

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 7

Thursday, May 28, 2015

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Eileen Benedict
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Absent Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
Shane Brienen, District of Houston
Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)
Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake

Alternate Director John Illes, Village of Burns Lake

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:45 a.m., left at 12:35 p.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – arrived at 11:43 a.m., left at 1:58 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 11:14 a.m., left at 11:40 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Darci Burtch, Canadian Animal Assistance Team – left at 11:15 a.m.
Valerie Ingram, Lakes Animal Friendship – left at 11:15 a.m.
Lois Martin, Lakes Animal Friendship – left at 11:15 a.m.
Alistair Schroff, Lakes Animal Friendship – left at 11:15 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-7-1

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of May 28, 2015 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
–April 30, 2015

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-7-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2015 be adopted as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

LAKES ANIMAL FRIENDSHIP/CANADIAN ANIMAL ASSISTANCE TEAM – Alistair Schroff, Val Ingram, Dr. Lois Martin and Darci Burtch RE: Update

Chair Miller welcomed Alistair Schroff, Val Ingram and Dr. Lois Martin, Lakes Animal Friendship and Darci Burtch, Canadian Animal Assistance Team.

Mr. Schroff provided a PowerPoint presentation.

What's Next?

Lakes Animal Friendship Society Progress to Date, Plans for the Future and How we Can Work Together.

- Background;
- Current and planned activities;
- Opportunities to work together.

Education – Animal Care, Compassion, Bite Safety

- Hands on learning;
- Storytelling/sharing;
- Consistent messages;
- Children develop solutions;
- Empowerment through implementation.
- 5000+ Student Visits!

Education is Just the Start!

- *“I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.” Maya Angelou*
- Knowledge is not really enough – the community needs practical tools and options.

Dog House Project

- From building large expensive dog houses to refurbishing large expensive dog houses!
- Big step forward with the “Hofer House Design” (uses only 1 sheet of plywood);
- Over 200 happy customers!

Large Scale Spay/Neuter Community Animal Care Events

Paraphrase Jean Atthowe and the Montana Spay-Neuter Task Force:

“It's time to turn off the tap instead of mopping up the mess!”

- Whole community coming together to improve animal health;
- Community Animal Care Events involve the whole family;
- “Spayghetti and No-balls” dinner, silent auction, music:
 - o By donation;
 - o Encourage community to see animals as having value;
 - o Donations included socks, bannock, cookies from children.
- Paid for busing to make sure every student had a chance to attend the event.
- The number of kittens ending up at the Simonds Sanctuary in Burns Lake dropped to almost nil;
- Great indication that the program, combined with the broader spay/neuter efforts from prior years is having the desired effect.

Spay/Neuter Programs to Date

- Over 1000 cats and dogs spayed/neutered in four years.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

LAKES ANIMAL FRIENDSHIP/CANADIAN ANIMAL ASSISTANCE TEAM – Alistair Schroff, Val Ingram, Dr. Lois Martin and Darci Burtch RE: Update (CONT'D)

Why do we need to keep things going?

- To build healthy animal/human relationships;
- Not animal attacks and animal packs;
- Less abandoned and/or unwanted cats and dogs.

Burns Lake Impoundments & Shelter Surrenders

- **Pre-Intervention 2006 to 2010 after large scale spay/neuter 2011 to 2013:**
 - o Saving Taxpayers close to \$9,000 per year on impoundments;
 - o Saving close to \$20,000 per year on sheltering.

Working Together

Where do the RDBN and its communities fit in?

- Support for large scale spay/neuter in “crisis” communities, with emphasis on animals from lower income families;
- Ongoing support for spay/neuter services in “stabilized” communities, with emphasis on animals from lower income families;
- Support for data collection on animal welfare resources, to aid in emergency response – especially forest fires and floods;
- Working on effective bylaws and enforcement;
- Providing community testimonials and letters of support to aid in funding and to inform other communities in the North about what can be done;
- Not losing sight of education which is poorly funded.

As Jan Hannah from International Federation for Animal Welfare says:

“It’s about empowering communities to create for themselves a healthy and safe environment where human and animal welfare needs are met. This includes education, appropriate and enforceable legislation, provision of veterinary services and often times, rehoming. “The Fix” is not spay/neuter on its own. It’s not legislation without education, where dogs neglected on the end of chains die or become another bite statistic. It is not just about rescuing dogs. The issue is complex and the solution is holistic. Each component is as important and as necessary as the next and only works when used in combination with the others to create a culture of engaged and responsible dog ownership.”

Darci Burtch noted that she has been fortunate enough to travel to the area to take part in the spay/neuter clinics for three years and thanked everyone for the ongoing support to the program. She has noticed a considerable improvement since the first time she was in the area in the education and knowledge of the children and community in regard to animal welfare and health.

Ms. Burtch is currently working to establish classroom volunteers in other communities and distributing materials and resources. She is also doing roundtable meetings with other animal welfare groups and stakeholders in the region. She is working with CAAT (Canadian Animal Assistance Team) and other communities to set up Community Animal Care Events and animal health clinics.

Mr. Schroff took the opportunity to thank Dr. Lois Martin for her amazing support in regard to the Simonds Sanctuary for cats and the support to CAAT and LAF (Lakes Animal Friendship). Dr. Martin has recently retired after having a veterinarian practice in Burns Lake for 25 ½ years. She provided a history regarding Simonds Sanctuary and from 2006 to 2012 125-135 cats per year were rehomed. In 2013 since the work of CAAT and LAF there were 35 cats needing to be rehomed and since January, 2015 to date there has been 10 cats in the shelter. The large scale spay /neuter Community Animal Care Events have had a huge impact on the number of unwanted stray cats in the area.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

LAKES ANIMAL FRIENDSHIP/CANADIAN ANIMAL ASSISTANCE TEAM – Alistair Schroff, Val Ingram, Dr. Lois Martin and Darci Burtch RE: Update (CONT'D)

Dr. Martin mentioned that the Burns Lake Vet Clinic had a partnership with the Village of Burns Lake to spay/neuter impounded dogs at a reduced cost and transfer the dogs to Turtle Gardens Animal shelter for rehoming out of the area. For many years they were seeing 50 to 60 dogs and since the animal care events the Village of Burns Lake from April, 2014 to May 2015 has had 5 dogs.

Dr. Martin spoke to the challenges of some of the subsidized low-cost spay neuter programs that were tried in the past but now with the involvement of CAAT there has been such a huge impact and improvement to the cat and dog population.

Valerie Ingram, Lakes Animal Friendship (LAF) expressed the need to continue to educate people on proper animal care in order to continue to see success.

Director Thiessen asked if Lakes Animal Friendship was hoping to build champions in each community to further the program throughout the region. Ms. Ingram mentioned that that is exactly what is needed and required. Director Thiessen noted that when Ms. Burtch is in Vanderhoof to meet with the District of Vanderhoof and himself for assistance in Vanderhoof.

Dr. Martin recognized the work that Dr. Cori Stephen has completed in regard to the health and wellness of animals in the Vanderhoof area.

Director MacDougall spoke of the benefits that the Canadian Animal Assistance Team (CAAT) has had in the Fort St. James area in reducing the number of packs of dogs, and the elimination of roaming and fighting dogs. Director MacDougall encouraged Mr. Schroff, Ms. Ingram, Ms. Burtch and Ms. Martin to continue their work with the program.

Dr. Martin spoke of the Mother Millie Fund in Burns Lake that through donations and an annual garage sale has raised funds to spay/neuter cats and dogs and to support large scale spay/neuter services and education programs that CAAT and Lakes Animal Friendship (LAF) has completed.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Schroff, Ms. Ingram, Ms. Burtch and Dr. Martin for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Royal Canadian Legion
-Military Service Recognition
Book

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-7-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors sponsor a ¼ page advertisement at a cost of \$565 in the Royal Canadian Legion – Military Service Recognition Book.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds Moved by Director Petersen
-Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Seconded by Director Thiessen
Rural) Nechako Valley Sporting
Association

2015-7-4

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$63,663 of Electoral Area "F" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to Nechako Valley Sporting Association for a recreation infrastructure improvement project at the Nechako Valley Ski Trails location;
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the purchase and installation of approved signage for the project to a maximum of \$300 cost, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

3. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$63,963 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley Valley Christian Moved by Director Fisher
School – Request for Grant in Seconded by Director Repen
Aid – Electoral Area "A"
(Smithers Rural)

2015-7-5

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Bulkley Valley Christian School be given \$200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) towards the Litter – a – Thon."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stuart Lake Seniors Moved by Director Greenaway
Association– Request for Seconded by Director Liversidge
Grant in Aid – Electoral Area "C"
(Fort St. James Rural)

2015-7-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Stuart Lake Seniors Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the annual Seniors Strawberry Tea."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Music on the Mountain Society– Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-7-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Music on the Mountain Society be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the 2015 Music on the Mountain Festival.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-7-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Sponsorship: Nechako Valley Search and Rescue Society in Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Liversidge

2015-7-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve of the RDBN acting as a sponsoring agency for the Nechako Valley Search and Rescue Society funding application to Farm Credit Canada’s AgriSpirit Fund, thus entering into an agreement with Nechako Valley Search and Rescue Society and Farm Credit Canada as well as issuing a tax receipt to Farm Credit Canada.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Regional News – Spring/Summer 2015

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Alternate Director Illes

2015-7-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Spring/Summer 2015 edition of “*The Regional News*.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke to adding information regarding the Northwest Regional Hospital District (NWRHD) to the RDBN – *The Regional News*. Chair Miller suggested that RDBN Board of Directors that sit on the NWRHD Board of Directors could request a link or information that could potentially be added to the RDBN newsletter.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Administration Reports

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-7-11

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

- Finance/Administration Coordinator's May 20, 2015 memo titled "Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Report – Carbon Neutral Progress Survey 2014";
- Manager of Regional Economic Development May 5, 2015 memo titled "SWOT Update";
- Protective Services Manager's
 - May 19, 2015 memo titled "Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report – April, 2015;"
 - May 19, 2015 memo titled "Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – May, 2015";
- Financial Administrator's
 - May 31, 2015 memo titled "Quarterly Financial Report – March 31, 2015;"
 - May 14, 2015 memo titled "Round Lake Rural Fire Protection Temporary Borrowing;"
- Chair Bill Miller – CEO/CAO Forum, Municipal Finance Authority AGM, Council of Forest Industries";
- Director Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" – BC Broadband Conference 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Correspondence

Doug Row – Bell Group
Rezoning File No. A-01-15
North Wookey (Bell)
ALR 1178 North-Wookey (Bell)
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-7-12

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Doug Row – Bell Group regarding Rezoning File No. A-01-15 North Wookey (Bell) ALR 1178 North-Wookey (Bell), Electoral Area "A"."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALR APPLICATIONS

Application No. 1178
William Wookey and Laurie
North (Bell Group)
Subdivision within the ALR
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-7-13

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors not authorize the submission of Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1178 (North Wookey/Bell) to the Agricultural Land Commission."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS (All Directors)

Land Referral File No. 6408811
Always Angus Farm Ltd.
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-7-14

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408811" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408811."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral for Recreation
Purposes –Province of BC
Electoral Area "B"

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-7-15

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral Richmond Lake Access – Jan 2015" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral Richmond Lake recreation site expansion."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
7409769 MoFLNRO: Crown
Contaminated Sites Program
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-7-16

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409769" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 7409769."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS (All Directors) (CONT'D)

Mines File No. 13390-04-426
& 427 Christopher, Stewart
and Allan Woolverton
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-7-17

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-
Nechako Comment Sheet on Mines File No. 133900-04-426 &
427 (Woolverton)" be provided to the Province as the Regional
District's comments on Mines File No. 133900-04-426 & 427."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 7409741
Amendment – Ministry of
Transportation and Infrastructure
Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-7-18

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-
Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409741" be
provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on
Crown Land Referral 7409741."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
7409781 Ralph and Susan
Hopkins Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Liversidge

2015-7-19

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-
Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409781" be
provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on
Crown Land Referral 7409781."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
7409778 Ministry of Forests,
Lands and Natural Resource
Operations Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

2015-7-20

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-
Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409778" be
provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on
Crown Land Referral 7409778."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Temporary Use Permit D-01-15 Moved by Director Parker
Robert and Margaret Brandner Seconded by Director Lindstrom
Highway 16, Fort Fraser
Electoral Area "D"

2015-7-21 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. D-01-15."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REZONING APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Rezoning File No. A-01-15 Moved by Director Fisher
William Wookey and Laurie Seconded by Director Petersen
North (Bell Group) Electoral
Area "A"

2015-7-22 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors deny rezoning application A-01-15."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR THIRD READING

Rezoning File No. E-01-15 Moved by Director Benedict
Bylaw 1737, Stephen and Seconded by Alternate Director Illes
Carol Imus, Electoral Area "E"

2015-7-23 1. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Report of the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1737, 2015".
2. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1737, 2015" be given third reading this 28th day of May, 2015."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR THIRD READING AND ADOPTION

Rezoning File No. E-02-15 Moved by Director Benedict
Bylaw 1738, Liz-Anna Waugh Seconded by Alternate Director Illes
Electoral Area "E"

2015-7-24 1. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Report of the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1738, 2015."
2. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1738, 2015" be given third reading and adoption this 28th day of May, 2015."

(Participants/Directors/Two-Thirds) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR ADOPTION

Rezoning File No. A-04-14
Bylaw 1710, Marjorie Emmelot
(HBH Land Surveying Inc.)
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Parker

2015-7-25

1. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1710, 2014 be adopted this 28th day of May, 2015."
2. That the Ministry of Transportation be requested to ensure, at the time of subdivision, that:
 - a. any on-site sewage disposal system for the proposed parcel be designed by a qualified engineer to ensure that its function will not have any negative impact on the watercourse,
 - b. a conservation covenant is registered on title of the proposed new and remainder parcel as offered by the property owner during the rezoning process, and
 - c. the proposed parcel contains a suitable building site."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER (All Directors)

CORRESPONDENCE

Agricultural Land Commission
RE: Application to Conduct a
Non-Farm Use on Land
Within the Agricultural Land
Reserve (ALR)

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Alternate Director Illes

2015-7-26

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Agricultural Land Commission regarding Application to Conduct a Non-Farm Use on Land within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

Burns Lake Return-it
Recycling Depot – ICI
Recycling and Waste Education
Proposal

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Liversidge

2015-7-27

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' May 15, 2015 memo titled "Burns Lake Return-It Recycling Depot – ICI Recycling and Waste Education Proposal."
2. Further, that the RDBN Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into a contract beginning June 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015 with the Burns Lake Return-It Recycling Depot to fund a recycling project for Burns Lake and area as outlined in the proposal received by the Regional District on May 15, 2015 in the amount of \$27,000 (excluding taxes).
3. Further, that the RDBN Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into a contract beginning June 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2015 with Cascades Recycling Inc. to cover costs associated with placement of bins, transportation, processing and marketing of collected ICI sector materials at the BLRRD (Burns Lake Return-It Recycling Depot)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the location of a centralized hub within the RDBN for the delivery of Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) Recycling. Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services explained that some businesses in Burns Lake currently have contracts in place and the cardboard collected is hauled to Smithers for further processing. Possible future changes were discussed and how to effectively manage the ICI component of recycling.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENCE

Smithers and Area Recycling
Society – Update

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-7-28

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Smithers and Area Recycling Society RE: Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the impacts of Smithers and Area Recycling Society (SARS) no longer providing a location for the delivery of Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) cardboard recycling for further processing. Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services explained the cardboard volume currently being delivered to SARS. Hauling the ICI cardboard to Prince George was discussed.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Commercial cardboard bans were discussed and some municipalities within the RDBN are starting to implement or work on a plan to implement cardboard bans in their communities' collection programs.

Director Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof is in the process of implementing a ban of commercial cardboard pickup via municipal garbage collection.

Discussion took place regarding:

- cost of landfilling vs cost of recycling;
 - challenges understanding the cost of landfilling;
 - Recycling on strictly a cost basis and not considering social benefits is typically higher than landfilling;
- MMBC (Multi-Material B.C.) is strictly a residential program and is for residential customers, not ICI;

Director Fisher mentioned that he is exploring options with a company based in Edmonton, B.C. and a company based in Abbotsford, B.C. in regard to the setup of small communities with recycling processing.

Chair Miller cautioned the enforcement of a cardboard ban. It requires having existing opportunities in place for cardboard recycling and it's important to avoid impacts to tax payers.

Director Repen spoke to having scales to capture the amount of ICI cardboard being brought to recycling facilities and charging the business for the disposal of their cardboard up front.

The provincial regulation for residential and ICI recycling was discussed. Producers are paying for what they sell to the residential customer, not packaging they supply to the ICI sector. The producers that are providing packaging for products consumed by residential customers are paying MMBC to take back that packaging. The larger packaging boxes that are used to transport products to commercial business are not being paid for by industry. The challenges faced by the recycling depots in distinguishing and capturing the volumes of ICI cardboard being brought to the facilities was discussed.

Chair Miller noted that when the recycling of used oil was implemented it was done in isolation in small areas of the province thus was not successful at the start. He noted the importance of municipalities implementing the banning of commercial cardboard pickup needing to be done in conjunction with region wide bans at the landfills.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-7-29

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to draft a letter to the Provincial Government in regard to the BC Recycling regulations in rural B.C. regarding not including ICI (Industrial, Commercial, Institutional) under the BC Recycling Regulations and address the issue with MMBC (Multi-Material B.C.) and the Ministry of Environment; and further, that businesses be informed of future implementation of material bans and that once bans are in place businesses will be encouraged to contact their local MLA and Multi-Material B.C. with any concerns.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding a possible implementation date of January, 2016 for a cardboard ban at RDBN Landfills and Transfer Stations. Contacting Regional Districts throughout B.C., the Chamber of Commerce in the RDBN and processing companies with the direction in which the RDBN is moving forward was brought forward for discussion. It is prudent for municipalities to forward the information also.

The Regional Board expressed its desire to continue to work towards expanding residential recycling programs in Houston, Fraser Lake and Vanderhoof.

Director MacDougall brought forward the possibility of having a day long strategic meeting to discuss all of the aspects of a region wide cardboard ban from the landfills and transfer stations.

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-7-30

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors host a Strategic Workshop regarding region wide banning of cardboard at RDBN Landfills and Transfer Stations.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Further discussion took place in regard to drafting a resolution regarding cardboard recycling for the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in September, 2015.

Break for lunch at 12:35 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:12 p.m.

VERBAL REPORTS

Director Greenaway – Update Director Greenaway reported that he has just recently completed six weeks in the Prince George Cancer Clinic. He spoke of the excellent care he received at the facility.

Colleymount Road Director Benedict noted that a discussion took place with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the condition of Colleymount Rd. There are no funds being allocated for the repair of Colleymount Rd. She mentioned when traveling Colleymount Rd. in its entirety the road continues to deteriorate. Director Benedict spoke of the importance of lobbying the provincial government to allocate funding to repair the road. Discussion took place regarding the importance of secondary roads to rural Canada.

Wet'suwet'en First Nation
-New Administration Building
Open House Alternate Director Illes mentioned that the Wet'suwet'en First Nation is having an Open House at their new administrative building in Palling today. Anyone wishing to attend may do so.

Endako Mine Director Lindstrom stated that Endako Mine is planning to make an announcement this week.

North Central Local
Government Association
Annual Convention in Prince
George, May 6-8, 2015 Director Parker spoke of attending the North Central Local Government Association Annual Convention in Prince George May 6-8, 2015. He mentioned that it was very informative and a great opportunity to network and speak with RDBN Directors.

Reckitt Benckiser Regarding
Reforestation of Agricultural
Lands Director Parker indicated that he has been dealing with the issue regarding Reckitt Benckiser in regard to reforestation of agricultural lands and carbon credits.

Flood Situation in Vanderhoof Director Thiessen noted concerns and issues regarding the flood situation in Vanderhoof and the flow levels in the Nechako River and reservoir controlled by Rio Tinto Alcan. He mentioned that due to changes to the rivers topography in comparison to flood levels in 2007 the levels are now a foot higher. The rise in river flow levels have risen rapidly. Rio Tinto Alcan has indicated that the District of Vanderhoof needs to prepare for flow levels of 800 m³ per second. Director Thiessen contacted the provincial government and was informed that Rio Tinto Alcan makes the decisions in regard to the Nechako River and reservoir. Concerns were brought forward regarding management of the river.

Discussion took place regarding the provincial priorities outlined in regard to wildfire activity and that flooding does not follow the same priorities.

Director Thiessen noted that a community meeting is being held this evening. Cheslatta Nation has been invited to attend. Cheslatta Nation has extended an invitation to Mayor Thiessen to join them when they do a flyover of the reservoir.

Director Thiessen thanked Gail Chapman, CAO and Deborah Jones-Middleton, Manager of Protective Services for their assistance during the current flooding in Vanderhoof.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Thiessen spoke to the costs and impacts to the District of Vanderhoof regarding the flooding. He also noted that when dealing with this situation regular business has to be put on hold.

Discussion took place regarding the responsibility of industry in regard to impacts to communities by their resource extraction/utilization.

Paving on Highway 27

Director MacDougall mentioned that paving has begun on Highway 27 from Bayside Road to the Stuart River Bridge in Fort St. James.

Green Energy Plant Tour in Fort St. James

Director MacDougall noted that, along with Director Thiessen, he toured the Green Energy Plant in Fort St. James. Completion and commissioning is currently scheduled for June, 2016.

Resolution to Union of BC Municipalities RE: Building Code Requirements for Steepness on Ramps

Director MacDougall spoke with Spinal Cord Injury BC while attending NCLGA May 6-8, 2015 and concerns were brought forward regarding BC Building Code requirements for steepness of wheelchair accessible ramps. The allowable grade is too steep to provide good accessibility. He will forward the resolution being supported by the City of Dawson Creek, Peace River Regional District, and the District of Fort St. James regarding the issue.

Thank You and Offer of Assistance

Director MacDougall thanked Ms. Chapman and staff for all the hard work during the Bobtail Lake Fire and the flooding in the region. Director MacDougall offered assistance to Director Thiessen in regard to the flooding currently taking place in Vanderhoof.

Director Fisher also thanked staff for the continuous updates regarding wildfire and flooding occurring in the Regional District.

Pedestrian Bridge over the Bulkley River in Smithers

Director Fisher reported that there is renewed interest in Smithers to construct a pedestrian bridge across the Bulkley River and he is currently assisting with the potential project.

Cluculz Lake Meeting Re: Bobtail Lake Fire

Director Petersen mentioned that he attended the meeting at Cluculz Lake May 14, 2015 regarding the Bobtail Lake Fire along with Gail Chapman, CAO, and Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager. The Fire Chief, RCMP, and Search and Rescue were also in attendance. Director Petersen spoke to the closeness of the fire to Cluculz Lake. There were Structural Protection Units utilized during the fire and no structures were lost. The fire is contained but still burning so at this time the area is still under an Evacuation Alert.

Flood Watch in Telkwa

Director Repen noted that due to rising levels in the Bulkley River Telkwa has been on flood watch. Due to the unique water system in place for the Village of Telkwa close monitoring has taken place in regard to rising river levels.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Thank You to Staff

Chair Miller expressed his appreciation for the work that staff has done in regard to the Bobtail Lake Fire and the flood issues throughout the entire region. He mentioned the commitment of staff and dedication over the length of time that these events have occurred.

Chair Miller brought forward concerns regarding the ability to access resources due to the responsibilities being passed to local government.

Chair Miller met with Minister John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes during an OBAC meeting on May 15, 2015 to discuss the ability to access resources during events such as the event the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako currently dealt with in regard to numerous events occurring at the same time.

Chair Miller mentioned that Regional District Chief Administrative Officers in Northern B.C. are drafting a plan to address the needs of Regional Districts in years where a multitude of events occur.

Insurance for Community Halls

Director Benedict mentioned that she attended a meeting at the Wisteria Community Hall which is operated by the Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission. The hall is very old and there is a want to renovate thus grant funding has been applied for and approved, but there is a requirement for Insurance on the facility. Insurance companies are not willing to insure the building due to distance and condition of the building, but they can't utilize the grant funding until the insurance requirement is met. Director Benedict asked if other Directors had experienced this issue in their regions. A further concern is that if they can get insurance the cost is prohibitive. In Electoral Area "E" there are five community halls and only one with insurance. Staff is working on the issue.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-7-31

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

RDBN Letter to the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier and Rio Tinto Alcan RE: Nechako Reservoir Water Use Plan

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-7-32

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the letter to the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier and Rio Tinto Alcan re: Nechako Reservoir Water Use Plan; and further, that the letter be forwarded to the Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, MLA Nechako Lakes and the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDouall
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-7-33

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

- Town of Smithers – Highway 16 Bulkley River Bridge;
- Auditor General for Local Government - Annual Service Plan for 2015/16 – 2017/18;
- Auditor General for Local Government - Audit Report on the District of Sechelt;
- Heart & Stroke Foundation – Update on HSF's BC Public Access to Defibrillation (BC PAD) Program;
- Community Development Institute – Learning Circles: What is their potential in Aboriginal community economic development?;
- North Central Local Government Association – NCLGA April Newsletter;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - Review of Basic Telecommunications Services Underway
 - NEB Seeks Feedback on Emergency Management Information
 - UBCM, MARR Joint Working Group Update
 - Healthy Communities Committee Update
 - UBCM Meets with National Energy Board
 - Executive Meeting Highlights
 - Liquor Policy Changes Underway
 - Elected Official Seminars Now Online."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATIONS

Invitations

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Alternate Director Illes

2015-7-34

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

- Canada North Resources Expo - May 29-30, 2015 – Prince George, B.C.;
- University of Northern B.C. – 25th Anniversary Community Celebration."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts -April, 2015

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Alternate Director Illes

2015-7-35

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid April, 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LISTS

Action Lists

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director Illes

2015-7-36

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Action Lists for April and March, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

No. 1722 – Round Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-7-37

“That “Round Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1722, 2015” be adopted this 28th day of May, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1723 – Round Lake Rural Loan Authorization Bylaw

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-7-38

“That “Round Lake Rural Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1723, 2015” be adopted this 28th day of May, 2015.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR FIRST, SECOND, THIRD READING AND ADOPTION

No. 1740 – Round Lake Rural Fire Protection Temporary Borrowing Bylaw

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-7-39

“That “Round Lake Rural Fire Protection Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1740, 2015” be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 28th day of May, 2015.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-7-40

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

INVITATION

-Canada North Resources Expo May 29 & 30, 2015 – CN Centre Prince George, BC;
-4th Industrial Wood Pellets for Coal Plant Co-Firing/Conversions June 16-18, 2015 Minneapolis, USA;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Auditor General for Local Government – Learnings from Local Government Capital Procurement Projects and Asset Management Programs;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – Federal Budget 2015;
- BC Chamber of Commerce - Public Affairs Update
 - May 11, 2015
 - May 4, 2015
 - April 27, 2015;
- BC Community Forest Association – Newsletter April 2015;
- BC Forest Safety Council – Logging Truck Safety;
- BC Healthy Communities – Spring Newsletter;
- Canfor Corporation – News Release
 - May 4, 2015
 - April 29, 2015;
- Clean Energy Review:
 - May 19, 2015 – Hydro a Go-Go
 - May 11, 2015 – Four Times the Power
 - April 27, 2015 – Climate Rising;
- Community Development Institute – Learning Circles: What is Their Potential in Aboriginal Community Economic Development?
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM News Week of:
 - May 11, 2015
 - May 8, 2015
 - May 4, 2015
 - May 1, 2015;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – President’s Corner May 2015;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Request for Proposals (RFP) to Host FCM’s 2020 Annual Conference and Trade Show;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Offers Support and Solidarity to Victims of Nepal Earthquake;
- Initiatives Prince George – April “On the Move” Newsletter and Economic Update;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
 - Open Fires Restricted in the Prince George Centre;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
 - Update from the Minister – April 2015;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
 - Aggressive Fire Activity Seen on Little Bobtail Lake Wildfire;
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Bulkley-Stikine Service Area – Bulkley Nass 25 – 2015 Public Notice #10;
- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
 - May 20, 2015
 - May 13, 2015
 - May 6, 2015
 - May 1, 2015
 - April 24, 2015;
- Northern Health – HEAL ebrief – April 23, 2015;
- Northern Health – News Release May 8, 2015 – Canada Winter Games Preparedness Work;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

- Northern Health News Release – April 23, 2015 – Northern Health to Help Provide Kindergarten Students with a Healthy Start in Smithers;
- Northern Health News Release – April 30, 2015 – Northern Health to Help Provide Kindergarten Students with a Healthy Start in Vanderhoof;
- Northern BC Tourism – News from Northern BC Tourism – May 2015;
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission – Project Activity Update –April 22, 2015;
- Social Planning & Research Council of BC – Access Awareness Day – June 6, 2015;
- Thompson Nicola Regional District – The Current
 - May 14, 2015
 - April 28, 2015;
- Union of BC Municipalities – Contraband Tobacco Sales; Call for Community to Community Applications;
- University of British Columbia – A Magazine for UNBC Alumni and Friends – Spring 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

British Columbia Ministry of Justice – “Emergency Communications Service Delivery in British Columbia – Police Communication Centres and 911 PSAP – Strategic Vision Discussion Paper – March 2015”

Moved by Alternate Director Illes
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-7-41

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s April 30, 2015 memo titled “ British Columbia Ministry of Justice – “Emergency Communications Service Delivery in British Columbia – Police Communication Centres and 911 PSAP – Strategic Vision Discussion Paper – March, 2015”.
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors respond to the British Columbia Ministry of Justice report discussion items.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

RDBN Letter to Real Estate Foundation of BC- Advancing Nechako River Watershed Health

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-7-42

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a letter of support to the Real Estate Foundation of BC regarding Advancing Nechako River Watershed Health.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Northwest B.C. Resource
Benefits Alliance- Northwest
British Columbia Resource
Benefits Alliance

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Liversidge

2015-7-43

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance regarding Northwest British Columbia Resource Benefits Alliance.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-7-44

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant