



**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**TO:** Chair Reg Moody and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Darla Blake, CAO  
**SUBJECT: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT -  
04 June 2015**

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**RECOMMENDATION - Chief Administrative Officer's Report**  
**THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer's Report dated 04 June 2015 be received.

**RECOMMENDATION – Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership**  
**THAT** the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) be asked to advise the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), that the Central Coast Regional District **does/does not** wish to renew its membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**All 2015 Strategic Priorities updates will be included as appropriate under specific activity reports:**

1. ***Solid Waste Management Plan:***  
Public Works Manager's reports
  
2. ***Shearwater Water System:***  
Public Works Manager's reports
  
3. ***Asset Management Planning:***  
Public Works Manager's reports
  
4. ***Official Community Plan:***  
Transportation and Land Use Coordinator's reports
  
5. ***Economic Development Plan:***  
Community Economic Development Officer's reports

Board Meeting  
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## **GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

### **Board Workshop to Discuss Restructure Issue - update**

The Board held discussions on restructure issues at its workshop with Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development on 10th June 2015. At this point in time, if there are any recommendations the Board wishes to bring forward as resolutions from the workshop, this is the opportunity to do so.

### **Board Evaluation Process Workshop**

The Board held discussions on an evaluation process for the Board on 10th June 2015. At this point in time, if there are any recommendations the Board wishes to bring forward for resolution, this is the opportunity to do so.

### **Review of Basic Telecommunications Services Underway**

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) has issued a notice of consultation to examine its policies regarding basic telecommunications services in Canada including affordability, level of service and whether areas are underserved or without service.

The review will be undertaken in two phases. The deadline for comments on Phase 1 deliberations is June 30, 2015. Phase 2 will commence in the fall of 2015 and will focus on asking Canadians to provide their opinions on the "telecommunications services they consider necessary to participate meaningfully in the digital economy today and in the future." Further details on the scope and procedures for phase 2 will be forthcoming at a later date.

UBCM will be working with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to prepare a submission as part of the Phase 1 deliberations. Local governments wishing to make a submission can do so directly to the CRTC, but UBCM would request that a copy of your submission be sent to Marie Crawford, UBCM Associate Executive Director, so we can ensure your feedback is incorporated into the FCM's response.

In the past, the CCRD, in partnership with the Cariboo Regional District, has lobbied for consideration of cell phone coverage in the Chilcotin-Cariboo from Bella Coola to Williams Lake. As you know, there are many areas throughout district and in particular the cellphone coverage between Williams Lake and Bella Coola, Route 20 which are largely unserved.

The current request for comments is an opportunity to revisit our request for expansion of the cell phone coverage, and to discuss with the Board, their position on this issue.

The Chief Administrative Officer of the Cariboo Regional District (Janis Bell) has been contacted to see if their Board would like to revisit this issue in collaboration

with CCRD. Ms Bell advised she will put the request before her board on 12 June 2015, and get back to CCRD with their decision.

**GENERAL**

**Request of Board – to sign campaign**

A request has been received for the Board to consider joining the campaign to restrict further expansion of ocean salmon farming.

While ocean salmon farming is outside the scope of mandates for the regional district, from an economic development perspective this controversial activity does provide about 6000 to coastal communities and contributes to nearly \$400 million in export sales. In total the industry is worth about \$800 million per year to British Columbia.

Many coastal communities and their local governments are strong supporters of aquaculture because of its importance to local economic development; its sustainability and a renewal resource; and its employment opportunities particularly with the reduction of employment in forestry, tourism, and commercial fishing.

On the other hand, there are also a number of opponents to salmon farming, and in particular an open letter dated 1 June 2015 was signed by Fraser River First Nations, to Premier Christy Clark, on the protection of wild salmon.

It is recommended the Board, only receive the request to sign onto the campaign to restrict further expansion of ocean salmon farming, and take no further action.

**Request for letter of support – Denny Island Community Development Association**

The Denny Island Community Development Association (DICDA) are in the process of making an application to the Heart and Stroke Foundation's PAD program, for an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Treasurer, Mark Schlichting of DICDA wrote to the CCRD asking for a letter of support for their application.

They wish to place an AED at the community hall. Mr. Schlichting cited two incidents where one resident and one visitor were lost to cardiac arrests. Given the length of time to transport a person to the nearest hospital at Bella Bella, the AED is seen as an invaluable asset to the Denny Island community, and more importantly could save lives.

In the essence of time, a letter of support was sent to DICDA, on behalf of the Board, and gratefully received by Mr. Schlichting.

**FCM Membership**

Earlier this year, CCRD received an invoice for membership to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). The cost of an annual membership is approximately \$300 per year. Administration undertook a review of the benefits of being a member of FCM; a review of cost vs benefits was assessed; and a decision was made to not renew the membership.

An email was recently received signed by the FCM president and chief executive officer asking us to reconsider our membership and would we put the membership renewal question to our next meeting for board consideration, then to follow up with FCM on the board's decision.

FCM pointed out in their email, a number of programs they have advocated on behalf of local governments, including the indexing of the Gas Tax Fund. However, many if not most of the other programs and funds available to members we do not qualify for, as we are either too small or the cost share contribution is too high for us to participate.

With our limited budget, it was viewed that we would be better off to invest the money that may have been spent on a membership with little to no benefit to the region, and put the budget money toward a tangible project.

The board is being asked to provide a decision on whether they wish to re-establish their membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), or not.

Respectfully Submitted

Darla Blake  
Chief Administrative Officer