



## Official Trustee

Mike McKay

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Director of Instruction, Human Resources

# North Okanagan-Shuswap Synopsis

Highlights of the July 10, 2018 School District No. 83 Board Meeting

### Off to Tanzania

Official Trustee Mike McKay gave approval in principle to change the destination of the district's Me to We Trip to Tanzania from the previously approved Nicaragua.

Lisa Coombs-Smith, one of the organizers, reported that the decision to move the trip came out of concerns about unrest in Nicaragua. After a discussion, and with student safety in mind it was decided Tanzania would be the new destination.

The trip will take place over Spring Break in 2019. The students will travel just northwest of Mount Kilimanjaro, where they will help locals build and restore a school, experience local culture and learn about global issues.

In approving the change, McKay acknowledged the work by teacher sponsors in organizing these trips. "These experiences are life changing for our students."

### Trip to Quebec

Students at A.L. Fortune will have the opportunity to take part in a trip March 17-27 to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City.

Organized by teacher Sherri Field, McKay approved in principle the proposed trip which will see students will have the opportunity to be immersed in Canadian culture and history, visit the Parliament Buildings, museums and Chateau Frontenac.

### Autobody Course

A Board/ Authority Authorized Course for Introduction to Auto Body 10 will be offered at A.L. Fortune this September.

This course is an introductory course in auto collision. Skills and activities that are introduced include welding, panel and dent repair, surface preparation, painting, auto detailing, automotive skill set checklists, plastic and paint labs. Once the introductory skills have been taught, students will have an opportunity to bring in their own smaller projects (upon approval by the instructor) or work on a larger designated vehicle project.

McKay thanked Vice-Principal Pam Chudiak for the detailed information about the BAA course. He questioned whether the course was sustainable. "Oh yes. We have a great shop, a very invested teacher and lots of interest from our students," she added.

McKay approved the course.

### Trustee Remuneration

With a new five member board to be elected in the fall, Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Bittante reviewed 17 similar sized school districts and five local municipal council-

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lor stipends, to bring two recommendations to McKay for consideration.

She recommended that the base remuneration for trustee, effective November 1, 2018, be \$13,500 and that additional \$3,000 be paid to the Board Chair and \$1,500 to Vice-Chair.

Bittante used 17 similar sized school districts (enrolment between 4,000 and 10,000) as comparators, with two anomalies being removed (West Vancouver and New Westminister) as they paid their trustees in excess of \$20,000. The remaining districts remuneration ranged from \$11,000 to \$16,392.

For further comparison she researched local councillor stipend amounts which ranged from the City of Enderby's \$8,500 to the City of Salmon Arm's \$22,100.

After approving the remuneration recommendation, McKay also approved the annual adjustment of trustee remuneration, effective December 1st of each year (beginning in 2019), be based on the BC Consumer Price Index change from the prior year.

### **Policies Approved**

Approval was given to a group of policies which will serve as guidelines to the new board, when it is elected in October.

McKay gave third reading and approval to Roles and Responsibilities of the Board, Board Delegation of Authority, Monitoring Board Performance, Trustee Attendance, Trustee Code of Conduct, Trustee Conflict of Interest, Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Trustee Professional Development, Accumulated Operating Surplus (Reserve), and Budget Monitoring and Reporting.

McKay thanked all those involved for the work on getting the policies in place. "It was important to do."

He added the new policies also help address recommendations in the Watson Report.

### **Announcements**

McKay thanked Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Bittante for all of her efforts for the district. Bittante is leaving the district for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) at the end of August.

Also, he expressed his thanks to Director of Instruction Dianne Ballance who is staying with the district but is moving into the position of District Principal of Student Learning.

### **Next meeting**

The next regular public meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, September 11 at 6 p.m. at the DESC.