

CHAIR REPORT UP TO & INCLUDING JUNE 25/19

As always, this report is designed to keep the Board apprised of my activities as Chair since the last Board meeting. As I will be away for the upcoming meeting, please don't hesitate to email me with any questions or concerns you have with the information within this report.

- Following a successful Board on the Road, it was my honour to offer some words of wisdom to the 2019 Graduating class of Lake City Secondary. This was a well attended event, with the Cariboo Memorial centre full of proud parents & grandparents, as well as students.
- June 12, prior to the Emergency Preparedness meeting, I met with Protective Services Manager, Stephanie Masun, to gain her insight and background knowledge to the Interim Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework document, that the Provincial Govt. has been preparing. That evening I flew to Vancouver for the first face to face meeting the following day, with the whole UBCM Flood & Fire review advisory committee, where this document was discussed in length. One of the biggest challenges identified, was how to define 'community', as that word is frequently used throughout the Interim document, and for much of the verbiage, what we deem a community in rural & rural remote BC, does not configure in the expectations of this document, and many of the program expectations mentioned as 'community' driven, are just not achievable by the large majority of the 'communities' we recognize as such within the CRD. This interim document is currently in draft form, and will become the working document eventually, by which Provincial Disaster Recovery Framework will function until an amended Act itself can be passed through to legislation, which as we all know, can take time. The agenda for this committee will be set by bi-weekly teleconference meetings, with another in-person meeting at UBCM. At the same meeting, we received a presentation on the modernization of the Emergency Program Act. This too, is a work in progress, and input was given by the committee.
- I had planned to attend the Gala opening of Barkerville on June 15, but unfortunately did not get there until the evening due to truck trouble.

However, my husband and I spent a couple of nights camping, and spent Sunday wandering around Barkerville.

- With the announcements of the indefinite curtailment at Norbord in 100 Mile House, the permanent closure of the West Fraser mill in Chasm, and the cancellation of the night shift at the West Fraser Mill in 100 Mile house, the scheduled meeting in Prince George that I had with MLA Shirley Bond and NDIT CEO Joel McKay on Tuesday June 18, 2019, was the main topic of conversation. MLA Bond was the Minister taking care of the NDIT when the Liberals were in power, and as such has maintained a soft spot for the Trust. Earlier in the day, the Cariboo Chilcotin Lillooet Regional Advisory Committee met for their quarterly meeting in 100 Mile House, and how the Trust could stimulate economic growth within the area, was a hot topic in the round table discussion. Gathering the information from both meetings, I am sure that in the near future, the Trust will be facilitating methods to aid the North through this economic downturn, whilst still following the Legislative guidelines the Trust operates under. I will continue to keep you informed on these activities. Unfortunately these meetings prevented me from attending the first transition meeting organized by Emily Columbo in 100 Mile House. However, Mayor Campsall & Emily have assured me they will keep me in the loop, and I will endeavor to make myself available for the follow up meetings.
- On June 19 I took part in an NDIT Board Assessment exercise, facilitated by Paula Schmidt. This was undertaken at the request of myself and the Board of Directors and will be followed by a self evaluation of each of the Board members.

I would like to thank Vice Chair Massier for Chairing the June 27th Board meeting in my absence, and for my Alternate Sheila Hart attending in my stead.

Respectfully submitted,

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