

Chair report up to & including August 13,2024

I hope you all had time to spend some quality time with family, friends and neighbors over the summer break. It has been a busy summer with fires and landslides, the latter of which took up a lot of time both for staff and myself. I want to complement the EOC staff and Ms. Israel on their great job especially during the Chilcotin river event. The new EDMA certainly presented some challenges during the event, and CAO Murray and I will be debriefing with the team within the next few weeks, in preparation for an upcoming meeting with Ministers Ma, Kang and Cullen to discuss the issues. I have been in constant contact with BNRD Chair Mark Parker who has echoed our concerns and has been expressing them to the regulation committee that he sits on. Ministers Ma & Cullen continue to hold bi-weekly EMCR meetings to give updates on fires, landslides and river flows. Some of the other events I have attended over the summer include the 100 Mile Pride parade and event, where it was a pleasure to do the land acknowledgement and welcome to the guests alongside Mayor Pinkney. The annual Hot July Nights in 100 Mile House had record attendance despite the searing heat. It is a pleasure to be asked to pick some potential winners on behalf of the CRD who sponsors the event through granting from the S. Cariboo. On July 12th I held a meet and greet with local residents and also provided

info on the referendum for the new tender truck. Although we always hope for more people to attend these events, I was happy with the turnout considering it was a really hot day. My thanks to the Forest Grove VFD members, Mr. Flanagan and MLA Doerkson for attending, and to the Forest Grove Ladies Auxiliary for serving up some great hamburgers.

The Lac la Hache VFD suffered a great loss in July when Chief Murphy passed away very suddenly. Support was instant from the CRD Protective Services team and Mr. Hollander, as some of the LLHVFD attended the scene. Director Richmond had been friends with Chief Murphy for years, and I know his sudden passing was a shock to him. It was my honor to attend the memorial on behalf of the whole Board for Chief Murphy on August 3, 2024. It was amazing to see so many Fire Depts in attendance, not only from within the CRD but much further afield, to pay their respects.

On August 12th I travelled to Bouchie Lake to assist Director Bachmeier with an issue within her community. I was also able to see some of the great improvements that have gone on at the community hall in recent years.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo A. Wagner.