

## Chair report up to & including March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

- On February 15<sup>th</sup>, Director Bachmeier, MOTI representatives, CRD staff and I, met with representatives from the Bouchie Lake Watershed Society, mainly to discuss the maintenance of boat launches and the resulting flood issues from one on Milburn Lake. This meeting has resulted in me meeting with Ministry of Environment staff in the near future, to discuss the potential for Recreation sites and Trails to assume responsibility for some of the more well used lake accesses within the Cariboo. MOTI would be more willing to have a contract with that organization than a private society due to the risk of liability. I'll keep the Board apprised of my progress with this.
- On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Director LeBourdais, Manager of IT - Jon Code and I had a confidential meeting with Julia Dillabough from Telus. Some of what I can discuss is that Telus has no plans for new fibre builds in the CRD for 2023, plus if there are populated areas that are currently not served, a letter writing campaign from those residents does help at times, to influence whether fibre will go into that area. It does depend on many other issues like cost and return on the investment.
- I want to thank all staff and Directors for their work towards developing our strategic plan for the next 5 years. Your commitment to attending the sessions and help Interim CAO Carruthers draft the final document was

invaluable, and I know that strategic plans are not always 'fun' to complete!

- Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> Interim CAO Carruthers, Director de Vries and myself met with representatives from all 3 of the Interlakes Firehalls, to discuss moving forward, and met the new Chief, Paol Beers. It was a productive meeting, and Chief Beers clearly has the support of the members. He will now be canvassing for new members that may include some of the ones that have resigned. My thanks go out to Director de Vries for his leadership on this issue, it is not easy to go from a past Chief to a CRD Director!
- Interim CAO Carruthers, Manager of Planning – Nigel Whitehead, Director Forseth and I travelled to Xat'sull First Nation on March 13 to meet with their Band Administrator, and their Natural Resource Manager, Emily Sonntag, to discuss concerns regarding archaeological sites with First Nation territory and development processes by the CRD. A similar meeting was held with the WLFN the following day, which has resulted in a joint presentation to the Board by both First Nations at an upcoming meeting (possibly April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm).
- Many of you attended the LGLA session in Prince George, and from the feedback I received, many found it worthwhile and informative. I feel that no matter how long one has been elected, there is always something new to learn, as processes and legislation change, which leads to

good governance from all of us when we take the time to learn and don't always revert to how it used to be.

- Finally, the Age Friendly Society in 100 Mile House, which many of you are aware of, has now made some fundamental changes. Covid-19 really hampered the organization for volunteers and Directors, and once the world opened up again, we found that many of the Directors felt they no longer had the energy to continue in that role, despite unanimously wanting the Society to continue. This led to the Board working with the Cariboo Family Enrichment Centre to absorb the Age Friendly organization into their programming. Sally Watson from 70 Mile, is working with CFEC to become a senior liaison for the S. Cariboo, Sally and CFEC Executive Director, Chris Pettman have committed to continuing many of the programs and events that have become popular for seniors.

As always if you have any questions or comments about my report, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Marys Away