Chair report up to and including April 30/18

- I am pleased to announce that the CRD has been chosen by Business View Magazine, along with the City of Langley and Campbell River, to be featured in a BC section in an upcoming issue of the online magazine. In conjunction with staff, the CAO and I have had conference calls with the magazine staff, and will be finalizing everything with the Editor-in-Chief on April 30/18. This opportunity comes at no cost to the CRD, and will provide advertising opportunities for businesses within the whole region. The main theme of the CRD portion will be a Phoenix rising from the ashes after last year's wildfires, showing our resiliency and determination, going forward.
- At the NDIT meeting of April 18/18, which included the AGM, a new slate of executive were chosen, and I was honoured to be acclaimed as the Director at Large for the executive committee. I am excited to be working closely with the new Board officers as the NDIT moves forward to create new funding opportunities for the north, and the Cariboo Chilcotin whilst remaining within the legislative mandate of the Trust. The resolution made by the Regional Advisory Committee to limit the amount of funds to be distributed at each intake in the Cariboo Chilcotin Lillooet area, has proven a wise one. With the Trust expected to be fully subscribed in our area again, this restriction allows monies to still be available as smaller groups work their way through the grant application usually during the winter months, allowing their applications to go forward for initial approval at the RAC meeting in March and then on to the Board for final approval in April.
- On April 20/18, I turned myself into the RCMP in 100 Mile, for being unlawfully at large with an outstanding warrant, as a fundraiser for the Safe Grad program at Peter Skene Ogden school. I managed to raise my

\$250 bail in an hour, thanks to generous residents and lots of pleading and begging!

- On April 25/18 I attended a webinar at the request of the IT staff, regarding the new possibilities available through Escribe. Many of these will be available after the technology upgrades proposed to the CRD Boardroom, so they will be enabled in time for the new CRD Board in the Fall.
- As we enter into the spring freshet, calls regarding road washouts, blocked culverts and flooding concerns have increased dramatically. Along with CAO MacLean, we have tried to keep the affected Directors informed, and appreciate their diligence in keeping us informed as to what is happening in their own electoral areas.

Respectfully submitted,