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ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 12, 2017

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:37 a.m., left at 11:01 a.m.
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
John Illes, Village of Burns Lake
Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James – arrived at 11:00 a.m.
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-1-1

"That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for January 12, 2017 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes -November 3, 2016

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-1-2

"That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of November 3, 2016 be received as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Colleymount Recreation
 Commission – Request for
 Grant in Aid – Electoral
 Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake
 Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
 Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2017-1-3

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Colleymount Recreation Commission be given \$2,250 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for the purchase of a new sound system for Trout Creek Hall.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Technology,
 Innovation and Citizens’
 Services – Network BC
 -Follow-Up: UBCM Convention

Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-1-4

“That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Administration Correspondence from Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens’ Services – Network BC – Follow Up: Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Melany de Weerd, CAO mentioned that staff are preparing a report to bring forward to the Regional Board providing an outline of Connect to Innovate funding available for internet services. Applications can be submitted starting next week, January 16-20, 2017 to the end of March, 2017. It will require the Regional District to be the applicant and partner with an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Discussion took place regarding the need to still identify the areas throughout the Regional District that do not receive internet service and or adequate internet service. Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development noted that Connect to Innovate Application Guide included a map where areas that require internet service have been identified and will potentially be eligible for funding. Staff is developing Electoral Area maps that will include the mapping information from the funding program to provide to the Regional Board.

Director Newell spoke of the importance of ensuring the ISP’s are able to meet the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission’s (CRTC) criteria for internet services.

Discussion took place in regard to contacting the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation to discuss the development of the Kootenay Regional Strategy and the approach used to improve internet service in its region.

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Concerns were brought forward regarding the delivery of internet service being based on non-compete clauses and the ISP's do not always have the capability to provide adequate service levels. Director Fisher spoke of the need to forward a letter to the CRTC and Northern Development Initiative Trust regarding the Regional Board's concerns.

Write a Letter to NDIT and CRTC

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2017-1-5

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) and Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) outlining the need for Internet Service Providers (ISP) to have the capability to provide and ensure the provision of the highest level of upload and download speeds; and further, that the impact of non-compete clauses do not always allow for the best possible service provision for the region."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2017-1-6

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the following Administration Correspondence:

- o Government of Canada – CRTC Establishes Fund to Attain New High-Speed Internet Targets;
- o Municipal Information Network – CRTC Broadband Decision: Big Win for Rural and Northern Communities."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

REFERRALS

Land Referral File No. 6406985 Bear Enterprises Ltd. Electoral Area 'G'

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2017-1-7

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6406985" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6406985."

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2017-1-8

"That Motion RDC.2017-1-7 be amended to include:
"That a public consultation process takes place that includes community consultation with Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

"That the question be called on Motion RDC.2017-1-7 as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS (CONT'D)

Land Referral File No.
6406883 Reddog Logging
Electoral Area 'G'

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2017-1-9

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6406883" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6406883."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Smithers Tradeshow Booth

Director Fisher spoke of the Smithers Tradeshow Booth and sharing the booth with the Town of Smithers. He mentioned that there is a need for two booths at the tradeshow: Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) and the Town of Smithers Booth, and an Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Booth to be shared with local Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) established services such as the Smithers TV Rebroadcasting Society, the Bulkley Valley Regional Pool and Recreation Centre etc.

Discussion took place regarding the budget for tradeshows and conference travel and the need to have all monetary decisions approved by the Regional Board. The use of grant in aid for tradeshows for service providers and community groups to have a booth was also discussed. The administration budget allocation for tradeshows is currently \$2,000. Director Miller provided an overview of the past intent of the budget and that Electoral Area Directors and Municipalities were to partner and utilize those funds to attend tradeshows. Discussion took place regarding the potential to utilize those funds for Directors to attend Fall Fairs or other local events to promote the Regional District.

Smithers Tradeshow Booth

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-1-10

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize two Smithers Tradeshow Booths to be shared between Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural), Village of Telkwa and Town of Smithers from the administration tradeshow budget."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Director Miller noted that the Tradeshow budget line item under administration is contributed to by both the Electoral Area Directors and Municipalities thus the discussion needs to be brought forward at a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Director Fisher mentioned that the cost of the booth is approximately \$400-\$450 per booth. Director Fisher noted that if the budget is not being utilized consideration should be given to eliminate the line item from the budget.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Northern Development Initiative Trust

Discussion took place regarding:

- Initiating a review of the current Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Pooling of funds model;
- The current model vs. the past practice of allocating funds to each area within a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC);
- The original intent was to review the new process after five years;
- It is approximately half way through the five year term;
- benefits and disadvantages of the two funding models;
- Opportunity to gather information to determine which funding model is more advantages;
- Allocation and utilization of funds between the Northwest RAC and the Prince George RAC;
- Economics and more projects being initiated in the Northwest RAC has played a role in the utilization of funds;
- Staff and Director's Miller and Fisher to obtain information to determine the best funding model.

Director MacDougall spoke to the idea of the original funds earned in interest by NDIT prior to moving to the pooled approach should be given to each area to use as leveraging funds for future funding opportunities. That the original monies provided to NDIT be moved to the pooled fund but the interest be allocated to each Electoral Area/Municipality.

Northern Development Initiative Trust RE: Pooled Funding vs. Direct Area Funding

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2017-1-11

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff and Directors Miller and Fisher to compile information in regard to Northern Development Initiative Trust's pooled funding vs. direct area funding and bring forward to the Regional Board for review."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2017-1-12

"That the meeting be adjourned 11:20 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors Committee

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson
Manager of Administrative Services**

DATE: February 1, 2017

**SUBJECT: Smithers Bikes - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “A”
(Smithers Rural)**

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from Smithers Bikes.

The group is seeking \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) to install a public bike pump in downtown Smithers.

Director Fisher has indicated that he is supportive of this application.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that Smithers Bikes be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) to install a public bike pump in downtown Smithers.”

Cheryl Anderson

From: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: January-16-17 12:07 PM
To: Cheryl Anderson
Subject: New submission from "Grant in Aid Application"
Attachments: 587d27e44698b-Public Bike Pump Budget.docx



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID APPLICATION**

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Smithers Bikes

Mailing Address:
Box 5172, Smithers BC V0J 2N)

Email:

mlarstone@gmail.com

Contact Person:

Michelle Larstone, 250-847-0994

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

A Public Bike Pump for Downtown Smithers

Amount Requested:

500

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.

Yes

(signature of authorized signatory) (title)

Signature of Electoral Area Director

Amount Approved: _____
Date: _____

APPLICATION PROFILE

Is your organization voluntary and non-profit?:

Yes

Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

Smithers Bikes is a volunteer-based group in Smithers that has organized Bike to Work Week for the past four years, which helps the Town of Smithers achieve one of its healthy transportation goals. Smithers Bikes is the only organization working on encouraging cycling as active transportation.

Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

Smithers Bikes serves the Bulkley Valley as well as cycle tourists and other visitors who are cycling or mountain biking as part of their time in the area.

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.:

N/A

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.:

Smithers Bikes is a volunteer-based group that currently has 10 members.

PROJECT PROPOSAL PROFILE

RDBN Assistance Requested:

capital project and/or equipment

Other Assistance Requested:

Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details or your request here. Attach additional information if required:

The goals of this project are as follows:

- 1. To allow bicycle users to keep their tires inflated to the proper pressure.*
- 2. To encourage the use of bicycles for everyday transportation within the Town of Smithers.*
- 3. To signal to residents and visitors that Smithers is a bike-friendly community.*

Describe how this proposal will benefit the community:

Through its Bike-Friendly Task Force (in partnership with Northern Health), the Town of Smithers has taken steps to encourage bicycle use, including installing bicycle racks and implementing a safe bike

route through town. Our Official Community Plan also prioritizes bicycle use as a form of active transportation.

Installing a public bike pump in downtown Smithers is another way we can encourage the use of bicycles. Giving bike users handy access to a pump allows them to keep their tire pressure topped up, leading to a smoother, safer, more efficient ride. Having the pump installed in a prominent public place also sends a signal to both residents and visitors that our community is bike friendly.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

files Submitted:

587d27e44698b-Public Bike Pump Budget.docx

Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?:

Yes

If not, please comment.:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency1:

Northern Health

Amount Applied for 1:

4,500

Status of Grant Application1:

Approved

Name of Grant or Funding Agency2:

Amount Applied for2:

Status of Grant Application2:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency3:

Amount Applied for3:

Status of Grant Application3:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency4:

Amount Applied for4:

Status of Grant Application4:

Have you received assistance before from us.

No

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance

Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families?:

Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either:

a senior government or a local service agency?:

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions?: *Yes*

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors Committee

FROM: Cheryl Anderson
Manager of Administrative Services

DATE: February 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Metis Nation New Caledonia Society – Request for Grant in Aid
– Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from the Metis Nation New Caledonia Society.

The Society is seeking \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) to purchase a transport ventilator to be used in Fort St. James and the surrounding communities.

Director Greenaway has indicated that he is supportive of this application.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Metis Nation New Caledonia Society be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) to purchase a transport ventilator to be used in Fort St. James and the surrounding communities.”

Cheryl Anderson

From: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: January-16-17 12:16 PM
To: Cheryl Anderson
Subject: New submission from "Grant in Aid Application"
Attachments: 587d29fa0bc1d-Metis Nation New Caledonia Budget Janury 16.docx



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID APPLICATION**

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Metis Nation New Caledonia Society

Mailing Address:

Box 1413, Fort St. James, BC V0J 1P0

Email:

amccormick@telus.net

Contact Person:

*June Heddon, (Metis
Matriarch), 250 996-7503*

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

Purchase of a transport ventilator to be used in Fort St. James and the surrounding communities.

Amount Requested:

\$2,000.00

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.

No

(signature of authorized signatory) (title)

Signature of Electoral Area Director
Amount Approved: _____
Date: _____

APPLICATION PROFILE

Is your organization voluntary and non-profit?:

Yes

Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

The objectives of the society are to:

- *Advance the interests of the Metis people*
- *Promote the society, educational and cultural needs of Metis people*
- *Provide services and programs that meet the diverse needs of the metis*
- *Educate the public about the history, accomplishments and contributions of the Metis*
- *Lobby governments concerning legislation that affects the interests of the Metis*
- *Cooperate with other aboriginal and Metis organisations in order to meet the objectives of the Association.*

Since its first beginnings as the New Caledonia Metis Association, the Society has organized or sponsored many events and programs.

The Metis Nation New Caledonia Society is pleased to actively support a fundraising opportunity for the purchase of a transport ventilator for the community of Fort St. James. After surveying the community to see what a priority would be, it was animosity decided that a new, small, reliable transport ventilator was a priority for the safety and health of the area. The community recognizes the challenges of driving to regional facilities for additional health care. If the weather is bad, it could certainly take more that 45 minutes to get to Vanderhoof or two hours to Prince George.

The Metis Society approached Mayor and Council in September as well as hosted a community meeting in early October to reaffirm the decision to fundraise for the transport ventilator.

In 2016/2017 it was decided by the Society that Fort St. James would be the recipient of the fund raising efforts of the Society.

Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

The Society has actively engaged and been present in Fort St. James since 1998 (New Caledonia Metis Association) and under the new Society of Metis Nation New Caledonia Society will continue with its community partners of Vanderhoof, Fort Fraser, Fraser Lake and Burns Lake. The Metis Nation New Caledonia is partnering with the Fort St. James Primary Care Society to help support this health initiative.

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.:

On September 21, 2016, the Fort St. James, Mayor and Council, supported the Registered Status of this grant application, having approved in principle, the flow through of funds through the District accounts on behalf of the Metis Nation of New Caledonia. All fundraising money will go directly to the purchase of the transport ventilator.

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.:

Registered Status Metis Registration Number: S-0063840

The Metis Nation New Caledonia Society became a non-profit society in 2015.

Organizational objectives include: "Advancing the interests of the Metis people and work with other aboriginal and Metis organisations to meet the Association's objectives."

PROJECT PROPOSAL PROFILE

RDBN Assistance Requested:

capital project and/or equipment

Other Assistance Requested:

None.

Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details or your request here. Attach additional information if required:

The portable transport ventilator would be invaluable to our region. People are placed on ventilators when they cannot breathe on their own. This may be for any of the following reasons:

- To make sure the person is getting enough oxygen and is getting rid of carbon dioxide.*
- After surgery, people may need a ventilator to breathe for them when they have had medicine that causes them to be sleepy and their breathing has not returned to normal.*
- A person has an illness or injury and is not able to breathe normally.*

The healthcare workers and facilities in Fort St. James care for an estimated 4500 people in the greater Fort St. James area. This includes residents of the municipality of Fort St. James, Regional District Bulkley Nechako Area "C" and its associated unincorporated communities of Germanson Landing, Leo Creek, Trembleur and Manson Creek, residents of the First Nation communities of Nak'azdli Whud'en, Tl'azt'en Nation, Middle River, Binche Key oh, Takla Lake First Nation, and Yekooche First Nation.

Describe how this proposal will benefit the community:

Currently Fort St James and region does not have a compact transport ventilator. The HAMILTON-TI transport ventilator delivers a compact, powerful, cost-effective ICU ventilation solution that's appropriate for all patients-from neonates to adult. Small enough to fit into any mobile ICU environment the HAMILTON-TI's fast setup and easy management, ensures the most appropriate treatment while providing optimum care for every patient .

People are placed on ventilators when they cannot breathe on their own. This may be for any of the following reasons:

- To make sure the person is getting enough oxygen and is getting rid of carbon dioxide.*
- After surgery, people may need a ventilator to breathe for them when they have had medicine that causes them to be sleepy and their breathing has not returned to normal.*

- *A person has an illness or injury and is not able to breathe normally.*

The healthcare workers and facilities in Fort St. James care for an estimated 4500 people in the region.

Respiratory related health conditions are one of many health issues that affect people of all ages. In addition, breathing issues can occur in post-surgery recovery, acute illness or injury. When it is necessary to transport a patient by ambulance, a portable ventilator will be invaluable to patient wellbeing and the ambulance attendant, nurse or doctor who may be travelling with the patient.

Direct Benefits:

- *Life saving equipment for all patient populations. This includes industry and resident populations alike.*
- *The Transport Ventilator will assist physicians and other health care workers when transporting patients by ambulance to regional hospital facilities 60 – 160 kilometers from Fort St. James or adjacent/outlying communities or industrial centres.*
- *Stuart Lake Hospital in Fort St. James does not have an ICU which means there will always need to transport critically ill patients to either the St. John Hospital in Vanderhoof or University Hospital of Northern BC in Prince George.*
- *In the event that air ambulance has to land in Fort St. James to transport a critical patient, the portable ventilator unit may be a vital to patient transfer to the airplane or helicopter.*
- *Transport Ventilator is appropriate for all patients, from neonates to adult.*
- *Supports 9 hours of ventilation if undue circumstances arise.*
- *Standardizes Northern Health equipment in a rural northern health facility*
- *Supports outlying Health Centers by having access to this equipment*
- *Improve patient outcomes for transports by ambulance, airplane or helicopter to major hospital facilities.*

In Direct Benefits

- *Supports Doctor retention and training for Medical Students*
- *Supports our Indigenous, seniors and community members at large, whether living in rural and remote locations as previously outlined, or the municipality of Fort St. James.*
- *Supports health care workers to know they have reliable equipment for distance transport of patients of any age.*
- *Support health care workers to expand her/his skills in use of this new ventilator apparatus.*
- *Transport ventilator recommended is efficient and easily transportable due to its size.*
- *Valuable new equipment addition to a rural hospital with diverse trauma medical situations.*

Overall, the quality of life will be improved in the following manner:

- *Peace of mind for populations with health issues so that they may continue to live in Fort St. James, knowing we are well equipped with good life saving equipment;*
- *Because of the equipment's portability and versatility, medical professionals can use it in situations where managing breathing in all critically ill patients is imperative;*
- *Reliable, state of the art equipment that supports our medical staff to transport all patient demographics to larger centres where Intensive Care Units and medical professionals can continue the required medical care.*

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

files Submitted:

Yes

Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?:

If not, please comment.:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency1:
Amount Applied for 1:
Status of Grant Application1:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency2:
Amount Applied for2:
Status of Grant Application2:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency3:
Amount Applied for3:
Status of Grant Application3:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency4:
Amount Applied for4:
Status of Grant Application4:

Pending

Have you received assistance before from us.

No

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance
Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance

Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families?:
Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either:
a senior government or a local service agency?:
Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions?:
OR, is your organization: Part of a provincial or national fund *Yes*
raising campaign?:

January 17, 2017

Fort Fraser Livestock Association
PO Box
Fort Fraser, BC
V0J 1E0

ATTENTION:

Xxxxxx xxxxxxxx, CN Rail contact@cn.ca

Bill Miller, Chair, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, bill.miller@rdbn.bc.ca

Minister Todd Stone, Ministry of Transportation, todd.stone.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Mayor Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof, cao@district.vanderhoof.ca

Andrew Gobbi, Road Foreman, Vanderhoof, Yellowhead Road & Bridge,
andrewg@yrb.ca

RE: Rail Cars Blocking the Grade Crossing at Landaluza Road, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

It has been reported by members of the Fort Fraser Livestock Association that the public grade crossings in our operating area has been repeatedly blocked by rail cars for unreasonable lengths of time far exceeding the allowable 5 minutes when vehicles are waiting to cross. This crossing is essential to residents in the area and the length of time that it has been left impassible creates safety concerns and delays transportation of goods and personnel which has negative financial impacts for our members.

Grade Crossings Regulations (SOR/2014-275) 97 (2) states It is prohibited for railway equipment to be left standing on a crossing surface, or for switching operations to be conducted, in a manner that obstructs a public grade crossing — including by the activation of the gate of a warning system — for more than five minutes when vehicular or pedestrian traffic is waiting to cross it. This regulation is repeatedly violated according to reports by our members in the past few weeks.

For example, in the last few weeks, at the grade crossing at Landaluza Road near Vanderhoof, BC a vehicle was unable to cross from 6:00 am until 9:05 am – an interval 3 hours in excess of the grade crossing regulations.

We request that the grade crossing be kept open especially when traffic us waiting to cross it and that the safety issues created by the lengthy blocking of it be addressed by CN and the appropriate road authority.

Sincerely,

Alex Kulchar
President
Fort Fraser Livestock Association

Property Description:

Lease No. 0326344 is legally described as "Block O, District Lot 1584, Range 5, Coast District". The property is located at 271 Prairie Road and is 0.09 ha. in size. According to our Prairie Village Inventory completed in 2016 there is a 1-story, 20 m² cabin on the parcel and no visible outhouse.

Lease No. 0326374 is legally described as "Block L, District Lot 1584, Range 5, Coast District". The property is located at 323 Prairie Road and is 0.09 ha in size. According to our inventory there are no improvements on the property; however, there is a sewage permit approved for a Pit Privy with holding tank on the property.

Lease No. 6401623 is legally described as "Block E, District Lot 1585, Range 5, Coast District". The property is located at 261 Prairie Road and is 0.09 ha. in size. According to our inventory there is a 1.5-story, 75 m² cabin and an approved grey water tank and pit privy with a holding tank located on the property.

Lease No. 6401624 is legally described as "Block G, District Lot 1585, Range 5, Coast District". The property is located at 263 Prairie Road and is 0.08 ha. in size. According to our inventory there is a 2-story, 111 m² cabin and a pit privy with a holding tank located on the property.

Licence No. 6400666 is legally described as "All that unsurveyed crown lands in the vicinity of District Lot 1590, Range 5, Coast District and containing 0.09 ha. more or less". According to BC Assessment there is a 1.5-story cabin on the property.

Licence No. 6401018 is also legally described as "All that unsurveyed crown lands in the vicinity of District Lot 1590, Range 5, Coast District and containing 0.09 ha. more or less". According to BC Assessment there is a 1-story cabin on the property.

Discussion:

The issuance of licences to these two properties rather than leases provides the Province with a means to tenure these properties that do not have legal access and/or were located on land that is integral to the operation of the ski resort. The licences have not been surveyed; are not available for purchase by the licence holders; and, will not be legally subdivided at any time.

It is noted that the properties with licences were not inventoried under the R8 Zone review as they are not subdivided. However, the lands may be considered for rezoning to the R8 Zone as part of the review process.

Conditions for each land tenure in the Cabin Colony that are of interest to the Regional District include:

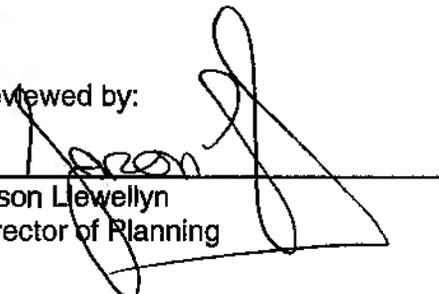
- Leases and licences are granted for seasonal residential purposes.

- Tenure holders must follow all applicable laws, bylaws, orders, directions, ordinances and regulations that in any way affect the land and the improvements, or their use and occupation.
- The land and improvements are to be kept in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.
- Tenure holders must dispose of raw sewage and refuse only in accordance with the requirements and regulations of appropriate agencies.

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application Nos., 0326344, 0326374, 6400666, 6401018, 6401623, and 6401624.

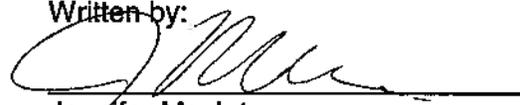
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Rural Directors – All Directors/Majority

Written by:



Jennifer MacIntyre
Planner I



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT
SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL Nos. 0326344, 0326374,
6400666, 6401018, 6401623, and 6401624**

Electoral Area:	A
Applicant:	Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Mountain Resorts Branch
Existing Land Use:	Seasonal dwelling
Zoning:	Hudson Bay Mountain Recreational Residential Zone (R8) and Large Holdings (H2)
Plan Designation	Ski Smithers Development Area (SSDA) under Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan No. 1704, 2014.
	3.6.1 Objectives:
	(a) <i>To encourage development of safe, functional and attractive alpine community.</i>
	3.6.2 Policies:
	(a) <i>Includes a diversity of housing types and densities</i>
	(b) <i>Incorporates alpine building styles that integrate the natural environment and the varied topography of the area</i>
	(c) <i>Includes dwelling units that are used for tourist accommodation on a daily, weekly or monthly basis</i>
	(f) <i>Encourages the control of drainage in a manner which does not increase discharge off the land, or alter the drainage pattern in a manner that negatively impacts other land</i>
	(j) <i>Does not have an unacceptable negative impact on significant views</i>
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	Yes
If not, why?	N/A
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Not in the ALR
Access Highway:	Prairie Road
Archaeological Site:	Not according to our mapping
Building Inspection:	Within the Building Inspection Area
Fire Protection:	Outside Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	It is recommended the Province ensure that any sewage disposal systems on the properties are being installed, and are being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale/ renewal of the leases or licences of the property.



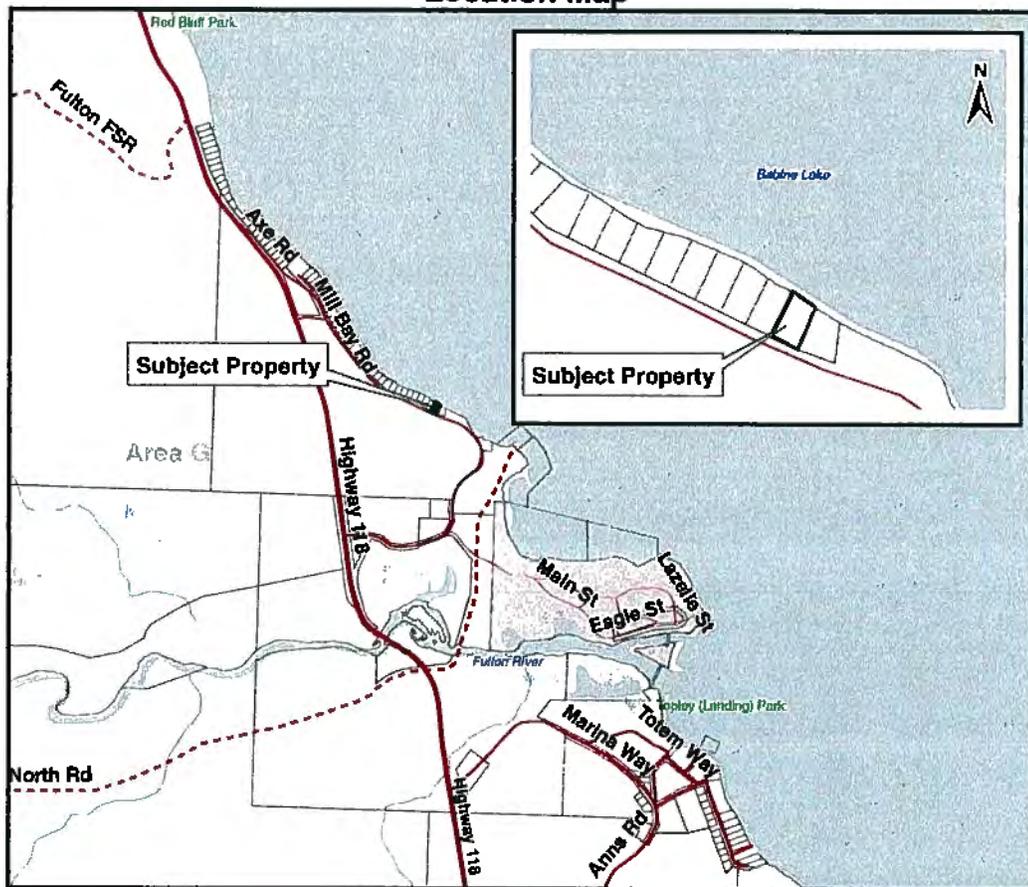
MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
 From: Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner I
 Date: January 26, 2017
 Re: Land Referral File No. 0308078 (Hanna & Ford)

This application is regarding a Crown Grant on Crown land for residential purposes.

The applicant currently holds a *Land Act* Lease for the subject property (Lot 2, District Lot 1352, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 5380), located at 48414 Mill Bay Road in Topley Landing. The application area is approximately 0.150 ha. in size. The applicant has leased the property since 1970 and has invested in the property by constructing a single family dwelling, garage, septic field and well.

Location Map



The application area is zoned Waterfront Residential II Zone (R4). The property is within building inspection.

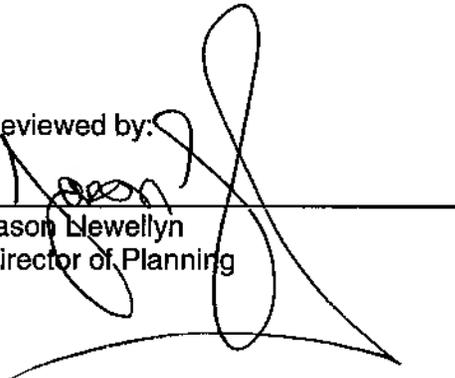
In situations such as this where the parcel is relatively small achieving appropriate on-site sewage disposal may be challenging. It is noted that a more expensive pump and haul system may be required. As there is an existing dwelling on the property, it is recommended that the Province ensure that any sewage disposal system on the property was installed, and is being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the property.

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 0308078

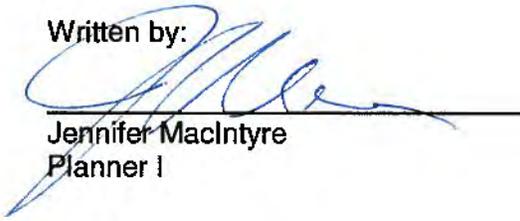
Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:



Jason Dewellyn
Director of Planning

Written by:



Jennifer MacIntyre
Planner I



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 0308078

Electoral Area:	G
Applicant:	Kirby Hannia and Sherry Ford
Existing Land Use:	Residential
Zoning:	Waterfront Residential II (R4) under Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993.
Plan Designation	Lakeshore (L) under Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 1622, 2011.
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	Yes
If not, why?	
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Within the ALR
Access Highway:	Mill Bay Road
Archaeological Site:	None according to provincial mapping
Building Inspection:	Within the Building Inspection Area
Fire Protection:	Outside the Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	It is recommended the Province ensure that any sewage disposal system on the property was installed, and is being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the property.



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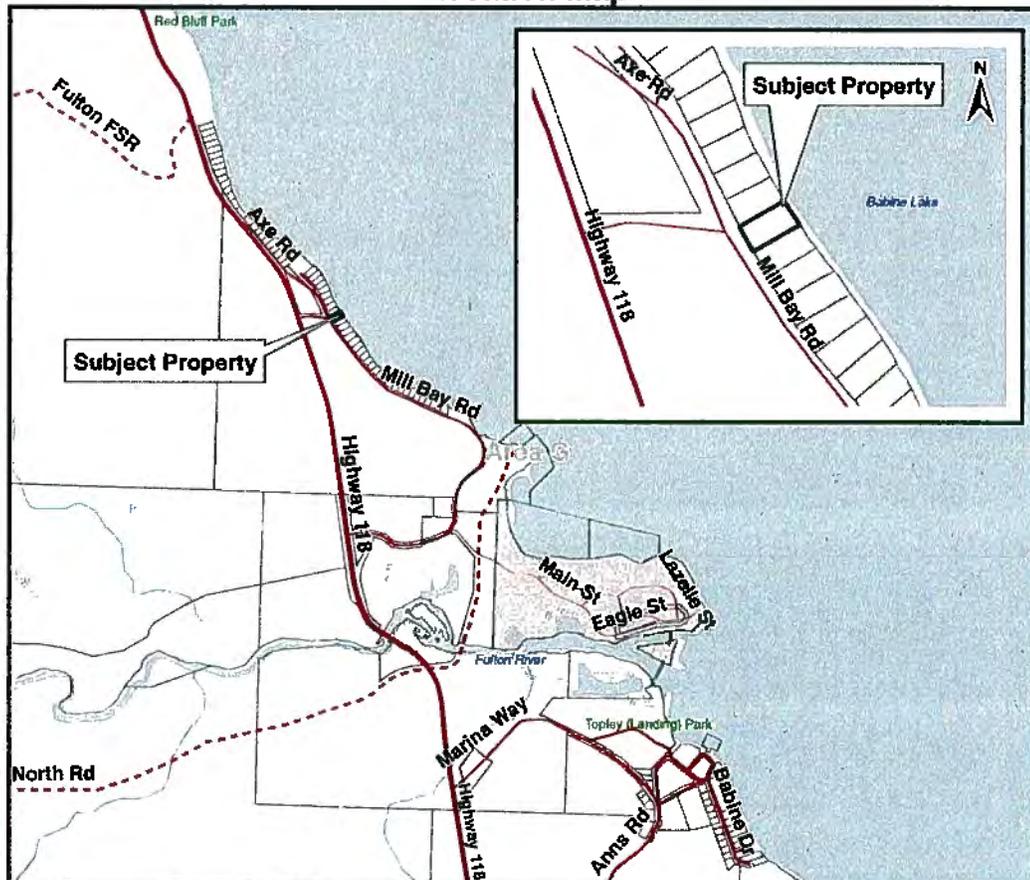
MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
From: Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner I
Date: January 26, 2017
Re: Land Referral File No. 0284066 (Johnson & Lenglet)

This application is regarding a Crown Grant on Crown land for recreational residential purposes.

The applicant currently holds a *Land Act* Lease for the subject property (Lot 25, District Lot 1352, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 5380), located at Mill Bay Road in Topley Landing. The application area is approximately 0.1730 ha. in size. The applicant is applying to purchase the lot as they wish to resolve encroachment issues from the neighbour, and wish to build a cement pad for trailer and a septic tank.

Location Map



The application area is zoned Waterfront Residential II Zone (R4). The property is within

building inspection.

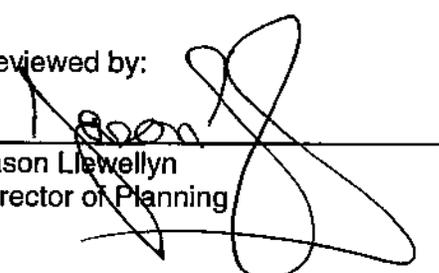
In situations such as this where the parcel is relatively small achieving appropriate on-site sewage disposal may be challenging. To ensure that the future development of the sensitive lakeshore lot is done with care and to protect the environment and the public's health, it is recommended that the Province identify the capacity of the lot to accommodate onsite sewage disposal, and that purchasers be made aware of the limitations of the property.

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 0284066.

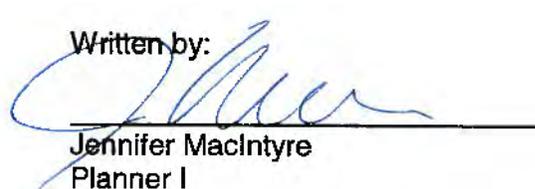
Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:



Jason Llewellyn
Director of Planning

Written by:



Jennifer MacIntyre
Planner I



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 0284066

Electoral Area:	G
Applicant:	Katherine Johnston & Mark Lenglet
Existing Land Use:	Vacant, with encroached structures.
Zoning:	Waterfront Residential II (R4) under Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993.
Plan Designation	Lakeshore (L) under Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 1622, 2011.
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	Yes
If not, why?	
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Within the ALR
Access Highway:	Mill Bay Road
Archaeological Site:	None according to provincial mapping
Building Inspection:	Within the Building Inspection Area
Fire Protection:	Outside the Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	It is recommended that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations identify the capacity of the lot to accommodate onsite sewage disposal, and that purchasers be made aware of the limitations of the property.



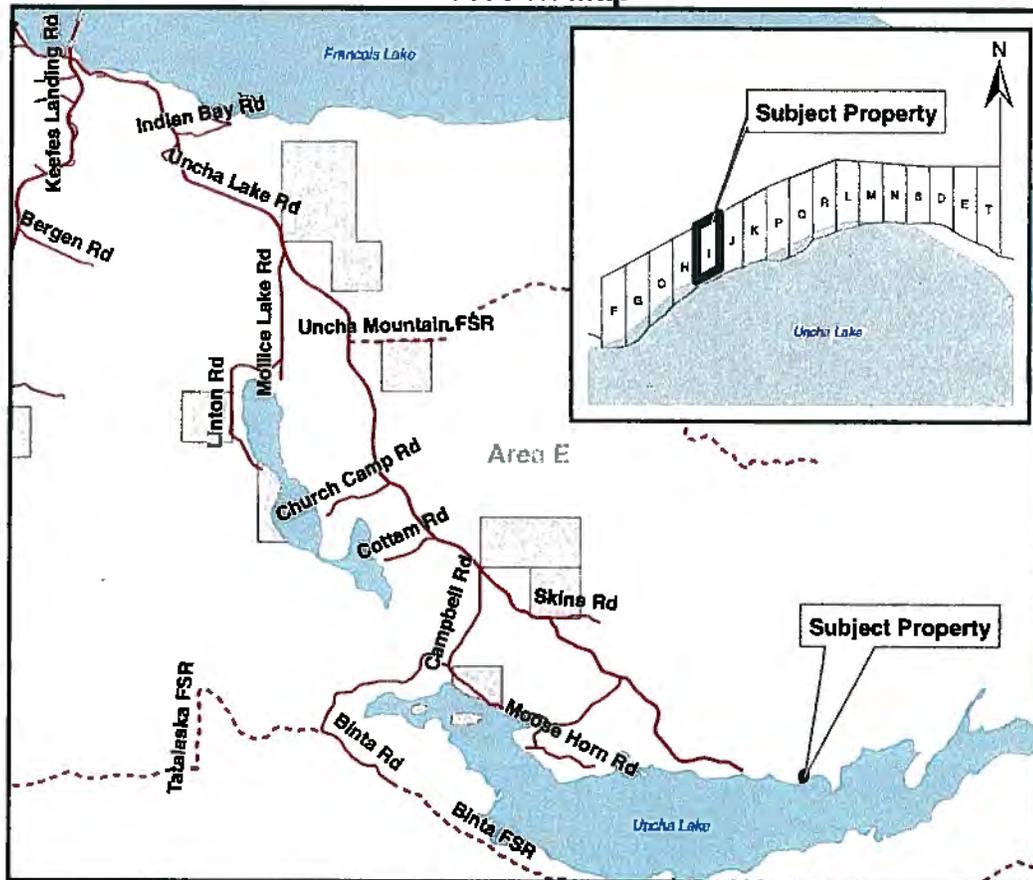
MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
From: Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner I
Date: January 26, 2017
Re: Land Referral File No. 0299154 (Hanson)

This application is regarding a Crown Grant on Crown land for recreational residential purposes.

The applicant currently holds a *Land Act* Lease for the subject property (Block I, District Lot 1711, Range 4, Coast District), located at 18532 Uncha Lake Road. The application area is approximately 0.2104 ha. in size. The applicant is applying to purchase the lot as they have invested in constructing a cabin, shed and outhouse on the property.

Location Map



The application area is zoned Rural Resource Zone (RR1) which permits seasonal dwellings.

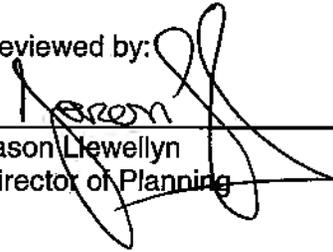
In situations such as this where the parcel is relatively small achieving appropriate on-site sewage disposal may be challenging. It is noted that a more expensive pump and haul system may be required. As there is an existing dwelling on the property, it is recommended that the Province ensure that any sewage disposal system on the property was installed, and is being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the property.

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 0299154.

Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:



Jason Llewellyn
Director of Planning

Written by:



Jennifer MacIntyre
Planner I



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 0299154

Electoral Area:	E
Applicant:	Stewart and Betty Hanson
Existing Land Use:	Seasonal, Residential
Zoning:	Rural Resource (RR1) under Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993.
Plan Designation	N/A
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	Yes
If not, why?	
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Outside the ALR
Access Highway:	Uncha Lake Road
Archaeological Site:	None according to provincial mapping
Building Inspection:	Outside the Building Inspection Area
Fire Protection:	Outside the Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	That the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations ensure that the sewage disposal system on the property is installed and operated in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the property.

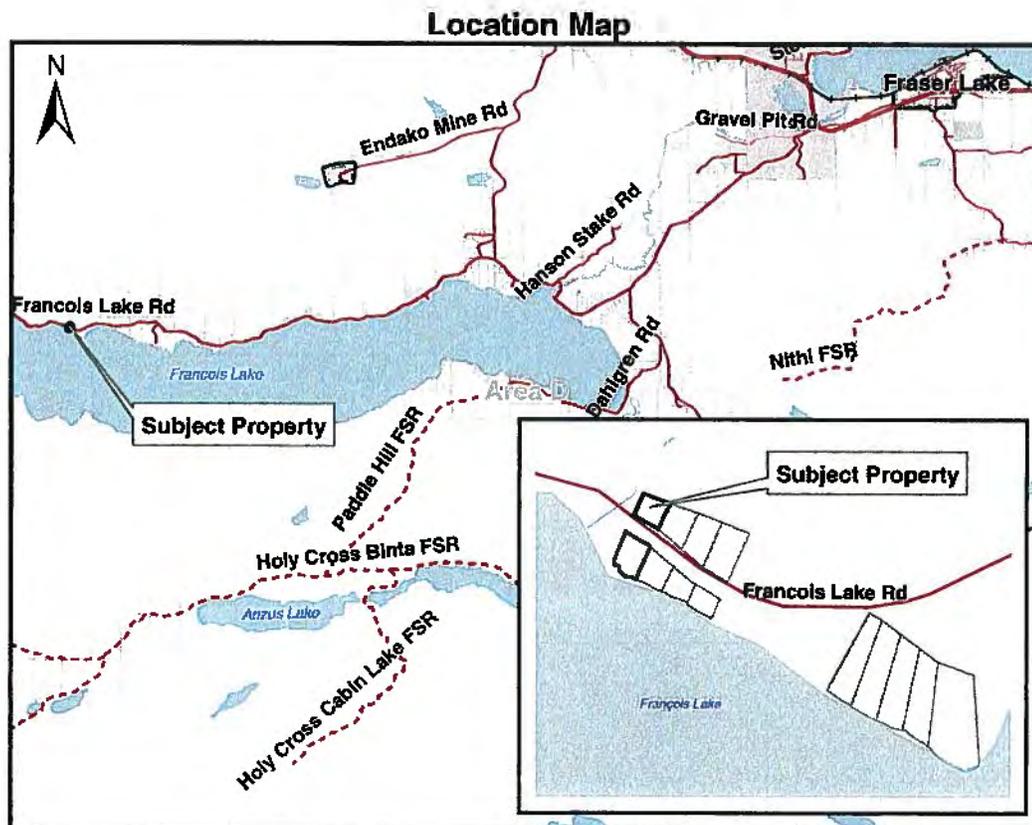


MEMORANDUM

To: Rural Directors
 From: Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner I
 Date: January 20, 2017
 Re: Land Referral File No. 299013

This application is regarding a Crown Grant on Crown land for recreational residential purposes.

The applicant currently holds a *Land Act* Lease for the subject property (District Lot 1077, Range 5, Coast District, Except Road Right-of-Way within L 1077) located at 2595 Francois Lake Road on Francois Lake. The application area is 0.2023 ha (0.5 acres) in size.



The applicant is interested in purchasing their lease lot, on which they have built a dwelling that is used for recreation purposes. The applicants state their intent is to continue their recreational use of the property.

In situations such as this where the parcel is relatively small achieving appropriate on-site

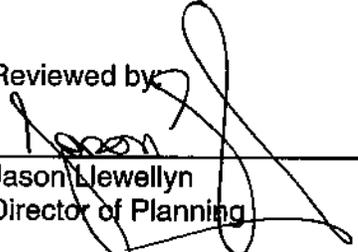
sewage disposal may be challenging. It is noted that a more expensive pump and haul system may be required. As there is an existing dwelling on the property, it is recommended that the Province ensure that any sewage disposal system on the property was installed, and is being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the property.

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application No. 299013.

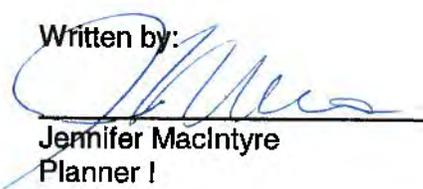
Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:



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Written by:



Jennifer MacIntyre
Planner I



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT
SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL No. 299013**

Electoral Area:	D
Applicant:	Donna Fennell
Existing Land Use:	Seasonal dwelling
Zoning:	Waterfront Residential II (R4)
Plan Designation	Lakeshore (L)
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	Yes
If not, why?	
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Not in the ALR
Access Highway:	Francois Lake Road
Archaeological Site:	Not according to our mapping
Building Inspection:	Outside building inspection area
Fire Protection:	Outside Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	It is recommended the Province ensure that any sewage disposal system on the property was installed, and is being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the property.

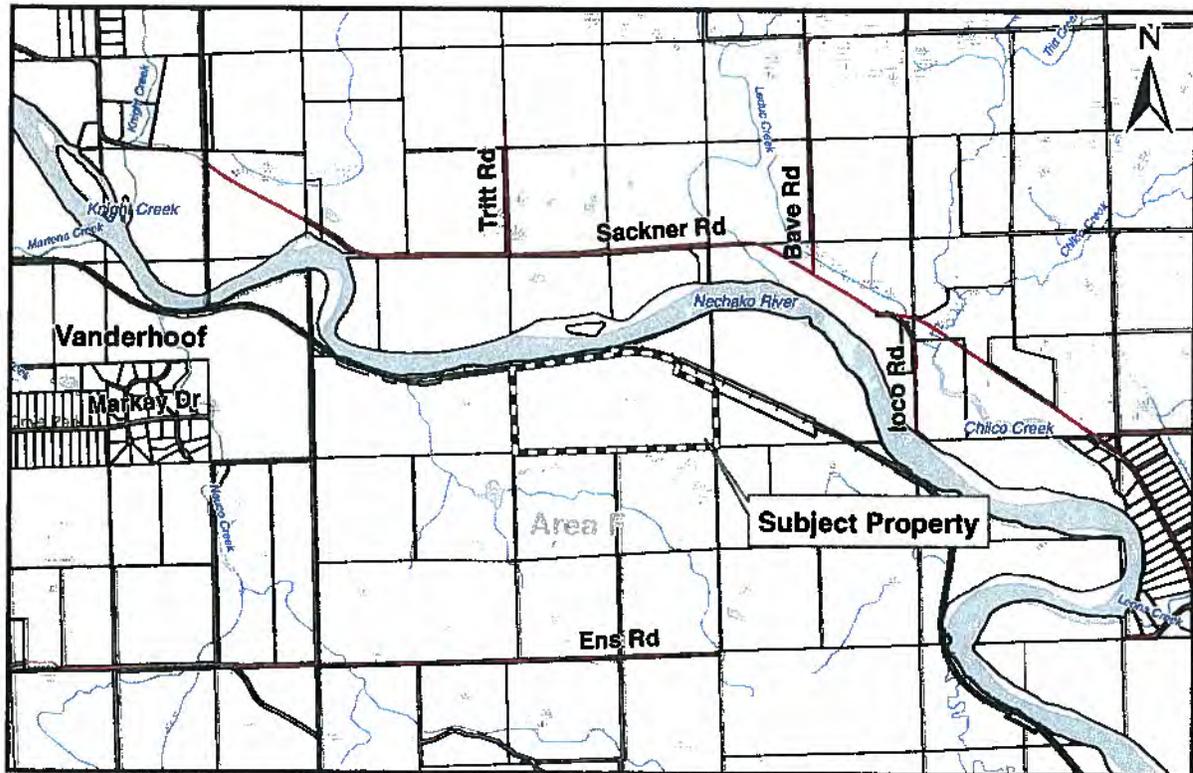


MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
 From: Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner I
 Date: January 20, 2017
 Re: Land Referral File No. 7409895 (Boon)

This application is regarding a Crown Grant to obtain additional land for extensive agriculture purposes. The subject property is legally described as Part of S ½ of the Fractional Section 5, Township 10, Range 5, Coast District Except Plan A107 and is located on the Nechako River near Ens Road, approximately 1 kilometre east of the District of Vanderhoof. The application area is approximately 85.78 ha. in size.

Location Map



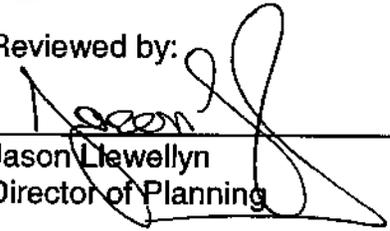
The intent of this application is to provide additional arable land to their existing farm operation. This Licence of Occupation will allow the applicant to establish fencing, harvest merchantable timber, and clear land for forage production.

The application area is zoned Rural Resource (RR1) under Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993 and is not within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The application complies with zoning.

Recommendation
That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 7409895.

Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:



Jason Llewellyn
Director of Planning

Written by:



Jennifer MacIntyre
Planner I



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 7409895

Electoral Area:	F
Applicant:	Edna & Dale Boon
Existing Land Use:	Vacant, Forested
Zoning:	Rural Resource under Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993.
Plan Designation	Resource (RE) under Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan, Bylaw No. 1517, 2009
	Section 3.8.2 (1) of the area's OCP states that "Only uses directly associated with agriculture and grazing, mineral or aggregate extraction, fish and wildlife management, wilderness oriented recreation, and necessary institutional, public, utility or transportation services use will be permitted in the Resource (RE) designation. A very limited amount of low density residential use may be permitted within this designation, where appropriate."
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	Yes
If not, why?	
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Not within the ALR
Access Highway:	Ens Road
Archaeological Site:	None according to provincial mapping
Building Inspection:	Within the Building Inspection Area
Fire Protection:	Outside the Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	None