

Chair Report up to & including November 8/2018

Firstly I would like to congratulate the new Board of the CRD, I look forward to working with you all over the next 4 year term and developing some new relationships, whilst continuing to foster previous ones. This report is done in an effort to keep you informed of my actions between Board meetings. Should you have any questions or would like more details, please don't hesitate to bring them up at the Board table, or contact me privately.

- On October 16/18 I attended a Southern Operations overview from members of FLNROD along with Vice Chair Massier, Director Forseth and members of our partner Municipalities. There was an interesting overview of the Forestry industry and the outlook for the coming years.
- Later that day I took part in a conference call with members of the Northern Medical Trust Program, during which we discussed expanding the Travelling Medical Roadshow into the Yukon at their request. It was decided to pursue this opportunity, so long as it did not lead to a lack of this program being able to continue in BC. Many of the students enrolled in Health degrees at UNBC, come from the Yukon. The Travelling Medical Roadshow will be in Vanderhoof this spring.
- On October 24, I was included on a conference call initiated by COFI regarding the Federal and Provincial plans for the preservation on the various Caribou herds, the one that will affect us the most, being the Mountain Caribou. The Federal and Provincial Governments are currently working together to achieve a Section 11 Conservation Agreement for the protection of the Caribou, with zero consultation with the local governments that will be severely impacted by the restrictions of natural resource collection, outdoor recreation, tourism, hunting etc. An emergency resolution came off the floor at this past FCM Convention, demanding local Government representation at the discussion table, so far this has not happened. Government estimates are a potential loss of 400,000 cubic metres, & up to 500 direct and indirect job losses, with the risk of losing a mill. A letter was formulated for signature by all affected Municipality Mayors, and Regional District Chairs, that has been sent to the Federal and Provincial Government expressing our deep concern, and need to be at the discussion table. Some Municipalities have tried to engage the Provincial Government with very little success. This topic is part of the CRD Delegation day set for Thursday January 17/19
- On October 26/18 I attended the Proportional Representation Debate in Williams Lake, with MLA's Donna Barnett and Mike Morris for the 'No' side, and Former NDP candidate and current TNRD Director Sally Watson, and Michael Atwood a representative from the Council for Canadians for the 'Yes' side. Approximately 75 people attended, with several getting up to ask questions.
- On Friday November 2/18, I attended the evening social of the Cariboo Chilcotin Tourism Association, prior to their yearly conference, which this year was in Williams lake. I was able to reconnect with many of the tourism operators from the area, as well as meet some new faces.
- On November 6/18 I travelled in to 100 Mile House and then on to Quesnel for the inauguration of the Mayors and their new councillors. Williams Lake had their inauguration at the same time as Quesnel, so as I had committed to the Quesnel event already, Director Forseth represented the CRD at the Williams lake event.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Wagner.