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To: Chair and Directors, Committee of the Whole

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From: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

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Short Summary:

Discussion – Possible Involvement of First Nation Communities at the Board Table

Background:

The Cariboo Regional District is home to 3 Nations and 15 First Nation Governments. The Northern Shuswap, Southern Dakelh and Tsilhqot'in Nations all call parts of the Regional District their home and traditional territory.

Each Nation and First Nation Government is taking a different path forward in terms of protecting their interests and asserting their autonomy and jurisdiction, whether it be through agreement, treaty or the courts. We know that the current treaty process will facilitate possible membership on the Board while ensuring participation at the Regional Hospital District.

The Board has expressed an interest in looking at how the First Nation communities can and should participate at the Cariboo Regional District. As we start what will be a long and detailed discussion Staff would like to present the following points for consideration:

1. Should representation be considered at the First Nation Government or Nation Level?
2. How do we manage voting?
3. Simple logistics – our Board table is full; how do we seat more members?
4. What are other regional districts doing?
5. How do we ensure that this process is collaborative, meaningful and respectful to both our First Nation neighbors as well as our residents and responsibilities?

If the Board is interested in pursuing this further please refer this matter back to staff for a full report with any additional information or concepts that you may wish to have us explore. This matter is consistent with our Strategic Plan, but not our Tactical Plans.

Attachments:

None