

## **Chair Report up to & including January 11/19**

**I hope all of you had a great holiday season, spent time with family & friends and are ready to start the New Year.**

- In my last report, I indicated that I was going to Vancouver on December 10/18 along with Peace River RD Chair Brad Sperling, to meet with Ministry of Environment officials, concerning the proposed Caribou Species at Risk Act. Unfortunately I received a call from the MOE staff Sunday afternoon that the meeting had been cancelled at the request of the Provincial Govt. as they had not met with local Govts. yet. This was frustrating to say the least, as local Govts. have been requesting meetings with the Province for over 1 ½ years, with no success. As you can imagine, this cancellation was a disappointment to the Caribou working group, and we have heard no more since. The MP charged with this file, Sean Fraser, is supposedly coming to Northern BC in late January, and we are hoping to be able to sit down with him and hopefully the Province to have a meaningful discussion over the lack of local Govt. consultation in the process.**
- On Monday December 17/18, I along with staff, was invited by Emily Colombo to attend a Disaster Recovery review discussion that also involved EMBC, and FLNROD. The Province had tasked EMBC to develop an interim Disaster Recovery framework, in hopes of filling a gap where there was no disaster recovery framework, standardizing procedures, coordination and decision making criteria needed in the emergency recovery process. EMBC was engaging communities that had been directly involved in an emergency and had already had the same discussion with the Kootenay Boundary RD after the Grand Forks flooding this past spring.**
- On December 27/18, MLA Donna Barnett organized a meeting hosted by Mayor Cobb in Williams lake Council Chambers, that included about 50 members of the Powder Kings sledding Society, to discuss the potential impact the Species at Risk Caribou Act might have on this important tourism activity, that brings millions of dollars into BC. The group has decided to start writing letters of concern to both levels of Govt. to**

**express their concern, and the need for engagement at all levels. Donna has committed to keeping the group informed about any future developments.**

- **On January 11/19, it was my honour, along with Mayor Campsall, to welcome the West Coast Blind Curling Association members to 100 Mile House for the 2019 Provincial play downs. This tournament will feature curlers from Vancouver, Kelowna and Prince George, as they compete for a berth in the Championship tourney in Kamloops this coming March, as well as the potential to go to the National championship in Ottawa in 2020.**

**As always, if there are any questions arising from this report, or you would like more details, please feel free to ask.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margo Wagner.**