

# District of Barriere

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> July 16, 2018	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> C. Hannigan, CAO
<b>Re: CAO Update</b>	

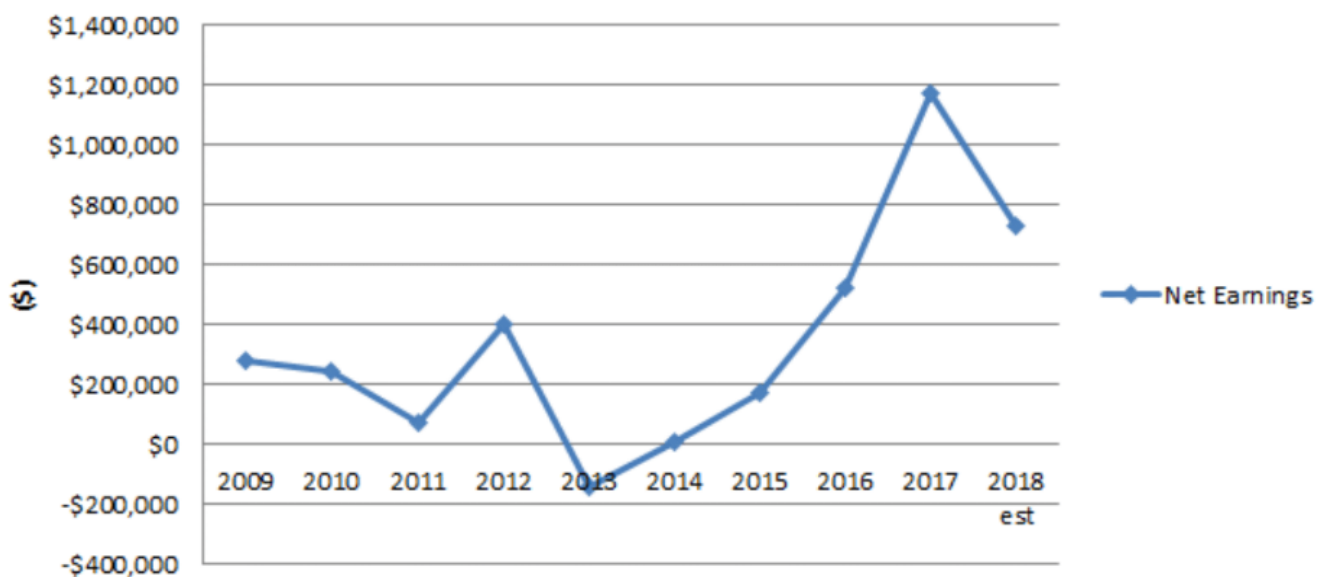
**Wells and Reservoir Update:** The District is still waiting for the Short Term Use Permit to be issued by the Ministry of Environment, but has been assured that should we need to pump into the system due to a failure with our existing well that will be allowed. The repave of a portion of the hill by the high school to get rid of the waves in the pavement is scheduled to happen forthwith.

**Station Rd. Water Project:** The service connections were installed this past week. All that is left is general cleanup final tie-in and paving which we do not have a schedule for at this time.

**Townfolio Economic Development site:** The District has registered for free with a new economic development website that has most of our community information already uploaded to the site. They will keep this info up to date and we can add opportunities as they arise. It is very user friendly and we will be populating it over the next month or two.

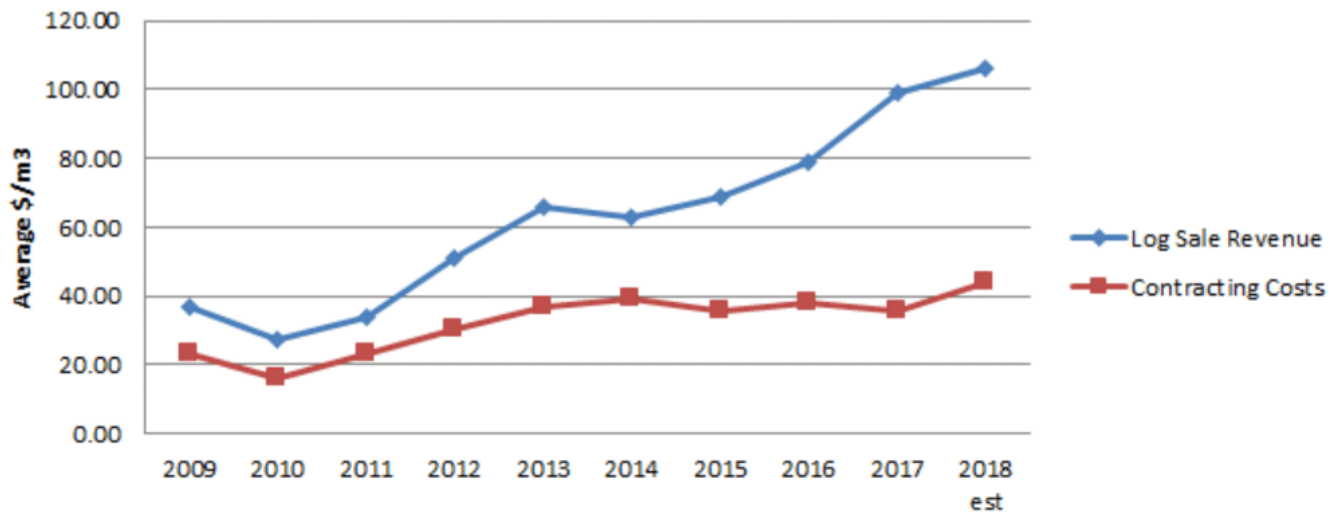
**Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society (LNTCFS) Community Meeting:** Mike Francis and Harley Wright, assisted by other employees, provided an interesting update on the LNTCFS's activities over the last two years. The 8,254 ha community forest runs from just west of East Barriere Lake between the Barriere R. and the Dixon Lakes. The Society generated \$2.67 million in sales in 2016/17 fiscal with a total volume of 26,957m<sup>3</sup> of wood. They sell to Tolko Heffley (19%), Gilbert Smith (19%), Interfor (57%) and other various smaller firewood, house logs, rails and pulp. They use a number of smaller local contractors for logging, silviculture and development planning.

### Net Earnings (\$)



A recent positive change is the Single Cutting Permit for their entire Community Forest Management Plan Area instead of the old cut block permits.

### Log Sale Revenue vs Contracting Costs per m3

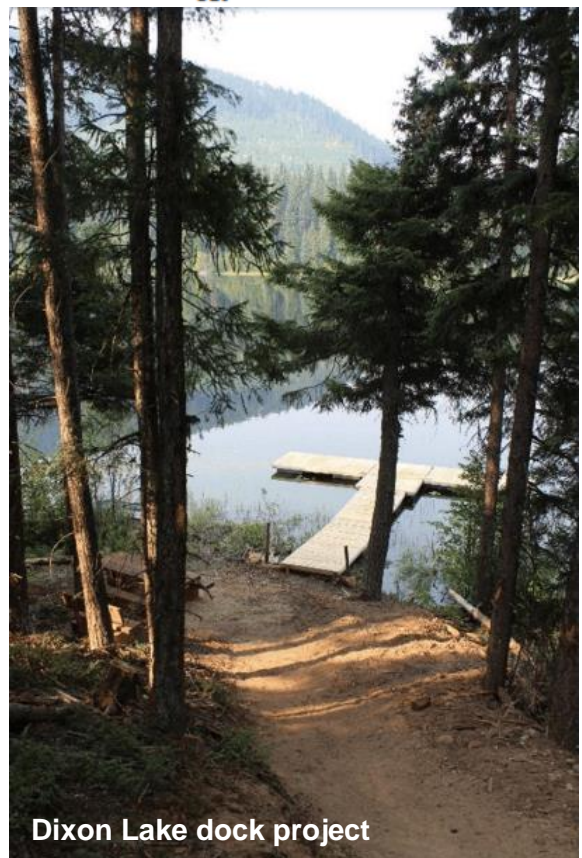


LNTCFS are also making significant benefits to the lands base through stumping to combat root disease, planting 105,000 new seedlings in the spring of 2017 and 109,000 in 2018. They put \$30,000 per year in the Community Forest Stewardship Fund towards rehabilitation, incremental silviculture and recreation.

In 2017 they fertilized 827 hectares by air, an investment of \$435,000. They invested \$20,000 into legacy roads, landings and trail rehabilitation.

For five years they have hired two summer students at the university level and sponsor JCP (Job Creation Partnership) projects which provides training and work experience for EI funded participants. They have worked on mountain bike trails, and built docks, picnic tables, benches, outhouses and other structures for rec sites and other community uses.

Over the last year they have developed the property on Gilbert Dr. with municipal water and power to service a 120'x35' covered mill area, a brand new kiln and a firewood saw/splitter machine leveraging \$200,000 from Rural Dividend. They were also recipients of the \$10,000 2018 Robin Hood Memorial Award for Excellence for a well-structured and strong board and community support.



**Dixon Lake dock project**

Over the past two seasons (15/16, 16/17) they have provided \$50,000 in educational bursaries and \$208,978 to community grants which included the Lions Playground redevelopment at the Ridge and the Splash In the Past project.

**Recommendations: That Council accept the report for information**

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