



The Region of BC's Best

The Current



Highlights from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors' Meeting of March 29, 2018

Board Hears from Wildfire Recovery Manager

Bob Finley, TNRD Wildfire Recovery Manager, presented the Board with his TNRD Residential Wildfire Interim Recovery Report.

Finley was hired as Recovery Manager as one of a series of steps to help property owners with their recovery after the summer's devastating wildfires that destroyed more than 210 structures and damaged an additional 20. He co-ordinates efforts with property owners who have suffered structural damage or total loss.

As part of his interim report, Finley shared that he has been in direct contact with and assisted more than 102 of the 230 impacted property owners. He has also been involved in more than 600 recovery-related interactions with, or inquiries from, individuals, agencies and other parties involved in the delivery of recovery assistance.

As well, the report gives a synopsis of residential wildfire recovery challenges, needs, and gaps. The interim report will be available for viewing at www.tnrd.ca in the coming week.

Five-Year Financial Plan Adopted

The 2018-2022 TNRD Financial Plan was adopted. The average residential taxpayer in Kamloops will see an increase of \$2.68 per household. The average residential taxpayer in the rest of the Regional District will see changes ranging from a decrease of \$15.54 (Electoral Area "E") to an increase of \$32.82 (Sun Peaks). The plan will be available for viewing at www.tnrd.ca in the coming week.

Solid Waste Contracts Awarded

A total of three (3) series of five-year contracts

were awarded for operations, maintenance, and hauling services at all TNRD solid waste facilities. All contracts begin on July 1, 2018.

For the purpose of these tenders, the TNRD was split into three sub-regions — the western TNRD, Thompson Valley and Nicola Valley. The three contracts were awarded as follows:

- Thompson Valley Solid Waste Management Facilities Operations, Maintenance & Hauling Services (estimated value of \$8,554,000): SCV Contractors Corporation
- Western TNRD Solid Waste Management Facilities Operations, Maintenance & Hauling Services (estimated value of \$4,072,000): SCV Contractors Corporation
- Nicola Valley Landfill and Transfer Station Operations and Maintenance (estimated value of \$3,284,000): Cariboo Disposal Ltd.

Free Dump Days Announced

A Free Disposal Day (FDD) is once again planned for each transfer station and Eco-Depot.

The FDD events are scheduled over four weekends in April and May 2018. Residents may bring in one free load (maximum 8-foot pick-up truck box) to their local transfer station or Eco-Depot.

In addition, two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Round-up events are also planned for Kamloops and Merritt.

The HHW events are a free opportunity for residents to dispose of unwanted hazardous material such as paint, pesticides, oil, antifreeze, cleaners, etc.

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Regular Board Meeting — Thursday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.

Utilities Meeting — Thursday, April 19, 10 a.m.

Invasive Plant Management Committee — Wednesday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.



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Most items typically brought in to the HHW events are also accepted year-round at TNRD Eco-Depots.

The schedule for the 2018 FDD and HHW events will be posted at www.tnrd.ca

North Thompson Sportsplex Biomass Project Gets Funding

The Board approved the expenditure to a maximum of \$24,000 from Federal Gas Tax Revenues -Community Works Fund component allocated to Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country to fund a biomass energy project at the North Thompson Sportsplex.

It is expected that this project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower annual operating costs by using local fibre currently being shipped out of the area.