

Chair report up to and including August 23/18

- On July 14/18 I hosted the CRD Area H, 50th birthday celebration at the Forest Grove Community Hall. Approximately 65 people attended, and it was a good fundraiser for the Forest Grove Ladies Auxiliary, that served up hamburgers and hotdogs. MLA Barnett also attended.
- July 17/18 saw a dinner for NDIT Board members where Minister Ralston was in attendance. Aside from NDIT business, we received confirmation from the Minister responsible for NDIT, that his Ministry is satisfied with the way the Trust is progressing and adapting to ensure “dollars are out the door” at every opportunity.
- The much awaited NStQ signing of the **initial** Agreement in Principal, took place with much pomp and ceremony at the Canim lake reserve on Sunday July 22/18. I also had a chance to have a one on one discussion with Minister Fraser over the proposed wording amendment to the next stage agreement that was identified at the COW meeting on April 12/18. I have since heard back from his office that the wording needs to change from ‘Municipalities’ to ‘local government’ in many areas in the proposed document.
- With the fires burning throughout the Cariboo as well as many other Regional Districts, I have been on several conference calls over the past few weeks, including BCWFS, Cariboo fire centre, Premier Horgan and Minister Donaldson. I attended a Community meeting in Nazko on August 22/18 along with members from our EOC, BCWFS, Cariboo fire centre, & MLA Oakes. The meeting was well attended, and overall, went well. The majority of the attendees seemed to appreciate the streamlining we have done with the permit process, and also the commitment to them, that as soon as an evacuation order goes in, the EOC is working towards getting residents safely back home again.

Respectfully submitted,