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To: Chair and Directors, Policy Committee

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Kat Chatten, Manager of Communications

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Short Summary:

Community Engagement Sessions Policy

Voting:

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Memorandum:

The Board previously approved transitioning from the Board on the Road program to a Community Engagement Sessions model intended to support more focused and effective community discourse.

Community Engagement Sessions will provide opportunities for residents to learn about regional initiatives, ask questions, and provide feedback on issues relevant to their communities. Unlike the previous model, these sessions are not formal Board meetings and do not require full Board attendance.

The attached policy formalizes the Community Engagement Sessions approach and replaces the existing Board on the Road Meetings Policy (2024-1-3).

Attachments:

Draft Policy-Community Engagement Sessions Policy

Financial Implications:

Community Engagement Sessions are expected to reduce travel and accommodation costs compared to the Board on the Road program, as they do not require full Board attendance and are generally structured as single-day events. No additional funding is required.

Policy Implications:

Adoption of the proposed Community Engagement Sessions Policy will repeal and replace the Board on the Road Meetings Policy (2024-1-3).

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.
- Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.
- Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

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Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Other action.

Recommendation:

That the draft Community Engagement Sessions Policy be endorsed as attached, replacing the Board on the Road Meetings Policy (2024-1-3).