



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

1:00 P.M.  
(VIRTUAL)

<u>PAGE NO.</u>	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	<u>AGENDA – NOVEMBER 4, 2021</u>	Approve
	<u>Supplementary Agenda</u>	Receive
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
xx	Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021	Receive
	<u>DELEGATIONS</u>	
	<u>NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST</u> Joel McKay, CEO RE: Northern Passenger Transportation Fund	
xx	<u>MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</u> Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement RE: BC Bus North	
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**(VIRTUAL)**

**(Committee of the Whole)**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brien  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Brad Layton  
Linda McGuire  
Bob Motion  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson

Director Absent Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant  
Chantal Wentland, Local Government Intern

Others Dave Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation & Technical Services, City of Prince George  
Michael Coulson, Transit Planner, City of Prince George  
Lindsay Taylor, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit  
Aaron Thompson, Planner, BC Transit  
Scott Hickling, General Manager of Operations, Takla First Nation

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Parker

**RTC.2021-1-1**

“That the Regional Transit Agenda of December 10, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

Regional Transit Committee Minutes – December 10, 2020 Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Fisher

RTC.2021-1-2 “That the Regional Transit Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **BC TRANSIT – Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations RE: 2021 Bulkley Nechako Transit Service Review**

Chair Thiessen welcomed Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit.

Ms. Taylor provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Highway 16 Service Review

- Overview
- Hwy 16 Overview
- Highway 16 Service Review
- Service Review Process
- Community Context
- Community Context Q's (Questions)
- Engagement Strategy.

The following was discussed:

- The review process including collaboration and communication among various transit providers
- Granisle – recipient of the Community Vehicle Program
  - Unable to connect to the Highway 16 Transit Bus
- Fort St. James – no public transportation
  - Would like to see a public transit system
  - Will be reviewed by BC Transit
- BC Transit review process
  - All transit services in the north to determine effectiveness and efficiencies
  - Scheduling
    - Review Granisle and Fort St. James
  - Include GPS for the buses for riders to determine locations in real time
  - Highlight potential needs and resources to be the most efficient and most seamless transportation corridor
- Residents daily commute between Houston and Smithers and Houston and Burns Lake
  - Current schedule does not accommodate most commuters
- Road conditions on the Highway 16 Corridor in the winter and summer
- Possible provincial/federal funding.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Taylor for attending the meeting.

**REPORT**

Bulkley-Nechako Transit  
Service Review

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Atrill

RTC.2021-1-3

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Planner  
1/Regional Transit Coordinator’s 2021 Bulkley Nechako Transit  
Service Review memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Funk

RTC.2021-1-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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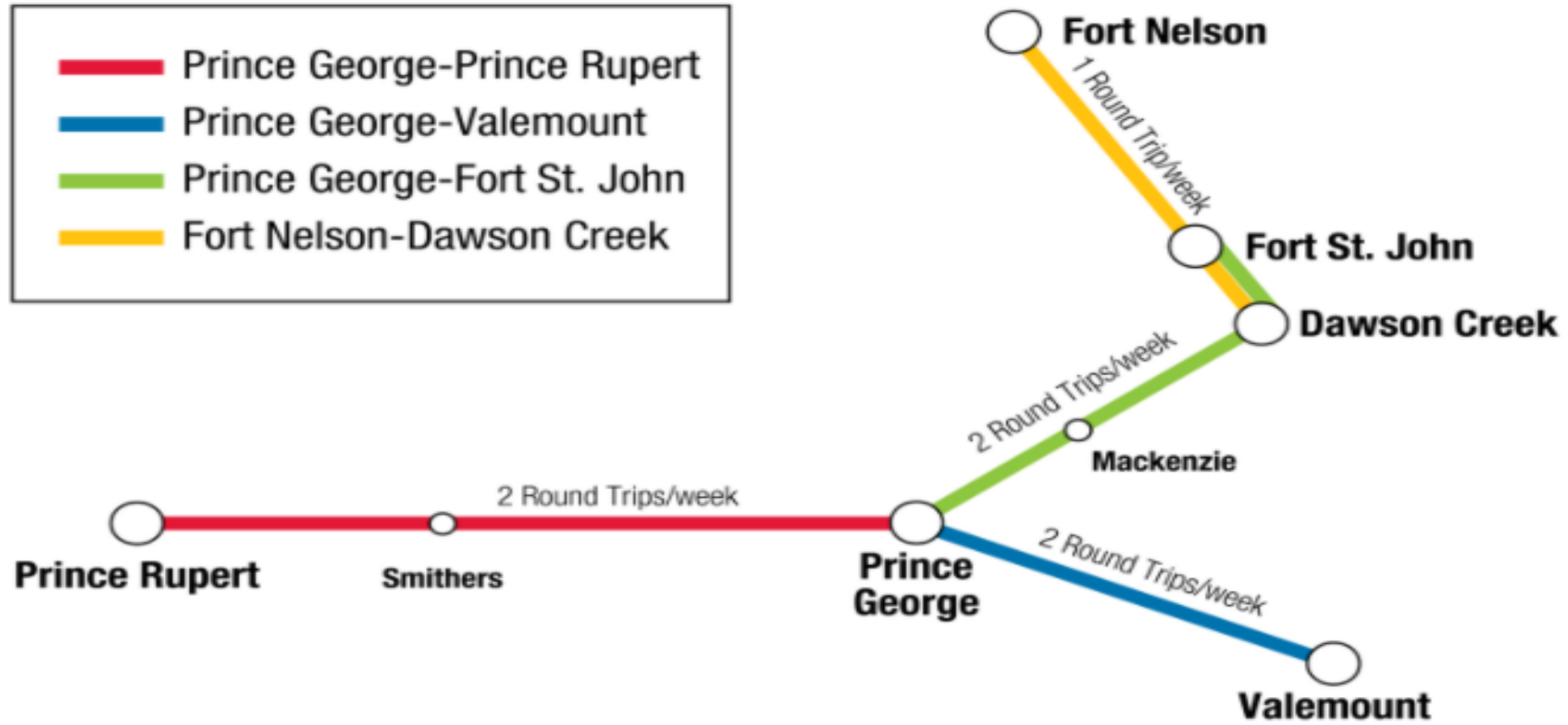
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



## Regional District Bulkley Nechako – Regional Transit Committee November 4, 2021



# Routes





# Passenger Profile (2019)

- Under 40 years of age
- Travelling alone
- Learned of the service from Facebook or family
- Booked a one-way ticket
- Travelling to see family and friends or for other social reasons



# Community Benefits & Economic Impact

Does an intercity bus service:

- Make a difference to your community?
- Support labour mobility?
- Support access to education and training?
- Is it a consideration for people choosing a place to live?
- Are there industry sectors that may benefit, for example, tourism?



Please send additional feedback to:

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Thank you!