Museum, Valley Museum and Archives, Whistlestop Gallery and the Valemount Museum.

The report shows that in 2021 the effects of the COVID pandemic were still significant, but the overall attendance at the sites increased by 63 percent over 2020. Total visitation was approximately 75,000 people with 65 staff and 32 summer students employed, 141 volunteers donating their time and almost 4,000 school children visits.

New Frontline Engine for Beverly Fire Rescue

Beverly Fire Rescue has been given approval to order a new frontline engine. Originally planned for purchase in 2023, the order date was moved accommodate the extended delivery time frame. It is expected the new engine will be in service in 2024.

Community Grants

The Board approved the following requests for Community and Recreation Grants:

- \$2219 to the Ness Lake Recreation Commission for railing installation and a Halloween celebration
- \$10,000 to the Norman Lake Community Association for a water quality study
- \$18,500 to the Pineview Recreation Commission for a daycare roof and Halloween celebration
- \$3000 to the Pineview Seniors for hall maintenance
- \$8000 to the Longworth Recreation Commission for repairs, insurance and maintenance
- \$1500 to the Dome Creek Community Association for a new refrigerator
- \$2500 to the Valemount Children’s Activity Society for playground equipment



Lheidli T'enneh Chief Dolleen Logan (front row, second from left) and Lheidli T'enneh Executive Director Joe Gosnell Jr (front row, centre) with RDFFG Board members receiving the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Acknowledgement plaque.

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