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Regional Board Policy

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PURPOSE:

To establish a structured approach for community engagement events hosted throughout the Cariboo Regional District that provide residents with opportunities to learn about regional initiatives, ask questions, and provide feedback on issues affecting their communities.

POLICY:

1. The Cariboo Regional District will organize Community Engagement Sessions to support communication between residents, Electoral Area Directors, and CRD staff regarding local and regional initiatives.
2. Up to four Community Engagement Sessions may be held annually.
3. Community Engagement Sessions will be rotated through Electoral Areas of the Cariboo Regional District where feasible.
4. The schedule and host locations will be coordinated by the Communications Department in consultation with Electoral Area Directors.
5. Community Engagement Sessions are intended to provide issue-focused engagement opportunities and are not formal Board meetings.

6. Each Community Engagement Session may focus on one or two issues relevant to the host community.
7. Community Engagement Sessions will be coordinated by the Electoral Area Director for the host area with support from the Communications Department.
8. The Communications Department will assist with promotion, preparation of engagement materials, and logistical coordination.
9. Participation at Community Engagement Sessions may include the host Electoral Area Director, relevant CRD staff, and partner organizations where appropriate.
10. Full Board attendance is not required.
11. Community Engagement Sessions may include a community hospitality component hosted by the local Director.
12. The Indigenous government on whose traditional territory a Community Engagement Session is held may be invited to participate. Territorial acknowledgements will be provided where appropriate.
13. Advertising for Community Engagement Sessions may include direct mail, website promotion, social media, and other communication methods as deemed appropriate by the Manager of Communications.
14. Community Engagement Session expenses will be allocated to the Administrative Services fund. Travel costs will be allocated per Board Policy.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Cariboo Regional District will host Community Engagement Sessions in communities throughout the region to support meaningful public participation and dialogue on regional services and initiatives.

***** END OF POLICY *****

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