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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Gerald Pinchbeck, Manager of Communications

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Short Summary:

Emergency Notification System Policy

Background:

The CRD has operated an emergency notification system (ENS) since 2015. The purpose of this is to notify residents of certain areas when they are impacted by emergency orders and alerts. The system has also been used to notify residents of potential threats to life safety, utility system service disruptions, and risks from drinking water requiring a boil water notice, water quality advisory, or do not consume notice. Additionally, long-standing practice has been to not use the system for non-CRD alerts, including flood warnings, air quality advisories, or burning restrictions.

Presently, there is no formal policy in place for the emergency notification system to ensure that the CRD's operating standards for issuing ENS notifications aligns with the Board's desires for how the system could be used.

A draft policy is provided for consideration. This policy aligns with the CRD's current use of the system, and confirms the practice of only issuing CRD-issued alerts and notifications. Provincial alerts and notices would not be broadcast from this system under the policy. The EOC Director is also given discretion on issuing further alerts and updates as required to protect life safety.

Attachments:

Emergency Notification System Use Policy – DRAFT