

Area C (RDKS): 2019 Year End Report

Director(s): Bruce Bidgood (elected), Lori McPherson (alternate)

Areas Included: Kitimaat Village, Jackpine, Lakelse Lake, Old Remo, Gossen, Chimdimash, Kleanza, Gitaus, Usk, Copperside, North Terrace, Rosswood, Kitsumkalum, New Remo, Klemtu, other unincorporated residences surrounding Kitimat and Terrace

Events Attended:

- 9/10 Regular RDKS Board meetings
- 6/6 Northwest Regional Hospital District meetings
- 3 public hearings
- 2 Mills Memorial Redevelopment Advisory Committee meetings
- 3 RDKS training sessions
- RDKS Community Committees: Heritage Park, Kitimat Public Advisory Committee (Rio Tinto)
- North Central Local Government Association AGM (Williams Lake)
- Rosswood Community Association
- Jackpine Flats Halloween celebration
- Lakelse Watershed AGM
- regular meetings with RDKS CAO, Bylaw Officer, Bylaw Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- regular meetings with constituents from Area C including: North Terrace, Lakelse, Rosswood, Jackpine, Gitaux, Kitsumkalum,
- Chair of RDKS Economic Development Committee, Vice-Chair NW Regional Hospital District

Financial Situation:

- Tax Rate has gone down in 2019
- projected tax rate increase for Mills Memorial hospital construction approx. 15% less than expected
- \$1.75 million available from Gas Tax for capital projects
- \$500,000 available from Kimano fund for capital and operations
- \$40,000 funding to Lakelse Watershed society
- approx. \$20,000 funding to Heritage Park (Grant in Aid)
- continue to pay 1/3 of cost of services to the area including: Sportsplex, Pool, Library, Cemetery
- request from RDKS to use Klemtu funds (originally intended for Area C residents) for general revenues

Major Issues:

- Animal Control (Lakelse, Jackpine, North Terrace)
- Noise By-law complaints (rural Area C)
- Water, Sewer and septic tank management (Lakelse)
- Livestock control bylaw (Jackpine)
- Rosswood: excessive speeds in residential area
- Mills Memorial: escalating contractor proposal costs