



DIRECTOR REPORT

To:Regional Board

From:Director John Rice

Date:July 3, 2023

Subject:BC Hydro for Cedar Creek and Upper Campbell Lake

Background:

The recent public meeting at Strathcona Lodge June 26th 2023 revealed that there is still interest from residents in the hopes of getting a BC Hydro Hookup.

Currently residents are using generators, solar, and wind to provide power to homes and cottages.

In 2012 a working group of area residents and BC Hydro started exploring various costing and cost recovery scenarios under the BC Hydro's Remote Community Electrification Program. However in 2013 BC Hydro cancelled this program after months of work citing budget constraints.

It is worthy to note that at the time BC Hydro had been working with 11 remote B.C. communities to supply them with power when the utility cancelled its electrification program. Prior to that, Hydro brought service to eight communities – seven aboriginal and one non-aboriginal – under the program.

Proposed motion:

THAT staff contact BC Hydro and other agencies to determine if there are any programs available at this time that could assist this remote community with obtaining electrical power and to report their findings back to the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Rice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Rice

Director