



**Date:** 07/01/2019

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** South Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus

**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Emily Epp, Manager of Communications

**Date of Meeting:** South Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus\_Jan14\_2019

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### **Short Summary:**

2019 Info Fair and Directors Meetings

### **Voting:**

By Consensus

### **Memorandum:**

Every year the Cariboo Regional District budgets for one Information Fair in the north, central and south areas, for a total of three per year. These events are an informal tradeshow-style event where residents can meet with their Electoral Area directors, CRD staff and other agencies to discuss issues specific to their community. Additionally, funding is budgeted for one “meet your director” event in each Electoral Area per year.

Typically, the Information Fair events are held in spring (April or May) or fall (October). Staff recommend choosing a spring date, because the event is often focused on emergency preparedness which is helpful ahead of wildfire season. Further, wildfire events are pushing later into the fall and have previously led to cancelled events.

In 2018, an Information Fair was held in the North Cariboo on April 24 in Nazko with 13 attendees and one was held in the South Cariboo on April 26 in Lone Butte with 26 attendees. In 2017, one of these events was held in Kersley (we previously called them Multi-Agency Forums). Events were cancelled for the central and south areas in the fall of 2017 due to the wildfires. None were held in 2016 due to staffing changes. 2015 was the first year we started these events and they were held in Electoral Area G (108 Mile Ranch), Area B (Bouchie Lake) and Area D (McLeese Lake).

Looking ahead in 2019, staff would like a decision regarding when and where the Information Fair will be held in the South Cariboo.

Further, Directors are asked to consider if they would like to consider hosting an event like this in their area in 2019. A minimum of 45 days of notice is required ahead of such an event, in order to adequately prepare and advise residents.

**Attachments:**

n/a

**Financial Implications:**

The 2019 Provisional Budget includes funding for three information fairs and a ‘meet and greet’ event in each Electoral Area.

**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- Building on our Relationships
- Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- Focusing on Being Well Governed

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**Options:**

- 1) Receipt and clarify the date and location for the 2019 South Cariboo Information Fair;
- 2) Receipt and other action.

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Emily Epp, Manager of Communications, dated January 7, 2019, regarding the 2019 Info Fair and Directors Meetings, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the South Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus.*