

Chair report up to & including August 14<sup>th</sup>,2025

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and has spent some time relaxing with family and friends. I feel overall we have been very fortunate with the weather so far, as we have had some lovely warm stretches, that are followed with thunderstorms and in most areas intense rain. I know in the southern part of the region; many are commenting on how lush everything is this year compared to previous years.

The one large evacuation alert that was signed, was historic as it was the first evacuation alert that had the logo and signature of the affected First Nation - Nazko, on the same document as the CRD notification. This was at the request of Nazko itself, and is exactly what Ms. Masun and Ms. Israel, and many others including elected officials, have been working towards. I am hopeful that as we continue to work towards more understanding and reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours, this will become the norm.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, along with Mayor Pinkney, I attended the Pride parade in 100 Mile House and welcomed attendees to the event in Centennial park. The rain held off and there were many attendees and vendors for the event.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> I attended the NsTQ Citizens assembly opening at the Elizabeth Grouse Gymnasium at Sugar

Came along with Director Massier, Ms. Masun & Mayor Rathor. It was an honour to be asked to speak and welcome attendees on behalf of the CRD. Chief Treaty Negotiator Mr. Peter Millerd, presented an update on the Treaty discussions. The event also enabled me to reconnect and spend time with the Elders that I know and the Chiefs from the area that were in attendance.

Every 2 weeks the BC Government holds a zoom call technical briefing for Mayors & Chairs on floods and fires currently occurring in the province from the EMCR Ministry. Fortunately, this year the CRD has not been front and center in these briefings and the concerns have come more from the southern part of the province and Vancouver Island. It is an ideal opportunity to hear the concerns of other areas and also what mitigation is being planned for the scorched areas moving forward.

On Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending and speaking at the unveiling of a chainsaw carving donated to the City of Williams Lake by Chetwynd Mayor Allen Courtoreille. The carving was done by Connecticut born Jeff Samudosky, who has won several worldwide chainsaw carving competitions, including the one in Chetwynd, which depicts legendary Montreal Canadian goalie – Carey Price. Although we all know that Carey called the Anahim Lake area home for many years and is a proud member of the Ulkatcho Band, Williams Lake has always been associated

with his name, notwithstanding that he played in that city's Minor Hockey system from age 9 to 15. I am sure that wherever the carving is placed it will be a favorite place for young and old to have a photo taken. Thank you to Mayor Courtoreille for donating the carving to the city and to many other communities around BC over the past few years.

Respectfully submitted,

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