

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 9**

**Thursday, July 23, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Eileen Benedict  
Shane Brienens  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob MacDougall – arrived at 11:12 a.m.  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Gerry Thiessen – arrived at 10:47 a.m.

Director Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake

Absent

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator  
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – left at 1:38 p.m.  
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 11:05 a.m. – left at 11:50 a.m.  
Deborah Jones-Middleton – left at 11:50 a.m. – returned at 12:48 p.m. – left at 1:38 p.m. – returned at 1:50 p.m.  
Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner 1 – arrived at 11:55 a.m.  
Jason Blackwell, Regulation Compliance Officer – arrived at 11:53 a.m. – left at 1:45 p.m.

Others Lynda Gagne, University of Victoria (Via Conference Call) – left at 11:15 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-9-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of July 23, 2015 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**– June 25, 2015**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

**2015-9-2**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2015 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DELEGATION**

### **Lynda Gagne, PhD, CPA, CGA – Assistant Professor, University of Victoria – Fiscal Sustainability and Local Governments**

Chair Miller welcomed Lynda Gagne, Assistant Professor, University of Victoria.

Ms. Gagne provided a PowerPoint Presentation. She advised that her presentation would cover the following topics:

- Fiscal sustainability reporting in Canada;
- Canadian fiscal sustainability issues;
- BC fiscal sustainability issues;
- Local and total government finance trends;
- sustainable fiscal policies.

#### **Fiscal Sustainability Defined**

- International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB):
  - The ability of government to meet its service delivery and financial commitments both now and in the future. (Reporting on the Long-Term Sustainability of Public Finances, November 2009; emphasis added);
  - CPA Canada’s Public Sector Accounting Board (Financial Condition)
    - The ability to meet existing financial obligations both in respect of its service commitments to the public and financial commitments to creditors, employees, and others.

#### **Fiscal Sustainability Challenges and Risks**

- Population aging;
- Climate change;
- Population growth and other environmental pressures;
- Infrastructure deficits;
- Unrealistic growth expectations;
- Unwillingness to pay for desired public services;
- Housing market prices bubbles.

#### **Fiscal Sustainability Reporting in Canada**

- PSAB’s SORP4: Indicators of Financial Condition (2009):
  - Elements of financial condition:
    - Sustainability;
    - Flexibility;
    - Vulnerability;
- Office of Parliamentary Budget Officer projections:
  - Key measure: fiscal gap
- Selected SORP4 Indicators of Financial Condition:
  - Sustainability Indicators:
    - net debt/financial assets-to-GDP or taxable assessment;
    - accumulated deficit/surplus-to-GDP or taxable assessment;
    - total expenses-to-GDP or taxable assessment;
  - Flexibility indicators
    - public debt charges-to-revenues;

**DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

**Lynda Gagne, PhD, CPA, CGA – Assistant Professor, University of Victoria – Fiscal Sustainability and Local Governments**

- net book value of capital assets-to-cost of capital assets;
- own-source revenues-to-GDP or taxable assessment.

Ms. Gagne showed a slide with the Canadian governments' fiscal gaps, 2014.

	Federal Government	Provincial and Territorial Governments	Provincial-Territorial and Local Governments	CPP and QPP Funds	Total
<b>2010</b>	1.0-1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>2011</b>	1.2	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>2012</b>	-1.4	n/a	2.0	-0.1	0.5
<b>2013</b>	-1.3	n/a	1.9	0.0	0.6
<b>2014</b>	-1.4	n/a	1.7	0.0	0.3

Ms. Gagne commented that the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer has been preparing fiscal sustainability reports since 2010. The PBO uses a 75 year time horizon in its projections. It defines the fiscal gap as the permanent change in the path of the government's primary balance (revenues less non-interest expenditure) that would need to be made immediately so that government debt as a share of GDP returns to the same ratio at the end of the projection as at the beginning. The 2014 report concludes that the sub-national fiscal gap can be closed with a mix of modest spending restraint and tax increases. However, the report neither mentions the words "climate change" or "infrastructure". Continuous stable growth is assumed and the only driver of the fiscal gap is the aging population.

**Canadian Fiscal Sustainability Issues (Infrastructure)**

- According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) *Canadian Infrastructure Report Card 2015*:
  - Municipal drinking-water and wastewater systems ranked "Good: Adequate for now,";
  - Stormwater systems ranged "Very good: Fit for the future";
  - Roads received an overall grade of "Fair: Requires attention";
  - 30% of municipal infrastructure ranks between "fair" and "very poor" with an estimated replacement cost of \$171.8 billion (111% of aggregate Canadian local government expense in 2013).
- New Building Canada Plan:
  - \$53 billion across Canada between 2014-2024;
  - In BC:
    - \$1.1 billion under the New Building Canada Fund;
    - \$2.76 billion under the Gas Tax Fund.

**BC Fiscal Sustainability Issues**

- BC local government per capita spending is low by Canadian standards;
- At \$893, BC local government total per capita property taxes are among the lowest in Canada;
- Non-residential taxes are comparable to other provinces;
- Business taxes are not generally a competitive problem in BC, except for specific situations;
- Recent municipal costs have been growing faster than the population and are often the result of decisions by other governments;

## **DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

### **Lynda Gagne, PhD, CPA, CGA – Assistant Professor, University of Victoria – Fiscal Sustainability and Local Governments**

- The Province had the highest announced marginal effective tax rates for 2014 at 27.1%;
- Real per capita GDP growth in BC between 1990 and 2010 was estimated at 19.8% compared to the Canadian average of 30.3%;
- The Province does not appear to have the capacity to substantially increase local government funding.

#### **Local and Total Government Finance Trends**

Ms. Gagne explained a slide that demonstrates that local government revenues-to-total government revenues have been declining while local government expenses-to-total government expenses have been increasing. This change is a reflection of all levels of government converging on equalizing expenses and revenues. She added that governments have shrunk in relation to the economy, from over 50% to around 40%. Debt servicing costs have been declining while infrastructure costs have been increasing.

#### **Sustainable Fiscal Policies**

Provincial and local government revenues need to increase and/or expenses decrease; fiscal policies also need to address the larger issues of climate change, conservation, and sustainability.

- Provincial and federal gas/carbon taxes can be implemented/enhanced and used to enrich infrastructure funding, including significantly enhanced funding for public transit and cycling infrastructure, and climate change-related infrastructure needs;
- Tolls on all major arteries in high population density areas with considerable single occupancy vehicle community should be considered;
- Pricing for water and sewer services can be enhanced to reflect full costs of infrastructure and shadows prices for water;
- Municipalities and regional authorities can continue to support solid waste reduction, recycling, and composting using pricing mechanisms and bylaws;
- Tax shifts such as these need to be accompanied by measures that compensate or insure low-cost minimum levels of services for low income households and that address competitiveness issues.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Gagne for her presentation.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

UBCM Convention (Vancouver, B.C.) Breakfast Meetings and RDBN Dinner Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-9-3

“That daily breakfast meetings and a dinner for RDBN Directors and staff be arranged during the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in Vancouver, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

### 2015 UBCM Premier/Cabinet Minister Meetings

Discussion took place regarding topics of discussion and Minister meetings that the Regional Board wishes to schedule during the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in September, 2015.

1. Attorney General and Minister of Justice:
  - Emergency services impact upon RDs;
2. Minister of Health:
  - FSJ Hospital replacement;
  - Primary health care in RDBN;
  - Mental health services;
3. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure:
  - Walking path on Stuart River Ridge, Fort St. James;
  - East/West end of Francois Lake (road closures during flooding events);
  - Colleymount Road (Electoral Area "E");
  - Highway 16 east of Vanderhoof passing lane;
4. Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations:
  - Oversight of Rio Tinto Alcan and its water license on the Nechako River;
  - Flooding events need to have the same priority criteria as a wildfire event;
5. Premier:
  - Oversight of Rio Tinto Alcan and its Water License on the Nechako River;
  - Compensation/mitigation for issues caused by Rio Tinto Alcan control of the Nechako Reservoir and River;
6. Network B.C.:
  - Rural connectivity;
7. Minister of Agriculture:
  - Reforestation of Agricultural Land;
  - Agricultural Land Commission;
  - Elk population;
8. Minister of Environment:
  - MMBC/ICI;
  - Air quality issues.

### 2014 Annual Report

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director MacDougall

### 2015-9-4

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Senior Financial Assistant's July 15, 2015 memo titled "2014 Annual Report." Further, that the 2014 RDBN Annual Report be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Federal Gas Tax Funds  
- Electoral Area "B" (Burns  
Lake Rural) – Village of  
Burns Lake

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-9-5

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$7,500 of Electoral Area "B" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Village of Burns Lake for a Recreation Infrastructure improvement project at the Tom Forsyth Arena parking lot;
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the purchase and installation of approved signage for the project to a maximum of \$300 cost, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

3. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$7,800 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Requests for Grant in Aid

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-9-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the following grant in aid applications:

- Smithers District Chamber of Commerce be given \$157.50 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for the "Environmental Business of the Year Award" at the 2015 Community and Business Awards;
- Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Big Pig Mountain Biking Festival;
- Lakes District Arts Council be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with events during the 2015/16 season;
- Southside Seniors Housing Society be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to assist with printing costs for the Heritage Cookbook and the Garden Tour Cookbook;
- Southside Seniors Housing Society be given \$400 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Southside Garden Tour 2015;
- Granisle Public Library be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) for computer upgrading and database instruction."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

### Emergency Resources Agreement (Mutual Aid)

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-9-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the memo titled “Emergency Resources Agreement” from Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager. Further, that the Board of Directors authorize the Topley Volunteer Fire Department to enter into the agreement.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Visit Bulkley-Nechako Advertising for 2016

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-9-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to place a half page advertisement in the 2016 Northern BC Travel Guide and PG Visitors Guide, as well as a two page advertisement with municipal partners in the 2016 MILEPOST at a combined RDBN cost of \$4,920.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Administration Reports

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-9-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Administration Reports:

- Manager of Regional Economic Development’s memo titled “SWOT Update”;
- Financial Administrator’s memo titled “Topley Emergency Response Contribution Service”;
- Rob Newell, Director, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) – Minerals North 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

### Region Wide Cardboard Ban - Workshop Summary

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-9-10

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services’ memo titled “Region Wide Cardboard Ban – Workshop Summary” dated July 14, 2015.
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors recommend proceeding with the implementation of a region wide cardboard ban beginning July 1, 2016.
3. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors adopt the following guiding principles associated with the cardboard ban:
  - a. The ban will apply equally to all residents, businesses, municipalities, industries, and institutions including educational facilities and hospitals. No cardboard is to be landfilled.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS (CONT'D)**

- b. The RDBN will work to ensure that, at minimum, drop-off cardboard recycling opportunities are available for residential customers.
- c. For institutional, commercial, and industrial (ICI) customers, the RDBN will not provide recycling services. It will be the responsibility of ICI sector customers to arrange for cardboard recycling services directly with local collectors and recycling service providers.
- 4. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to issue the "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Region Wide Cardboard Ban – Media Release to provide an initial notice of the intent of the RDBN to implement a region wide cardboard ban beginning July 1, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Solid Waste Management Plan** Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Brien

**2015-9-11**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' July 14, 2015 memorandum titled "Solid Waste Management Plan – MoE Planning Guideline Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Miller introduced 2 new RDBN staff to the Board of Directors; Jason Blackwell, Regulation Compliance Officer and Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner 1.

**Break for lunch at 12:08 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 12:48 p.m.**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)**

**ALR Applications**

**Application No. 1181**  
**Hendrick and Jenny DeJong**  
**Subdivision within the ALR**  
**Electoral Area "A"**

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

**2015-9-12**

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1181 (DeJong) be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for denial."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CONT'D)**

Reconsideration of Application Moved by Director Parker  
No. 1167 – David, Susan, Seconded by Director Fisher  
Glen, and Joanna Dyck  
- Subdivision within the ALR  
Electoral Area “B”

2015-9-13

“That staff send the letter attached to the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 report from the Planner to the ALC Executive Committee regarding their reconsideration of the North Panel’s decision recorded as resolution #182/2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REFERRALS**

Major Permit Amendment Moved by Director Fisher  
Referral – SLR Consulting Seconded by Director Bachrach  
(Canada) Ltd for New Pro (2007)  
- Electoral Area “A”

2015-9-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to respond to the Major Permit Amendment under the provisions of the *Environmental Management Act* for NewPro as follows:

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has the expectation that the Ministry of Environment’s permitting process will ensure impacts on public health are minimized. Further, that the Ministry of Environment outlines how it will work with businesses, residents, and local government to develop an emission reduction action plan to reduce particulate in the Bulkley Valley to meet provincial guidelines.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 7409701 Moved by Director Greenaway  
(amended) Ross and Sandra Seconded by Director MacDougall  
Davidson – Electoral Area “C”

2015-9-15

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409701” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Referral 7409701.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 0276555 Moved by Director Parker  
- Mike and Amanda Nelson Seconded by Director Lindstrom  
Electoral Area “D”

2015-9-16

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 0276555” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Referral 0276555.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REFERRALS (CONT'D)**

Land Referral File No. 7409547 Moved by Director Petersen  
David and Patricia Griffith Seconded by Director Greenaway  
Electoral Area "F"

2015-9-17

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409547" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 7409547."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Socio-Economic Effects  
Management Plan  
(SEEMP)

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-9-18

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct that staff:

1. send a letter to TransCanada, the Oil and Gas Commission, the Environmental Assessment Office, and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development outlining the RDBN's comments regarding the draft SEEMP for the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Pipeline as recommended in the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 staff report from the Director of Planning; and
2. advise members of the public with complaints relating to pipeline construction activities to address those complaints directly to the Oil and Gas Commission or TransCanada, and that staff monitor public concerns and issues and report to the Board as appropriate."

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-9-19

That motion 2015-9-18 be amended to include:

"That the memo regarding the Socio-Economic Effect Management Plan (SEEMP) for the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission project be formulated into a public announcement/press release regarding the perceived impacts, and what the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako requires to mitigate the impacts, and what responses the Regional District requires. "

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The question was called on motion 2015-9-18 as amended.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recent Agricultural Land  
Commission Decisions

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-9-20

"That the July 13, 2015 memorandum from Maria Sandberg, Planner, titled "Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions" be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CONT'D)**

### **Planning Service to Municipalities**

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Liversidge

2015-9-21

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to:

1. Approach the Village of Burns Lake regarding the RDBN Planning Department undertaking the municipal OCP review process at the same time as the RDBN reviews the OCP for Electoral Area B and E;
2. Work with the Village of Burns Lake to develop a work plan for the municipal OCP reviews, and a contract for the planning services to be provided to the Village of Burns Lake;
3. Report back to the RDBN Board of Directors with the proposed work plan and contract;
4. Remain open to discussions with other municipalities within the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)**

### **DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

### **Development Variance Permit A-05-15 – Gary Wayne and Shirley Ann Huxtable 3998 Rosenthal Subdivision Road, Smithers – Electoral Area "A"**

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-9-22

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors:

1. Approve Development Variance Permit A-05-15 for the property located at 3998 Rosenthal Subdivision Road, to vary Section 4.06(1)(a) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993 by reducing the required setback from the Natural Boundary of the Bulkley River from 30 metres (98.4 ft.) to 28 metres (91 ft.) for the Proposed Addition developed in compliance with Schedule A of the permit.
2. Direct that Development Variance Permit A-05-15 not be issued until the property owner has registered a Covenant under Section 219 of the *Land Title Act* on title of the subject property which requires the land be used in accordance with the report prepared by Duerichen Engineering dated July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and contains a "save harmless" clause, to the satisfaction of the Regional Director of Planning, and that if the Covenant is not registered on title by December 31, 2015 the permit shall not be issued."
3. Approve an exemption to Section 6.1.2 of Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1300 for the property located at 3998 Rosenthal Subdivision Road, to allow the Proposed Addition to be located 28 metres (91 ft.) from the Natural Boundary of the

## **ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (CONT'D)**

Bulkley River as shown in Schedule A to Development Variance Permit A-05-15, subject to the following condition:

- a. Registration of a Covenant under Section 219 of the *Land Title Act* on title of the subject property which requires the land be used in accordance with the report prepared by Duerichen Engineering dated July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and contains a "save harmless" clause, to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Enforcement File 2009-C-02  
6535 Woods Road  
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-9-23

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors:

1. Hear any representations from the property owners, tenant, or persons with an interest in the property.

2. And, resolve the following regarding enforcement of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1649, 2012" at 6535 Woods Road:

"The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1649, 2012" (the Bylaw) hereby resolves that:

1. The storage, collection and accumulation of Filth, Discarded Materials and Rubbish on the subject property, legally described as Lot B, District Lot 1659, Range 5, Coast District, Plan PRP 13148 (6535 Woods Road) is in contravention of the Bylaw.

2. The owner and occupier of the subject property have allowed the subject property to become unsightly in contravention of the Bylaw.

3. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall notify the property owner and occupant that they are required to undertake the following work necessary to comply with the Bylaw by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015:

a) Clear from the subject property any Automobile Wreck or any Derelict Motor Vehicles in excess of two (2).

b) Remove from the subject property all accumulations of Filth, Discarded Materials, and Rubbish.

c) Remove from the subject property all unsightly materials and conditions.

4. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall notify the property owner and occupant that if they fail to do the work identified in Section 3 of this resolution by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Regional District may, by its own forces or those of a contractor, carry out the work identified in Section 3 of this resolution at the expense of the owner or occupier, and the Regional District may

## **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)**

recover the costs of undertaking the work either as a debt against the person in default or in the same manner and with the same remedies as property taxes (once the property owner and occupant have been given an opportunity to be heard by the Board regarding their failure to do the work).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Enforcement File 2012-G-01 & 2015-G-01– 15944 & 15806 Balsam Road – Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-9-24

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors:  
1. Hear any representations from the property owners, tenant, or persons with an interest in 15944 Balsam Road.  
2. Consider passing the attached resolution regarding enforcement of “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Unightly Premises Bylaw No. 1649, 2012” at 15944 Balsam Road.”  
Further,  
3. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to undertake the process to obtain a petition for a B.C. Supreme Court injunction ordering the owners to remove the sawmill and log storage use from the property at 15806 Balsam Road, and seek to recover costs.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **OTHER**

Miscellaneous

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-9-25

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Planning Department items:

- Planning Department Enquiries Report – June, 2015;
- Action List – May, 2015;
- Building Inspector’s Report – June, 2015;
- Record of Meeting Between Local Government and Reckitt Benckiser – June 16, 2015 (Vanderhoof).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

District of Vanderhoof Concert in the Park

Director Thiessen reported that a Concert in the Park was held in Vanderhoof. It was a very positive experience.

Village of Fraser Lake

Director Lindstrom advised that the Village of Fraser Lake has hired James Cochran as the new Fire Chief.

## **VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Phase 1 of the Fraser Lake Airport is underway which includes fencing, ditching, and gates.

Endako Mines handed out severance packages to its employees on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 10-12 people are continuing to perform care and maintenance.

A music festival was recently held in Fraser Lake. Approximately 250-300 people attended.

In addition, there was an Antique Car Show in Fraser Lake consisting of about 30 cars.

### Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Director Benedict stated that the Wistaria Hall is being renovated which is very positive for the community.

Summerfest was recently held at the Grassy Plains Hall. It was a very nice event with the use of the outdoor stage that was constructed last year.

St. Luke's Church received funding from Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for a new foundation.

The condition of Colleymount Road still remains an issue.

### Highway 27 Paving Project

Director Greenaway reported that the Highway 27 paving project is nearing completion.

### Village of Granisle

Director Liversidge commented that the cell phone tower being erected in Granisle is almost complete. It should be operable mid-August. Telus will have a booth set up during Granisle Days.

The Village of Granisle is awaiting a decision on its grant application to Industry Canada for increased internet speed to 100 mbps.

In addition, a grant application has been approved for the installation of an elevator in the arena which is being converted to a Community Hall.

### Village of Telkwa

Director Repen advised that the Village of Telkwa is still looking for a CAO.

### Northwest Regional Hospital

Director Newell reported that Nisga'a Nation now has representation on the Northwest Regional Hospital District.

### Town of Smithers

Director Bachrach stated that HawkAir flights in Smithers are discontinued due to a decline in passenger numbers.

The Town of Smithers' CAO has taken a position with the City of Campbell River. Her last day will be early September.

Director Bachrach added that a four-storey hotel is being proposed in Smithers behind Boston Pizza. Currently, the OCP and zoning bylaw do not allow for four-storey buildings.

## **VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Director Bachrach invited everyone to attend the Celebrity Hockey Tournament on August 13<sup>th</sup> featuring Bobby Orr, Joe Watson, and Dan Hamhuis.

Director Bachrach also mentioned the Bulkley Valley Exhibition taking place August 27-30.

### **Lana Popham, Opposition Spokesperson for Agriculture and Food**

Director Petersen reported that he had attended a meeting in Prince George on June 26 regarding Agricultural Land Regulations. Lana Popham, Opposition Spokesperson for Agriculture and Food was in attendance and approximately 50 people attended. There was a general consensus that trees should not be planted on agricultural land. A Private Members Bill in this regard has been introduced to the legislature.

### **District of Houston**

Director Brienen advised that the District of Houston had a successful Canada Day Celebration with John Rustad, MLA in attendance.

He added that the town is noticing increased LNG activity with busier hotels and restaurants.

### **Electoral Area "A"**

Director Fisher stated that Farmers Markets are taking place in addition to a Soil Research Project.

Director Fisher advised that former Mayor of Smithers, Jim Davidson passed away.

### **District of Fort St. James**

Director MacDougall reported that Canada Day Celebrations in Fort St. James went very well. John Rustad, MLA attended the ethnic supper.

A business walk was held in Fort St. James. Over 50 businesses were visited and a short survey was conducted.

### **Electoral Area "B"**

Director Miller advised that he was invited to participate on the hiring panel for the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (Nadina) District Manager. He expressed that he appreciated the opportunity to be involved.

Director Miller added that he was also invited to participate in the Economic Development Strategy Session held by the Village of Burns Lake.

Director Miller stated that he and his wife rode horses in Burns Lake's Canada Day parade. He noted that it was the biggest parade that he has seen in Burns Lake in years. It was very well attended.

Director Miller noted that he is now a granddad.

### **VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-9-26

“That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) Breakfast for Learning Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-9-27

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize School District No. 91 to transfer the grant in aid monies for the Fort Fraser Elementary School Breakfast for Learning Program to the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Breakfast for Learning Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-9-28

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- Union of B.C. Municipalities – 2015 Resolutions;
- CN – Response to RDBN’s Letter of June 8, 2015 RE: Incident Response;
- Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School – Thank you for Grant in Aid;
- Nechako Valley Secondary School – Thank you for Grant in Aid;
- Auditor General for Local Government – Audit Report – City of Dawson Creek;
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission – Construction Update;
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission – Project Activity Update #25 (June-July 2015);
- Peace River Regional District – Order in Council No. 148;
- Canadian Wood Council – 2015 Recognition Awards;
- Northern Health – News Release – Northern Health Board Recognizes Energy Saving Initiatives and Programs Engaging Youth About Future Health Care Career Opportunities;
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – Newsletter – July 2015;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
  - Report on Local Elections Expense Limits
  - Spill Preparedness and Prevention
  - BC Road Safety Strategy Launched
  - Reconciliation Dialogue Funding Announced
  - Program Supports Dementia Workshops, Policy Development.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

### Invitations

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-9-29

“That the following invitations be received:

- BC Hydro – Meetings at 2015 UBCM Convention;
- Resource Breakfast Series – Invitation to Attend – September 22-24, 2015;
- The Cumulative and Community Impacts Research Consortium – October 2-3, 2015 – Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-9-30

“That Chair Miller be authorized to attend “The Cumulative and Community Impacts Research Consortium in Prince George, B.C. on October 2-3, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **FINANCIAL**

### Operating Accounts -June, 2015

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-9-31

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid June, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ACTION LIST**

### Action List – May, 2015

Moved by Director Lindstrom  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-9-32

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the May, 2015 Action List.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BYLAWS**

### **Bylaws for First, Second, and Third Reading**

#### No. 1743 – Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-9-33

“That “Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1743, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAWS (CONT'D)**

No. 1744 – Topley Rural Fire Protection Loan Authorization

Moved by Director Liversidge  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-9-34

“That “Topley Rural Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1744, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1745 – Topley Rural Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-9-35

“That “Topley Rural Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1745, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1746 – Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-9-36

“That “Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1746, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaws for Adoption**

No. 1741 – Southside Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-9-37

“That “Southside Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No.1741, 2015” be adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1742 – Fort Fraser Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-9-38

“That “Fort Fraser Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1742, 2015” be adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **READING FILE**

### **Reading File**

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-9-39

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Reading File:

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Association for Mineral Exploration BC – AME BC President & CEO Message for April-June 2015;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – Public Affairs Update
  - July 13, 2015 – BC Heads to the Legislature to Debate LNG Project Development Agreement; BC Wildfires Continue to Wreak Havoc – Public Affairs Update Newsletter;
  - July 7, 2015 – Transit “NO” Vote Sends Mayors back to the Drawing Board – Public Affairs Update Newsletter;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – New Policy Agenda Set at 2015 BC Chamber AGM; LNG Industry in BC Moving Forward; BC Chamber Insight Newsletter – June Edition;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – BC Moves Ahead with New Land-Based Oil Spill Response Regime; Former Deputy Minister Calls for Public Inquiry into Ministry Firings; Federal Conservatives, Liberals Tied for Second Behind NDP;
- B.C. Community Forest Association – June, 2015 Newsletter;
- Canfor Corporation – News Release – Canfor Corporation and Canfor Pulp Products Inc. Announce Second Quarter Results Conference Call;
- Clean Energy Review:
  - July 13, 2015 – A Message of Hope
  - July 7, 2015 – Corrected: Tracking the Energy Revolution – Global 2015
  - July 6, 2015 – The Model-S Express
  - June 29, 2015 – Less Talk, More Action
  - June 22, 2015 – Divine Intervention;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM News Week of:
  - July 9, 2015
  - June 25, 2015
  - June 24, 2015
  - June 19, 2015
  - June 18, 2015;
- Initiatives Prince George – June “On the Move” Newsletter and Economic Update;
- Lidstone & Company Law Letter – Summer 2015 Edition;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Update from Minister Thomson – June, 2015;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Update from the Minister – Heavy Smoke Visible Throughout Northeastern BC;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Wildfire Burning Near Whitesail Lake;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Smoke from Wildfires Drifting into Bella Coola;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Campfires, Open Fires and Fireworks Banned Throughout BC;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – More Firefighting Resources Head to Northern BC;

## **READING FILE (CONT'D)**

- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Open Fires Restricted in the Prince George Fire Centre;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Fire Activity Increases in Northeastern BC;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Open Burning Ban Rescinded in Prince George Fire Centre;
- Nechako Reservoir Update – Flow Facts:
  - July 15, 2015
  - July 8, 2015
  - July 2, 2015
  - June 24, 2015
  - June 23, 2015
  - June 22, 2015
  - June 19, 2015
  - June 17, 2015;
- SeniorsBC.ca e-Newsletter – June 2015;
- Thompson Nicola Regional District – 2014 Annual Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **2015 RDBN Business Forum**

Moved by Director Liversidge  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

#### **2015-9-40**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Village of Burns Lake and local First Nations hosting the 2016 Business Forum in September, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Houston Search and Rescue - Request for Grant in Aid**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Petersen

#### **2015-9-41**

“That Houston Search and Rescue be given \$250 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas “A” (Smithers Rural), “B” (Burns Lake Rural), “C” (Fort St. James Rural), “D” (Fraser Lake Rural), “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural), “F” (Vanderhoof Rural), and “G” (Houston Rural) for the Houston Search and Rescue Expo 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING**

#### **Public Hearing Minutes - ALR 1181 (DeJong) Electoral Area “A”**

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

#### **2015-9-42**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Public Hearing minutes of July 13, 2015 regarding ALR 1181 (DeJong), Electoral Area “A”.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

ABC Communications  
- Request for Resolution  
re: ABC's Application to  
Industry Canada

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-9-43

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from ABC Communications for a grant of up to \$2,510,685 for “The Future is now – ABC Communications deploys TD-LTE Rural Broadband Networks in British Columbia” from the Connecting British Columbia Account.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Environment  
- Climate Discussion Paper  
Open for Public Review

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-9-44

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support a renewed provincial focus on climate action that will allow BC to achieve its emissions, reduction targets, and realize the opportunity of a clean energy economy. Further, that the Regional Board encourages the provincial government to take bold, concerted action in this area, with particular focus on carbon pricing, investment in transit, and other low-emission transportation options, and the use of regulations and incentives to drive the transition to a low-carbon future.”

Opposed: Dir. Benedict  
Dir. Greenaway  
Dir. Petersen  
Dir. Thiessen

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED

## **INVITATION**

Ministry of Children and  
Family Development – Child  
and Youth Mental Health and  
Substance Use (CYMHSU)  
Community Session

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-9-45

“That Director Benedict be authorized to attend the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Community Session in Fraser Lake on August 19, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bulkley Valley Agriculture  
Association

Discussion took place regarding the Bulkley Valley Agriculture Association and water access issues at the Smithers Fall Fair Grounds.

**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA  
MEETING**

2015-9-46

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

“In accordance with Section 90 (2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that matters pertaining to negotiations between the RDBN and the Province or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party or information received relating to the matter must be closed to the public (North West Resource Benefit Alliance) therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

2015-9-47

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:17 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Bill Miller, Chair

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Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative  
Services