

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 11**

**Thursday, August 18, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bill Miller

Directors Eileen Benedict  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Luke Strimbold  
Gerry Thiessen – left at 2:30 p.m.

Directors Absent Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers  
Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James

Alternate Director Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Service  
Nellie Davis, Grant Writer – arrived at 2:26 p.m., left at 2:28 p.m.  
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:23 a.m., left at 1:52 p.m.  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 11:23 a.m., left at 2:42 p.m.  
Marli Bodhi, Planning Student – arrived at 11:28 a.m., left at 11:50 a.m.  
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer  
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 10:41 a.m., left at 1:32 p.m., returned at 2:26 p.m., left at 2:28 p.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Emile Scheffel, BC Regional Lead of Community Affairs, CN (Canadian National Rail) – arrived at 10:41 a.m., left at 11:24 a.m.  
Joe Ukryn, Fraser Lake - arrived at 10:41 a.m., left at 12:17 p.m.  
Enid Shelford, Fraser Lake – arrived at 10:41 a.m., left at 12:17 p.m.  
Phil Terraut, Smithers – arrived at 10:41 a.m., left at 12:17 p.m.  
Gina Hidber, HBH Land Surveying, Smithers– arrived at 10:41 a.m., left at 12:17 p.m.  
Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley – arrived at 1:04 p.m., left at 1:34 p.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – left at 12:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA  
MEETING MOTION**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-11-1

"In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90 (2)(b) – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Cheslatta Carrier Nation negotiations) or information received relating to these matters must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reconvened the Regional Board Meeting at 10:41 a.m.**

**AGENDA &  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-11-2

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of August 18, 2016 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  
-July 21, 2016**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-11-3

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2016 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-11-4

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
  - July 21, 2016 (Unapproved);
- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
  - June 23, 2016;
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
  - July 21, 2016 (Unapproved);
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
  - April 14, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **CN-Emile Scheffel, BC Regional Lead of Community Affairs RE: Update**

Chair Miller welcomed Emile Scheffel, BC Regional Lead of Community Affairs, CN.

Mr. Scheffel provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### **Delivering Safely and Responsibly**

##### **CN is a Backbone of the Economy**

- 23,000 engaged employees;
- 20,000 route-miles;
- Unique 3 coast reach, accessing over 75% of NA's (North America) population;
- Moving 20% of Canada's export traffic;
- Enabling over \$250 billion worth of trade.

##### **Markets:**

- Global West 24%;
- Domestic Canada 18%;
- Transborder 33%;
- Global East 4%;
- Domestic U.S. 18%;
- Global South 3%.

##### **Well Diversified Portfolio – (Based on 2015 revenues)**

- Intermodal 23%;
- Petroleum and Chemicals 19%;
- Grain and Fertilizers 16%;
- Forest Products 14%;
- Metals and Minerals 11%;
- Automotive 6%;
- Other Revenues 6%;
- Coal 5%.

##### **Investing in BC:**

- 2,000+ railroaders;
- 2,805 route miles;
- \$462M local spending;
- \$180M capital investments 2016;
- \$76M cash taxes paid;
- \$1.5M community partnerships.

##### **Safety is of the Utmost Importance**

###### **People:**

- Investing in training and embedding a safety culture of compliance;

###### **Process:**

- Risk assessment and mitigation, audits and safety analysis;

###### **Investment:**

- \$2.75 billion capital spending in 2016;

###### **Technology:**

- Employing a wide range of inspection and detection technologies.

Safety management system mitigates risk through People, Process, Technology and Investment.

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

### **CN-Emile Scheffel, BC Regional Lead of Community Affairs RE: Update**

#### **Safety at CN Crossing**

CN is committed to preventing grade crossing accidents but it is a **shared** responsibility:

- Engagement, education, and enforcement efforts are wide spread across our system;
- Rail Safety Week – Take the Rail Safety Pledge;
- Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Improvement initiative;
- Reviewing crossings system-wide to identify required upgrades or closure of specific crossings;
- Engaging municipal, regional, provincial and federal officials in identifying and eliminating crossing hazards.

#### **Transporting Dangerous Goods**

- Information sharing under Protective Direction 36;
- Highly trained CN Dangerous Goods team backed up by specialized contractors & shippers' emergency response resources;
- Training available for professional and volunteer first responders;
- Specialized equipment including foam trailers and response trailers equipped with pumps and transfer equipment.

Mr. Scheffel mentioned that he will speak with the CN Dangerous Goods team in regard to connecting with the communities within the RDBN for training and equipment.

#### **AskRail – Real Time Car Information**

- Real time information for first responders;
- See whether a railcar is carrying dangerous goods;
- View the contents of an entire train;
- View Emergency Contact Information and Emergency Response Guidebook;
- App is available to responders who may be first on the scene of a railway incident and for training purposes;
- Improvements being made to the app – adding new features and enhancements;
- Available in French;
- CN has registered nearly 1,400 responders in Canada from over 290 locations.

Director Repen asked what specialized equipment is located in the RDBN boundaries and the location of the CN Dangerous Goods Teams. He noted that the railroad bisects the community of Telkwa and the fire department does not have the appropriate training to address dangerous goods incidents. Director Repen spoke to the Dangerous Goods response being a corporate responsibility. Mr. Scheffel commented that the fire departments would never be requested to respond to an incident beyond their mandate. The Volunteer Fire Departments would need to keep people away from the incident until the CN Dangerous Goods Team could arrive on scene. The Dangerous Goods Officers located closest to the RDBN are in Surrey, B.C. and Edmonton, Alberta and there are CN Police located in Prince George and Prince Rupert. Concerns were brought forward in regard to the distance in which a response team has to travel to an incident within the RDBN. Discussion took place in regard to CN taking a stronger position and having more centrally located response teams.

Mr. Scheffel mentioned that other agencies such as the Ministry of Environment are utilized if there is a threat to waterways, etc. Alternate Director Atrill voiced concerns regarding the issue that has been raised recently in regard to other agencies also relying on a team approach and there may not be team members in place to assist during a spill response due to the lack of man power and resources. Discussion took place regarding the possibility for CN to work with other groups and agencies that have spill response equipment.

Concerns were brought forward regarding the impacts to the values and long-term effects on a complete ecosystem and community if there is a train derailment that contains dangerous goods near a river or water course.

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

### **CN-Emile Scheffel, BC Regional Lead of Community Affairs RE: Update**

The ability to provide community presentations in regard to rail safety was discussed. Mr. Scheffel noted that the CN Police has resources to assist communities with presentations. Mr. Scheffel indicated he would be very willing to work with any community wishing to develop a presentation in regard to rail safety.

Director Newell brought forward for discussion the issue with noxious weed control and spread of noxious weeds along the railway transportation corridor. Chair Miller voiced concerns in regard to the lack of support by CN in regard to the funding to assist in the control of noxious weeds and the significant issue that this is having on agricultural lands. He noted that the financial contributions that CN provides to communities could be used to help control the spread of noxious weeds. Mr. Scheffel mentioned that he will speak with the local Track Supervisor to determine if there is funding available to assist in the control of noxious weeds.

Discussion also took place in regard to wildlife fencing and the maintenance of the fencing in order to keep the wildlife off the railway. Mr. Scheffel indicated he will speak with CN Environment in regard to the concerns brought forward.

Director Fisher brought forward concerns in regard to the relationship between CN and Via Rail and the wait times that people travelling on Via Rail have due to CN rail traffic. He spoke to the need to put a higher value on passenger transportation. Mr. Scheffel commented that he is aware of the issues in regard to transporting people vs. transporting goods.

Director Repen spoke to safety at rail crossings and the need for further work between CN and Transport Canada to revisit the requirements to have required upgrades completed at crossings. In order to upgrade a crossing the cost is the responsibility of the municipality and yet it is a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure road that crosses a CN crossing. Mr. Scheffel noted that he will have conversations with the CN Public Works team.

Director Thiessen mentioned that communities are not being provided spill response plans from CN and feel that they are being put in a vulnerable position. He spoke to the high volume of rail traffic going through communities and the need for CN to have a fiduciary duty to the communities to provide a level of response quicker than having people arriving from Surrey or Edmonton. That is too far away. He noted concerns that when there is a CN derailment local government is not being provided the information. Mr. Scheffel stated that he would ensure to work to provide the information to local governments as soon as possible in the event of a derailment.

Chair Miller noted the challenges in the past in communicating with CN and noted the Regional Board's appreciation in Mr. Scheffel's attendance at the meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **Conservation Office Service**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Benedict

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager's August 3, 2016 memo titled "Conservation Officer Service."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Discussion took place regarding the following issues in regard to feedback on the services that local Conservation Officer Service provides:

1. A need for more officers due to the large geographical (land base) area of the region;
2. Vanderhoof and other areas are experiencing issues in regard to conflicts between wildlife and domestic farm animals:
  - a. Conservation Officer Service is no longer responsible;
  - b. Responsibility has now transferred to the rancher;
  - c. Rancher must submit a permit to deal with any issue;
  - d. Very challenging process;
  - e. Very concerning.
3. What can ranchers do to protect livestock?
4. A need for more communication and discussion with the general public and not just special interest groups;
5. What do COS do and don't do anymore? Need to determine where support is needed;
6. Invite COS to a future Regional District Board Meeting to discuss the issues.

Annual UBCM Convention  
-September 26-30, 2016  
-Victoria, B.C.

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-11-5

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to schedule breakfast meetings on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>; and a dinner meeting on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> while in attendance at the UBCM Convention September 26-30, 2016 in Victoria, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conflict of Interest Exception  
Regulation

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-11-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to proceed with scheduling a video conference presentation in October, 2016 with Peter Johnson, Stewart McDannold Stuart in regard to Conflict of Interest Exception Regulation; and further, that the invitation be sent to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako municipalities."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2017 Regional Business  
Forum

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-11-7

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors appoint Director Benedict to the 2017 Regional Business Forum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

2017 Minerals Roundup Booth Rental Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-11-8 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to not renew the tradeshow rental booth for the 2017 Minerals Roundup Booth Rental; and further, that Directors continue to attend."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting Recommendations -July 21, 2016 Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Benedict

2016-11-9 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendation 1 as written:

**Agriculture Committee – July 21, 2016**

**Recommendation 1:**  
**Re: Agriculture Forum**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Mark Parker, Chair of the Agriculture Committee to work with staff to determine a date in 2016 for an Agriculture Forum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invest in BC Advertising Opportunity Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-11-10 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support placing a quarter page advertisement in the 2017 Invest in BC publication at a cost of \$1,535."

Opposed: Director Fisher CARRIED  
Director Repen  
Director Thiessen

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding targeting specific market advertisements such as agriculture. Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development noted that the 2017 Invest in BC publication is promoted and taken to countries such as China to promote all sectors such as agriculture and provides community information to attract attention to the area.

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

Visit Bulkley-Nechako Print Advertising for 2017

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-11-11

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to place a banner advertisement in the 2017 Northern BC Travel Guide and ¼ page advertisements in the 2017 PG Visitors Guide and the 2017 MILEPOST."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Discussion took place regarding directing funds to online promotional opportunities and the use of digital media vs. print media.

Alternate Director Atrill noted that the MILEPOST is a premier publication used throughout the region. The MILEPOST is working to provide an online forum. Alt. Director Atrill commented that the region does not have adequate and reliable connectivity to utilize just digital media for travel information. She spoke to the need to continue to utilize print media in the region and Northern B.C.

Visit Bulkley-Nechako Print Advertising for 2017

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-11-12

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to place a ¼ page advertisement in the 2017 Northern BC Travel Guide and the 2017 MILEPOST."

(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 D-01-16 Ukryn/Shelford Peterson Road, Fraser Lake Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-13

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

Approve Development Variance Permit D-01-16 for the property located at 7411 Peterson Road to vary Section 9.06 (1)(b) of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993" to reduce the western side parcel line setback from 1.5 metres (5 ft.) to 0.1 metres (0.33 ft) for the existing residence developed in general compliance with Schedule A of the permit."

(Participants/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



## **BYLAWS FOR FIRST & SECOND READING**

### **APPLICATION FOR DENIAL**

Rezoning File No. A-01-16  
Phil's Boxes Ltd.  
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Alternate Director Atrill

2016-11-14

"That OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application No. A-01-16 be denied."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Phil Terraut, Phil's Boxes Ltd. spoke to his Rezoning Application No. A-01-16 and his request to include two additional houses in his application. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning provided a brief outline of the recommendation for denial.

**Break for lunch at 12:21 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 1:04 p.m.**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

#### **DELEGATION**

##### **Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena-Bulkley Valley RE: Update**

Chair Miller welcomed Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena-Bulkley Valley.

Mr. Cullen provided an update in regard to:

- A Rail Safety Bill that he is bringing forward in the fall of 2016 to the legislature;
  - o He spoke to the Federal Government removing itself from emergency response and downloading the responsibility to local government and fire departments that do not have the ability to pay or fund emergency response;
- New Regulation DOT – 111 Rail Cars (type of unpressurized tank car);
- Completed an Infrastructure Report:
  - o Some of the concerns provided by the communities:
    - Communication:
      - Internet/Cell Service;
    - Transportation;
    - Water and Sewer upgrades.
- Potential changes to the voting system;
- Potential changes to the electoral system and the size of the ridings;
  - o Mr. Cullen is one of a few people on the committee from rural Canada;
- Potential changes to the Environmental Assessment process for major projects.

Chair Miller spoke to concerns regarding the low value on resources such as waterways and wildlife when stakeholders and industry such as CN are developing emergency response plans and he spoke to the need for change.

Mr. Cullen indicated he is also working with Members of Parliament in the Prince George region in regard to further funding for the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC). He spoke of the \$1 Billion Mountain Pine Beetle monies that were promised and that only \$200,000 was distributed. He also noted the benefits of resource revenue sharing.

Mr. Cullen mentioned that the Liberal Government elected in 2015 is very different from the past Conservative Government and they are also a very new government. Mr. Cullen is working to bring attention to the region to the Liberal Government.

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

### **Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena-Bulkley Valley RE: Update**

Director Repen stated that the Regional Board has sent a letter to the Federal Minister of Agriculture requesting that some of the Mountain Pine Beetle funds be utilized to fund and develop an agricultural resource facility in the region.

Director Fisher mentioned the need for further change to broaden the criteria for the distribution of the Federal Gas Tax Fund. Chair Miller noted that the Federal Gas Tax Funding model is a cost effective model wherein it allows for local government to make ground level decisions.

Director Benedict thanked Mr. Cullen for attending the meeting and encouraged Mr. Cullen to encourage provincial politicians to do the same.

Mr. Cullen noted the importance of providing local products to promote the region. He asked that the Regional District provide him with information in regard to the local producers in the region. Chair Miller provided Mr. Cullen with an RDBN Connecting Consumers Brochure.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Cullen for attending the meeting.

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

Federal Gas Tax Funds  
Electoral Area "A" (Smithers  
Rural) – Village of Telkwa

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-11-15

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$25,000 of Electoral Area "A" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for upgrades to the Village of Telkwa's Municipal Office Building; and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$25,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds  
Electoral Area "C" (Fort St.  
James Rural) – Fort St. James  
Ski Club

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2016-11-16

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$141,750 of Electoral Area "C" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Fort St. James Ski Club for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the Murray Ridge Ski Hill;

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the purchase and installation of approved signage for the project to a maximum of \$400 cost; and further,

3. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$142,050 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

District of Fort St. James  
– Request for Grant in Aid  
– Electoral Area “C”  
(Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Benedict

2016-11-17

“That the District of Fort St. James be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort St. James Night Market.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

#### **ADMINISTRATON REPORTS**

Security Issuing Bylaw  
-Topley Fire Protection

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-11-18

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s August 10, 2016 memo titled “Security Issuing Bylaw – Topley Fire Protection” on the Supplementary Agenda.  
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors give three readings and adoption to Bylaw No. 1781 further in the agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-11-19

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s Connecting Consumers and Producers Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-11-20

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Administration Reports:  
• Manager of Administrative Services – Union of B.C. Municipalities Meeting Requests 2016;  
• Protective Services Manager - Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report  
○ July and June, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

### **Paint, Pesticides and Flammable Liquids Collection**

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-21

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' August 5, 2016 memo titled "Paint, Pesticides and Flammable Liquids Collection."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the Paint, Pesticides and Flammable Liquids Collection in the RDBN. Discussion took place in regard to supporting transitioning from RDBN facilities, the Paint, Pesticides and Flammable Liquid Collection to recycling facilities in the RDBN. The Regional Board requested that staff bring the memo forward at a future Waste Management Committee Meeting.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)**

### **REFERRAL**

#### **Land Referral File No. 6408915 & 6408916 Tokoz'dli Keyah Holdings Ltd. Electoral Area "G"**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-11-22

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 6408915 & 6408916 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application No. 6408915 & 6408916."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE APPLICATION**

### **ALR Application No. 1182 Dean and April Forsberg Subdivision within the ALR Electoral Area "D"**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-23

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors not authorize the submission of Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1182 (Forsberg) to the Agricultural Land Commission."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-11-24

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planner's July 18, 2016 memo titled "Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Temporary Use Permit  
A-01-16 Steti Transport,  
Raymond Road, Telkwa  
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-11-25

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors issue Temporary Use Permit A-01-16 as amended for the property legally described as NE ¼ of Section 5 Township 4 Except Plans 8393 & PRP14394, Range 5, Coast District; to include in Section 4 that the crusher not be operated on Sundays; and further, that the permit be approved as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion took place regarding the illegal crushing operations occurring in the region. Mr. Llewellyn indicated that Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) has challenges in regard to illegal crushing operations taking place. Discussion took place in regard to the Aggregate industry and their comments during the Official Community Plan process in that they felt it only necessary that the RDBN be involved only to provide approval for the use of gravel crushers. Mr. Llewellyn noted that a Temporary Use Permit is issued for three years. The permit can be renewed for an additional three years but after the six years a new application must be completed and public input provided.

### **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Temporary Use Permit  
Holders

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-11-26

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to send notifications to Temporary Use Permit Holders for gravel crushing in regard to the expiration of their permits."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **BYLAWS FOR FIRST & SECOND READING**

Rezoning File and OCP  
Amendment No. C-01-16  
Bylaws 1779 & 1780  
Andreas Roessler  
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-11-27

1. That "Fort St. James Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1779, 2016" and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1780, 2016" be given first and second reading this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
2. That the Public Hearing for "Fort St. James Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1779, 2016" and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1780, 2016" be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area C.
3. That the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1779, 2016 and Bylaw No. 1780, 2016 not be held until the provincial subdivision approval process has been completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning; and,
4. That the Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist attached as Appendix A."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **BYLAW FOR ADOPTION**

Rezoning File No. A-03-15  
Bylaw 1755 Allita & Richard  
Barendregt Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-11-28

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1755, 2015" be adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **OTHER (All Directors)**

Planning Department  
Reports

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2016-11-29

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Planning Department Reports:

- Planning Department Enquiries Report – July, 2016;
- Action List – July, 2016;
- Building Inspector's Report - July, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Administration Correspondence**

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-11-30

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

-Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development –  
Regional District Boundary Extension into the Stikine Region."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Miller mentioned that along with Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer he participated in a Teleconference with Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine in regard to the Regional Boundary Extension into the Stikine Region. Directors Greenaway and Newell indicated their desire to attend future meetings. Chair Miller noted that staff are reviewing maps and road maps and researching further information in regard to the potential boundary extension.

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### **Nechako River Water Use Plans**

Director Thiessen reported that he attended two Nechako River Water Use Plan Meetings in Vanderhoof. He noted that the public consultation meeting held on August 16, 2016 was a very emotional meeting.

### **Nechako Valley Exhibition Celebrates 50 Years**

Director Thiessen mentioned that the Nechako Valley Exhibition is celebrating 50 Years on August 19-21, 2016.

### **District of Vanderhoof**

Director Thiessen noted that the community of Vanderhoof has been enjoying its summer by hosting a concert in the park and continuing its Movie in the Park nights.

Director Thiessen met with UNBC representatives, Nak'azdli First Nation and School District 91 Nechako Lakes in regard to agricultural research.

### **Fraser Lake Grocery Store**

Director Parker mentioned that they are continuing to work on having a grocery store in Fraser Lake.

### **Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts**

Director Lindstrom noted that the Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts was successful and well attended.

### **Hotels in the Village of Burns Lake**

Director Strimbald spoke of the two new hotels being developed in Burns Lake. The old Lakeland Hotel was purchased by Skin Tyee Nation and is currently under renovations and the Burns Lake Band is constructing a new hotel at the west end of Burns Lake.

### **Fort St. James Night Market**

Director Greenaway commented that the Tuesday Night Market was really good and had lots of food, goods and the Cops for Cancer held a fundraiser that included jailing Mayor MacDougall.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

- Granisle Days Director Liversidge noted that August 13 & 14 were Granisle Days. They had a mini railroad and train set up in the park to take the children and Village of Granisle Council for rides.
- Director Liversidge mentioned that John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation attended the event to dedicate a bench to the First Nations impacted by Residential Schools.
- Village of Granisle – Update Director Liversidge reported that they are sourcing supplies for the Bioenergy Burner and are looking forward to its operations in the winter of 2016. He also noted that a new breakwater was built at the Village of Granisle Marina and the logs were supplied by Canfor. The Village of Granisle has also had issues with water main breakage this year.
- Bulkley Valley Exhibition Alternate Director Atrill mentioned that the Bulkley Valley Exhibition will be held on August 26-28, 2016.
- Smithers Airport Modernization Plan Alt. Director Atrill noted that the Smithers Airport Modernization Plan is moving forward and will be starting in 2017.
- Morice Mountain Director Newell spoke of the beauty of Morice Mountain. He recently took a helicopter ride for his 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
- 2016 Telkwa Barbeque Director Repen reported that the Telkwa Barbeque will be held on September 3-5, 2016, which includes concerts, the Barbeque, Slow Pitch Tournament and Demolition Derby.
- Smithers and Area Victims Services Service Establishment Director Repen noted that the Village of Telkwa has passed a resolution to support the Smithers and Area Victims Services Service Establishment
- Chair Miller – Update Chair Miller mentioned that he met with Al Gorley, Sharon Tower, OBAC and Steve Tompson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in regard to OBAC.
- Welcome- RDBN CFO Director Thiessen welcomed Roxanne Shepherd, the new RDBN Chief Financial Officer.
- Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Brien
- 2016-11-31 “That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Administration  
Correspondence

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Brienen

2016-11-32

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

- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Forest Enhancement Society of BC;
- Union of BC Municipalities – Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment;
- Alannah Zaste – Thank You for RDBN Area D Scholarship;
- University of Victoria – POLIS Project on Ecological Governance;
- Northern Development Initiative Trust - Vanderhoof Community Foundation (RDBN Area F);
- City of Prince George – 2016 UBCM Convention: Resolutions Submitted by the City of Prince George;
- Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training/Union of BC Municipalities/BC Economic Development Association – 2016 Local Economic Development in B.C. Survey Results;
- Canadian Wildlife Service/Pacific Region- Recovery Strategy for the Porsild’s Bryum in Canada has been Posted as Final on the Species at Risk Registry;
- Metro Vancouver – Mattress and Bulky Furniture Extended Producer Responsibility;
- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development/Union of BC Municipalities/Regional District of Nanaimo/Infrastructure Canada – News Release – Residents of seven British Columbia Communities to Benefit from \$39 Million in Federal Gas Tax Fund;
- Community Energy Association - Celebrating 2016 Climate & Energy Award Applicants;
- Northern Health – Media Bulletin – Northern Health Connections Annual Summer Maintenance Modified Schedule for the Month of August;
- Northern Health – News Release – Northern B.C. Residents have Access to two Additional Ultrasound Technologists Thanks to Innovative Program;
- Union of BC Municipalities
  - Report on Agriculture’s Connection to Health
  - Contaminated Sites Intentions Paper
  - Indigenous Cultural Safety Training
  - Marijuana Task Force Seeks Feedback
  - UBCM Submission on Marine Safety
  - Highlights of the July 13-15 Executive Meeting
  - New Guidelines on Public Health for Major Events
  - Enhanced Wildfire Prevention Planning in 2017
  - Convention Bulletin – Bulletin #1
  - Convention Bulletin – Bulletin #2
  - Funding & Resources Update
  - Special Occasion Liquor Licence Changes;

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

**INVITATIONS**

-7<sup>th</sup> Chief Elected Official Forum – Seeking Alignment: Mid-term Check-in – December 6-7, 2016 – Vancouver, B.C.;  
-Premier’s BC Natural Resource Forum - January 31 – February 2, 2017 – Prince George, B.C.;  
-2017 BC Broadband Conference – May 2-3, 2017- Richmond, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FINANCIAL**

Operating Accounts  
-July, 2016

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Benedict

2016-11-33

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid July, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION LIST**

Action List – May, 2016

Moved by Director Brienen  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2016-11-34

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Action List – May 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**READING FILE**

Reading File

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-35

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-BC Chamber of Commerce – New Policy Manual, Chamber Advocacy, \$15 Minimum Wage;  
-BC Media Monitor First Nations – July 29, 2016 Edition;  
-City of Victoria – Re: Hearing Order – Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project;  
-Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:  
    - August 3, 2016  
    - July 22, 2016  
    - July 13 2016;  
-Northern BC Tourism – News from Northern BC – August 2016;  
-Northern Health – Healthier Northern Communities ebrief July 21, 2016;  
-Ombudsperson – 2015/2016 Annual Report;

**READING FILE (CONT'D)**

**CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

-Resource Works Newsletter: - July 14, 2016 – Energy  
Fireworks: A Summer to Remember;  
-Success by 6 – Mobilize Support for Families and Children  
Under 6;  
-Whistler Centre for Sustainability – Happy Summer 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAWS**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**BYLAW FOR FIRST, SECOND, THIRD READING & ADOPTION**

No. 1781 – RDBN Security  
Issuing – Topley Rural Fire  
Protection Service

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-11-36

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Security Issuing –  
Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Bylaw No. 1781, 2016” be  
given first, second, third reading and adoption this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2016.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION**

No.1772– RDBN Weed Control  
Extended Service  
Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Benedict

2016-11-37

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Weed Control  
Extended Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1772,  
2016” be adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

No.1773– Fort Fraser  
Community Hall Grant  
Local Service Establishment  
Bylaw

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-38

“That “Fort Fraser Community Hall Grant Local Service  
Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1773, 2016” be adopted  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION (CONT'D)**

No.1774– Fort Fraser  
Cemetery Local Service  
Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-39

“That “Fort Fraser Cemetery Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1774, 2016” be adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No.1775– Electoral Area “D”  
(Fraser Lake Rural) Library  
Local Service Establishment  
Amendment

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-40

“That “Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) Library Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1775, 2016” be adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**REPORTS**

Request for Letter of  
Support – Nechako Valley  
Search and Rescue

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-11-41

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a letter of support for Nechako Valley Search and Rescue in support of their application for a Public Safety Community Gaming Grant of \$100,000 to replace their deteriorating Mobile Command Centre.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Forests, Lands  
and Natural Resource  
Operations, Nadina District  
– Request for Letter of  
Support - Forest Enhancement  
Program Projects for August 19 Intake

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-11-42

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support and request a meeting with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Nadina Forest District in regard to the Forest Enhancement Program Projects.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

Director Benedict brought forward concerns in regard to needing further consultation regarding the Forest Enhancement Program Projects that are being submitted to the August 19, 2016 intake, specifically the project involving the Nechako Reservoir and the Burns Lake Mountain Bike Association area.

Discussion took place regarding FLNRO needing to consult further with the Burns Lake Mountain Bike Association (BLMBA) in regard to forest management within the bike park and its trails.

Ministry of Forests, Lands  
and Natural Resource  
Operations, Stuart Nechako  
District Resource – Request for  
Letter of Support - Forest Enhancement  
Program Projects for August 19 Intake      Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

2016-11-43      “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support and request a meeting with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Stuart Nechako Forest District in regard to the Forest Enhancement Program Projects.”  
  
(All/Directors/Majority)      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omineca General Store  
– Request for Letter Support  
- Liquor Licence for “Rural  
Agency Store” in Manson Creek      Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-11-44      “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support regarding the Omineca General Store’s (owned by Lucienne McKone) application to the Liquor Distribution Branch to establish a Rural Agency Store in Manson Creek, B.C.”  
  
(All/Directors/Majority)      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**INVITATION**

City of Prince George  
– Northern Mayors & Regional  
District Chairs Roundtable  
– September 9, 2016  
- Prince George, B.C.      Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-11-45      “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Chair Miller’s attendance to the City of Prince George’s Northern Mayors & Regional District Chairs Roundtable – September 9, 2016, Prince George, B.C.”  
  
(All/Directors/Majority)      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING**

### **Correspondence**

#### **Correspondence**

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-11-45

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

-Doug Veenstra RE: TUP A-01-16 (Steti Transport Electoral Area “A”;  
-J. Gilden RE: TUP A-01-16 (Steti Transport) Electoral Area “A”;  
-Ray Chipeniuk and Sonia Sawchuk RE: TUP A-01-16 (Steti Transport) Electoral Area “A”;  
-Minutes: Advisory Planning Commission Electoral Area “A”  
Re: August 8, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **ADMINISTRATION BYLAWS**

#### **Bylaw for Adoption**

No. 1777 – Fort Fraser Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2016-11-46

“That “Fort Fraser Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1777, 2016” be adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

RDBN – Email Server Issues

Melany de Weerd, CAO provided an update in regard to the RDBN e-mail server crash. The RDBN’s IT person is working to replace the e-mail server with new hardware and rebuild the system. He is also transferring approximately 7000 e-mails that were suspended at the time of the crash and during the downtime of the server. There are still difficulties occurring but it will hopefully be corrected in the near future.

Wood and Metal Salvaging at RDBN Transfer Stations and Landfills

Director Repen mentioned that he would like to have discussions in regard to wood and metal salvaging at RDBN Transfer Stations and Landfills. Chair Miller commented that he would discuss it with the Chair of the Waste Management Committee to include on a future agenda.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Parker

2016-11-47

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**