

Lac La Hache Community Works Funds Approved

The Regional District approved an application for up to \$18,000 of Community Works Funding from the Lac La Hache Community Club, which owns and operates the Rolf Zeis Memorial Arena. The funding will be used for lighting upgrades and other improvements at the arena. The upgrades will improve the energy efficiency of the building, resulting in improved annual energy savings for the facility.

NCLGA Executive

The Cariboo Regional District received information about the nomination process for the 2012-2013 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Executive. The CRD will be nominating 100 Mile House Director and Mayor Mitch Campsall as President. The Election of Officers for the NCLGA will take place at the AGM and Convention in 100 Mile House which is being jointly co-hosted by the District of 100 Mile House and the CRD May 2-4, 2012 at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre. Further information about the NCLGA is available online at www.nclga.ca

NDIT Funding Applications and Update

The CRD will be submitting applications to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for three community based projects in the amount of \$30,000 each. Applications will be for the development of six wheelchair accessible wilderness trails in the central Cariboo and four accessible trails in the south Cariboo. The Regional District will also submit an application to NDIT Regional Trust Account on behalf of the Cariboo Mountain Bike Consortium and the Williams Lake Cycling Club to develop a mountain bike signature trail in Williams Lake and the surrounding area. Later in the meeting, Janine North, CEO, and Dean McKinley, Regional Manager, Economic Development, from NDIT provided the CRD with a brief overview of their 14 funding programs, their policies and administration of funds. Further information about NDIT is available online at www.nditrust.ca

CCRHD Approves Capital Funding

The Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District (CCRHD) approved in principle the 2012/2013 fiscal year capital funding request from Interior Health in the amount of \$476,000. This amount represents the CCRHD's 40% share of the cost of two proposed projects for the Cariboo Memorial Hospital. The first project is the acquisition of a Mammography System for \$400,000, while the second purchase would be a Nurse Call System for \$76,000.

New Fire Truck for 108 VFD

The 108 VFD's new Fire Truck is now operational. The Freightliner unit powered by a 330 Horsepower Cummins Engine will replace the 1977 Ford being retired this year. The unit was purchased at a cost \$220,000.00 with a down payment of \$100,000.00 the remainder will be paid off by a lease to purchase agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority over 5 years. The E1 Pumper was manufactured by First Truck Center in Surrey.



South Cariboo Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual Business Excellence Awards

The Academy Awards dinner will be held on Saturday March 3 at the 100 Mile Community Hall and all are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$35, available now at the Chamber office. Seating is limited so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



Volunteer Firefighters Needed !!!

The Cariboo Regional District is conducting a recruitment drive for new Volunteers for Fire Departments in our region.

Who Can Join?

If you are over the age of 18, have a few hours to spare each month, and would like to become part of keeping your community safe, you are eligible to join. Become part of the team in your area.

Why Get Involved?

Firefighting is satisfying, rewarding and offers constant challenges both personally and professionally. Membership in some departments has declined recently and we need to meet the minimum numbers to continue to run these vital services. Busy work schedules and personal commitments sometimes play a part in how many people can respond to emergencies on any given day. The one hour you have free to respond, day or night, may save a life or a home.

What Will It Cost to Join?

Getting involved with your community fire department will cost you basically nothing except your time. All of your professional training, personal protective gear and insurance coverage while on duty are covered.

How do I Get Involved?

Contact the Fire Chief in your community and let it be known **you** are ready to make a difference.

Lac La Hache call Chief Terry Murphy at 250-706-9750

108 Mile Ranch Chief Marcelle Ried 250-706-8048

Lone Butte Chief Jaret Scott 250-395-6665

100 Mile Chief Darrell Blades 250-395-2152

Emergency Planning Open Houses

Thanks to those of you who took the time to come out to our Emergency Planning meetings in Lac La Hache, 108 and Lone Butte. The objective of the Open Houses was to collect information that will aid in emergency planning and during an evacuation. Maps of communities were on hand along with the opportunity to register equipment for hire, volunteer emergency contact information, provide information on the status of local roads and identify features in the area. Please take the time to complete our online survey if you couldn't attend.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EmergencyPlanningCR>
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The survey will remain open until Feb.29, 2012.

2011 Census Results

The 2011 Stats Canada Census results are in. Below are the results for the South Cariboo.

	Population		
	2011	2006	% change
Cariboo G	4,955	4,974	-0.4
Cariboo H	1,569	1,744	-10.0
Cariboo L	4,177	4,316	-3.2
100 Mile	1,886	1,885	0.1

For complete details click on the link below

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/dp-pd/hlt-fst/pd-pl/Table-Tableau.cfm?LANG=Eng&T=304&PR=59&S=51&O=A&RPP=10>

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Please pass this on to others in the community who may be interested.