



CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

April 10, 2026

9:51 a.m.

Cariboo Regional District Board Room

Suite D - 180 Third Avenue North

Williams Lake, B.C.

- PRESENT: Chair M. Wagner, Director N. Audet, Director B. Bachmeier, Director J. Massier, Director S. Forseth, Director M. LeBourdais, Director A. Richmond, Director J. Glassford, Director T. Pare, Director B. Anderson, Director E. de Vries, Director E. Coleman, Alternate Director S. Nelson, Alternate Director L. Roodenburg
- ABSENT: Vice Chair M. Neufeld, Director S. Rathor, Director M. Pinkney, Director R. Paull
- STAFF: M. Daly, Chief Administrative Officer, A. Johnston, Corporate Officer/Deputy CAO, K. Erickson, Chief Financial Officer, K. Chatten, Manager of Communications, L. Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer/Executive Assistant, S. Masun, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations, T. Giroday, Recording Secretary, C. Harder, Communications Specialist, D. Campbell, Manager of Community Services, C. Ikoma, Planning Officer II (for a portion of the meeting), V. Hoefels, Chief Building Official (for a portion of the meeting)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 **Adoption of Agenda**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-01

Moved Director Pare

Seconded Director Bachmeier

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Cariboo Regional District Board Meeting - March 20, 2026

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-02

Moved Director Glassford

Seconded Director Richmond

That the minutes of the Cariboo Regional District Board meeting held March 20, 2026, be adopted.

Carried

3. PLANNING BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READING

3.1 Area A – Bylaw 5559

Stakeholder Vote – Unweighted – All Electoral Areas

1018 Maple Heights Rd.

Lot 7, District Lot 3140, Cariboo District, Plan 20235, Except Plan PGP44741

From Residential 2 (R2) zone to Service Commercial (C4) zone

(3360-20/20250052 – Backer) (Agent: Maureen Bunnah)

Director Audet

Owner Edward Backer and Agent Maureen Bunnah were present and spoke in support of the application.

2026-04-03

Moved Director Audet

Seconded Director Forseth

That Quesnel Fringe Area Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 5559, 2026 be rejected as the proposed use is not in keeping with the neighbourhood character.

Carried

4. PLANNING BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING

4.1 Area K – Bylaw 5543

Stakeholder Vote – Unweighted – All Electoral Areas

5531 Chilcotin Hwy 20

Block C, Section 13, Township 58, Lillooet District

From Heavy Industrial (M3) zone to Special Exception RS 1-3 zone

(3360-20/20250066 - Tsilhqot'in Power Corporation) (Agent: Trevor Doyle)

Director Anderson

2026-04-04

Moved Director Anderson

Seconded Director Pare

That Chilcotin Area Rural Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 5543, 2025 be read a third time, this 10th day of April 2026.

Carried

5. DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

5.1 Area H – DVP20260008

Stakeholder Vote – Unweighted – All Electoral Areas

3774 Bowers Lake Rd

The South West ¼ of District Lot 2057, Lillooet District

(3090-20/20260008 – Megan Marshall and Jesse Groves) (Agent: Prime Quality Construction Inc. – Jamie Fletcher)

2026-04-05

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Director Massier

That the application for a Development Variance Permit pertaining to The South West ¼ of District Lot 2057, Lillooet District be approved subject to the following conditions:

- i. The applicant offering to enter into and entering into a covenant to ensure that the CRD is not liable for any future consequences with respect to elevation of the agricultural building in relation to the watercourse.

- ii. That the covenant be registered in priority to any financial charges on title.
- iii. The construction of the proposed berm be completed according to Octo Engineering's report and that the berm be inspected by a qualified professional prior to final inspection of the proposed agricultural building.

Further, that the cost of preparation and registration of the covenant be borne by the applicant.

Further, that a Development Variance Permit be issued to vary Section 4.2 (c) (ii) of the South Cariboo Area Zoning Bylaw No. 3501, 1999 as follows:

That the required elevation above a watercourse be reduced from 3.0 m. (9.84 ft.) to 0.55 m. (1.8 ft.) to allow for the construction of a 1190.72 sq. m. (12,800 sq. ft.) agricultural building.

Carried

6. AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

6.1 Area C – ALRC20260007

Stakeholder Vote – Unweighted – All Electoral Areas

The North West ¼ of District Lot 6490, Cariboo District
(3015-20/C20260007 – Peter Coe and Susan Coe) (Agent: Holmes Mining
Consultants Ltd. – Jason Koepke)
Director Massier

2026-04-06

Moved Director Massier
Seconded Director Bachmeier

That the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission application for Soil and Fill Use pertaining to The North West ¼ of District Lot 6490, Cariboo District be authorized for submission to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation for approval.

Carried

6.2 Area B – ALRB20250051

Stakeholder Vote – Unweighted – All Electoral Areas

Yargueau Road

Lot, A District Lots 83 and 319, Cariboo District, Plan PGP40531, Except Plan EPP56753

(3015-20/B20250051 – AMBRUS INVESTMENTS Ltd.) (Agent: McElhanney Ltd. – Bryce Whitehouse)

Director Bachmeier

2026-04-07

Moved Director Bachmeier

Seconded Director Anderson

That the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission application for subdivision pertaining to Lot A, District Lots 83 and 319, Cariboo District, Plan PGP40531, Except Plan EPP56753 be authorized for submission to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation for approval.

Carried

8. COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.1 NDIT Application – 108 Mile Ranch Community Association – Outdoor Washroom Facility

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-08

Moved Director Richmond

Seconded Director de Vries

That the 108 Mile Ranch Community Association’s grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Community Places stream for \$30,000 to install an outdoor washroom facility be supported for submission.

Carried

8.2 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society Community Works Funding (CWF) - Solar Panel Project and Enabling Agreement

Corporate Vote – Weighted

2026-04-09

Moved Director Richmond
Seconded Director de Vries

That the request from the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society for up to \$45,000 for the installation of solar panels at the 99 Mile Cross Country Ski Trails facility be approved from the 2026 Community Hall and Recreation Facilities Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope of the Community Works Fund, and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to enter into the necessary contribution agreement.

Carried

8.3 Esler Sports Complex Access Road Project – Celtic Engineering Project Management and Coordinating Professional of Record Award of Contract

Corporate Vote - Weighted

2026-04-10

Moved Director LeBourdais
Seconded Director Forseth

That Procurement Policy No. 2023-9-32 be waived and a Project Management and Coordinating Professional of Record contract with Celtic Engineering Ltd. for the Esler Access Road Project with a term of March 2026 to October 2028 and a value of \$330,750 plus applicable taxes be approved, and further, that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

8.4 Year-Round Grant for Assistance Application from Alexis Creek Community Club

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-11

Moved Director Anderson
Seconded Director Pare

That a Grant for Assistance in the amount of \$1,000 from Electoral Area K be provided to the Alexis Creek Community Club to assist with costs for their Seniors' Outreach Program.

Carried

8.5 Year-Round Grant for Assistance Application from the Big Creek Community Association

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-12

Moved Director Anderson

Seconded Director Pare

That a Grant for Assistance in the amount of \$1,000 from Electoral Area K be provided to the Big Creek Community Association to assist with costs of groceries for the Big Creek Roundup.

Carried

8.6 Year-Round Grant for Assistance Application from the Chimney Felker Lake Landholders Association

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-13

Moved Director LeBourdais

Seconded Director Massier

That a Grant for Assistance in the amount of \$1,000 from Electoral Area E be provided to the Chimney Felker Lake Landholders Association to assist with food and beverage costs for a community fundraiser.

Carried

9. ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Forest Grove Fire Protection – Firehall Renovation Assent Vote

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-14

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Director Forseth

That the Cariboo Regional District proceed to an assent vote (referendum) in July 2026 for borrowing to renovate the firehall for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service.

Carried

2026-04-15

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Director Massier

That Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer/Deputy CAO, be appointed Chief Election Officer, and Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer/Executive Assistant, be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Firehall Renovation Assent Vote.

Carried

2026-04-16

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Alternate Director Roodenburg

That by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3rds of the votes cast, the Cariboo Regional District Board hereby provides that the participating area approval is to be obtained for the entire service area in the assent vote on Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 5556, 2026 and Forest Grove Fire Protection Firehall Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5566, 2026.

Carried

2026-04-17

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Director Richmond

That the question to be put to the electors for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service firehall renovation assent vote be as follows:

“Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District adopting:

- **Bylaw 5566:** to authorize the borrowing of up to \$880,000 over 10 years to provide for the renovation of the existing firehall for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service; and

- **Bylaw 5556:** to increase the service's annual taxation limit to a maximum of \$1.4475/\$1,000 of assessed property value or \$548,808, whichever is higher?

(This borrowing will result in an estimated total annual parcel tax of \$141 per parcel.)”

Carried

9.2 NCLGA Resolution – Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services – Consideration of Co-Sponsorship

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-18

Moved Director de Vries

Seconded Alternate Director Nelson

That correspondence be sent to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) accepting its invitation for the CRD to co-sponsor an NCLGA resolution entitled, “Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services”, as a signatory to the Mental Health and Addictions Accord.

Carried

11. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 Community Engagement Sessions Policy

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-19

Moved Director de Vries

Seconded Director Pare

That the following recommendation from the Policy Committee on March 19, 2026, be endorsed:

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

Carried

11.2 CRD Graphic Standards Manual Policy

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-20

Moved Director LeBourdais

Seconded Director de Vries

That the following recommendation from the Policy Committee on March 19, 2026, be endorsed:

That the Cariboo Regional District Graphic Standards Manual Policy be endorsed as attached.

Carried

11.3 CRD Privacy Management Program Policy - Amendment

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-21

Moved Director de Vries

Seconded Director Massier

That the following recommendation from the Policy Committee on March 19, 2026, be endorsed:

That the amendment to the Privacy Management Program Policy be approved.

Carried

11.4 Indoor Multi-Use Facility Working Group

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-22

Moved Director LeBourdais

Seconded Alternate Director Nelson

That the following recommendation from the Central Cariboo Joint Committee on April 1, 2026, be endorsed:

That Mayor Rathor and Stacey Miranda from the City of Williams Lake, and Director Neufeld and Darron Campbell from the Cariboo Regional District be

appointed to a Working Group for the development of an Indoor Multi-Use Facility in the Central Cariboo.

Carried

OPPOSED: Director Forseth voted in opposition.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

7. DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

7.1 11:30 p.m. - Delegation - NCLGA

Gladys Atrill, President and Terry Robert, Executive Director - North Central Local Government Association, attended virtually to provide information on the Association and its recent activities.

The meeting recessed at 11:54 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

11. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

11.5 Virtual Streaming and Recording Options for North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee Meetings

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-23

Moved Director Bachmeier

Seconded Alternate Director Nelson

“That the following recommendation from the North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee held February 10, 2026, be endorsed:

That staff be directed to implement recording and posting of Joint Advisory Committee meetings on the City of Quesnel website.”

Carried

2026-04-24

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Director Bachmeier

That staff be directed to explore similar opportunities for posting recordings of meetings in the central and south Cariboo.

Carried

11.6 R.I.S.E Society

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-25

Moved Director LeBourdais

Seconded Alternate Director Nelson

That the following recommendation from the Central Cariboo Joint Committee on April 1, 2026, be endorsed:

That a letter of support be provided to the R.I.S.E Society from the Cariboo Regional District.

Carried

11.7 Update to Remuneration of Election Officials Policy

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-26

Moved Director Massier

Seconded Director Pare

That the following recommendation from the Policy Committee on March 19, 2026, be endorsed:

That Policy #02-04B-5(6) Remuneration for Election Officers/Officials be endorsed as amended to increase the flat rate paid to election officials from \$330/\$230 to \$375/\$275 reflecting current minimum wage requirements in BC.

Carried

12. BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THREE READINGS

12.1 Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 5556, 2026

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-27

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Director Richmond

That Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 5556, 2026 be read a first, second, and third time this 10th day of April 2026.

Carried

12.2 Forest Grove Fire Protection Firehall Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5566, 2026

Corporate Vote - Weighted

2026-04-28

Moved Chair Wagner

Seconded Director de Vries

That Forest Grove Fire Protection Firehall Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5566, 2026 be read a first, second, and third time this 10th day of April 2026.

Carried

13. BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION

13.1 Map Services and Fees Bylaw No. 5568, 2026

Corporate Vote – Weighted

2026-04-29

Moved Director Forseth

Seconded Director Audet

That Map Services and Fees Bylaw No. 5568, 2026 be read a first, second, and third time this 10th day of April 2026.

Carried

2026-04-30

Moved Director Massier
Seconded Director Bachmeier

That Map Services and Fees Bylaw No. 5568, 2026 be adopted this 10th day of April 2026.

Carried

14. BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

14.1 Wildwood Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 5565, 2026

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-31

Moved Director Forseth
Seconded Director LeBourdais

That Wildwood Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 5565, 2026 be adopted this 10th day of April 2026.

Carried

15. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS, REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

15.2 Request from Director Forseth – ALC and TRU

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-32

Moved Director Forseth
Seconded Director Bachmeier

That a letter be forwarded to the BC Minister of Agriculture & Food expressing disappointment that the 2026 provincial budget did not allocate the necessary financial resources for the work of the Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) and has now caused ALC staff layoffs and will cause longer processing times for ALR Applications, while current processing time for ALR applications already frustrate Cariboo-Chilcotin ranchers and farmers, and that the Cariboo Regional District

respectfully asks that the 2027 Provincial Budget allocate the appropriate financial resources for the Agriculture Land Commission and its very necessary work and finally, that a copy of this letter be forwarded to BC's Minister of Finance.

Carried

2026-04-33

Moved Alternate Director Nelson

Seconded Director Forseth

That a letter be sent to the Thompson Rivers University (TRU) Board expressing the Cariboo Regional District Board's concern and opposition to the closure of the TRU campus in Williams Lake and the reduction of university/trades courses and services in Williams Lake and the Cariboo Regional District, with a copy to the City of Williams Lake, MLA Doerkson, and MLA Claire. Further, that the Thompson Rivers University President and Chief Financial Officer be invited to attend a CRD Board meeting to discuss the future of the Williams Lake campus.

Carried

2026-04-34

Moved Director Audet

Seconded Director Massier

That the appointment of all current members of the Kersley Recreation Commission is hereby rescinded, and the following members are appointed:

Brad Arnoldus, Alex Berlinguette, Autumn Berlinguette, Donna Campbell, Dustin Campbell, Kathy Dyer, Donna Koning, Jennifer Lynn Sawatsky, and Christina Wilkinson.

Carried

16. DIRECTORS' ROUNDTABLE

The Directors may provide any brief updates at this time.

2026-04-35

Moved Director Bachmeier
Seconded Director Anderson

That Eva Navrot, Regional Mentor, Cariboo Chilcotin, BC Association of Community Response Networks, be invited to attend a future meeting to provide information on the activities and programs of the BCCRN.

Carried

17. ADJOURNMENT

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

2026-04-36

Moved Director LeBourdais
Seconded Director Forseth

That the meeting of Cariboo Regional District Board be adjourned at 2: 15 p.m., April 10, 2026.

Carried

Chair

Corporate Officer