

Board Highlights

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

Highlights From

November 28, 2019 Public School Board Meeting

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Next Public School Board Meeting

January 23, 2020
Central Board Office

Repurposing of Exshaw School

Exshaw School District No 1969 entered into a tuition agreement with the Minister of Indian Affairs (INAC) and Northern Development effective January 1, 1973 to provide education services to First Nation's students who lived on the Stoney Nation but requested to attend Exshaw School. Funds for providing educational services were received directly from the federal government in Ottawa.

In August 2019, CRPS received notification from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) that this agreement would be terminated effective September 2020 and that a new agreement would have CRPS invoicing Stoney Education Authority (SEA) for this educational funding. Despite multiple efforts by Canadian Rockies School Division to meet with ISC, a new agreement has yet to be reached.

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, Canadian Rockies must plan for the possibility that an acceptable agreement will not be reached. Two Community Engagement meetings have been held, one for Exshaw Community residents and one for Stoney families to gain input and feedback from these stakeholders.

Several options have been proposed and submitted to the board for consideration. At this time, CRPS must move forward with planning in the event that an agreement will not be reached. While CRPS is still hopeful that an acceptable agreement will be reached, extending this process would have major negative impacts on CRPS operations as a whole, for staff, and ultimately, for students.

Solar Panel Project

Canadian Rockies School Division (CRSD) is dedicated to being environmentally conscious! As a division, we are committed to taking steps to help address climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As a member of the Bow Valley, CRSD wants to assist in improving our community's overall energy efficiencies.

We began with a small installation at Banff Community High School in 2010. We have continued to add over the years and most recently, over the last two years, have continued with panel installations at Banff Elementary School, Lawrence Grassi Middle School and Canmore Collegiate High School. At the present time we have a total of 1319 solar panels that have the capacity to generate 486,879 KWH of electrical energy. Examples of instructional links that our educators are using within classrooms across CRSD can be found on the [CRPS website](#)

Possible Reinstatement of School Fees—2020-2021 School Year

Canadian Rockies School Division is proposing a discussion surrounding the reinstatement of school fees for the 2020-2021 school year, depending on what transpires with the next provincial budget. "School fees funding" was one area that was cut in the last provincial budget.

Paid Parking—Summer and Weekends

In keeping with the discussions that are happening at both the Town of Banff and the Town of Canmore, and as Canadian Rockies School Division grapples with funding challenges, it was suggested that both LGMS parking lot and BCHS parking lot could easily be a paid parking revenue stream during the summer months and weekends. This is currently under consideration and would help offset budget pressures by feeding into the budget and assisting with staffing challenges.



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