

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Mark Parker

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Mark Fisher  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Rob Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Absent Shane Brienen, District of Houston  
Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake  
Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)  
Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa  
Bev Playfair, District of Fort St. James  
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Directors Darrell Hill, Village of Burns Lake  
Judy Greenaway, District of Fort St. James  
Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Vice Chief Administrative Officer/Manager of  
Administrative Services  
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator  
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services  
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Protective Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Penni Adams, Program Manager, Northwest Invasive Plant  
Council/Seymour Lake Conservation Society – left at 11:07 a.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News - arrived at 10:33 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Cheryl Anderson, Vice Chief Administrative Office administered the Oath of Office to Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural).

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY**

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director McGuire

**C.W.2019-3-1**

"That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4, 2019 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

Committee of the Whole  
Minutes –March 7, 2019

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2019-3-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 7, 2019 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **NORTHWEST INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL/SEYMOUR LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY – Penni Adams, Program Manager – RE: Update**

Vice Chair Parker welcomed Penni Adams, Program Manager, Northwest Invasive Plant Council.

Ms. Adams provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### **Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC)**

- Who is the Northwest Invasive Plant Council?
- Where does the NWIPC fit, provincially?
- What is an invasive plan?
  - How did they get here?
  - How do they spread?
- What are the characteristics of Invasive Plants (IPs)?
- What methods are used to control IPs?
- Yellow Floating Heart/Seymour Lake
- Prevention and control through changing behaviours = “PCG” – Play, Clean, Go program
- How can the Regional Board help NWIPC get the word out there?
- Reporting and Resources.

Director McGuire questioned the use of wild seed mixes being sold at garden centers. Ms. Adams noted that some wild seed mixes have species that are invasive in northern B.C. but can be planted in other locations. Wild seed mixes are not regulated and can be easily purchased. Ms. Adams spoke to the importance of researching the species of plants in wild seed mixes and encouraged purchasing individual seeds and mixing them yourself.

Ms. Adams mentioned that she can provide information pamphlets and posters to those needing the information. She also noted that the Invasive Species Council of BC has information on its website.

Director Fisher questioned whether there is public outreach and/or partnerships with retailers and others in regard to selling seeds. Ms. Adams spoke of the PlantWise Program and the Grow Me Instead information and that NWIPC contractors or herself can assist in providing workshops and information to retailers and residents. Director Fisher spoke of opportunities to partner with the RDBN to assist in providing the information to area residents. Ms. Adams stated that the NWIPC needs assistance and has limited capacity to raise awareness of invasive plants. She spoke of the need to build its volunteer base to assist in raising awareness of programs and invasive plants.

Director Bachrach reiterated the concerns and the magnitude of the impacts to Seymour Lake due to the Yellow Floating Heart and that it is nearly impossible to rid the lake of the invasive plant species. The Yellow Floating Heart will eventually deplete the oxygen in the lake and kill the native habitat. Ms. Adams noted that there is not a lot of hope for the lake and it is important to educate people using the lake to ensure that they clean, drain and dry all forms of boats used in the lake.

**DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

**NORTHWEST INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL/SEYMOUR LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY – Penni Adams, Program Manager – RE: Update**

Discussion took place regarding the importance of public education to ensure that other lakes in the area do not become infested with the Yellow Floating Heart.

Vice Chair Parker questioned the impacts of the 2018 wildfires to the land. Ms. Adams is aware that funding is being allocated to conduct research and remediation.

Vice Chair Parker thanked Ms. Adams for attending the meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Public Engagement  
-Strategic Priority**

Moved by Director Watt-Senner  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

**C.W.2019-3-3**

“That the Committee of the Whole receive The Regional Economic Development Coordinator’s March 26, 2019 memo titled “Public Engagement – Strategic Priority.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer commented that the Regional Economic Development Coordinator will be attending the City of Prince George in partnership with the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Foundations in Public Participation course in Prince George, B.C., May, 2019.

Director Newell spoke of the need to have a different approach in regard to rural public engagement. He noted the importance of providing information and also providing opportunities for area residents to provide feedback and suggestions to the RDBN. Director Fisher mentioned the need to develop a strategy to address resident engagement.

**Nechako Watershed  
Roundtable**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

**C.W.2019-3-4**

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s March 25, 2019 memo titled “Nechako Watershed Roundtable.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion took place concerning the Nechako Watershed Roundtable providing further information regarding whether a request for funding has been sent to municipalities and if the Nechako Watershed Roundtable has determined/confirmed future funding.

**REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Northern Capital and Planning Grant

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2019-3-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s March 28, 2019 memo titled “Northern Capital and Planning Grant.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Illes provided an overview regarding the March 28, 2019 memo from Jennifer Richardson, Grants Analyst, Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in regard to Regional District – Payment Terms and Conditions under the Northern Capital and Planning Grant (NCPG) – Bulkeley-Nechako.

Discussion took place in regard to utilizing the funding for the following: Parks and Recreation Service, Economic Development services, Emergency Management services, Environmental services, potential Consolidation Centres. The allocation of funding based on Regional District regulations under the *Local Government Act and Local Government Grants Act* as outlined by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was also discussed. Further discussion is required at the April 18, 2019 Regional Board meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -Application Denial – Solid Waste Management Plan Priority Actions Project

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Alternate Director Greenaway

C.W.2019-3-6

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Application Denial – Solid Waste Management Plan Priority Action Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rio Tinto – Water Engagement Initiative – Information Session -March 2019

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2019-3-7

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Rio Tinto – Water Engagement Initiative – Information Session – March, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **INVITATIONS**

### Invitations

Moved by Director Watt-Senner  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

### C.W.2019-3-8

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the following invitations:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northwest BC Food Security Forum – April 5-6, 2019 – Terrace, B.C.
- North Central Local Government Association – 2019 NCLGA AGM Information and Update
- Peace River Region Community Engagement Sessions – April 1-4, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **REPORT**

### Northern Capital and Planning Grant and Gas Tax Grant

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

### C.W.2019-3-9

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s April 3, 2019 memo titled “Northern Capital and Planning Grant and Gas Tax Grant.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Alternate Director Hill left the meeting at 11:36 am due to a conflict of interest in regard to his employment with the Northwest Invasive Plant Council.

### NWIPC Funding for 2019

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Petersen

### C.W.2019-3-10

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve \$44,500 of funding to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC) for invasive plant management in the region for the 2019 year and, additionally approve the direct allocation of \$500 of the RDBN funding contribution to go towards signage for Seymour Lake’s Floating Yellow Heart special project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to providing NWIPC information to Granisle residents and Directors participating in tradeshow.

Darrell returned to the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

TransCanada Yellowhead  
Highway Association  
-Complimentary Membership  
2019

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2019-3-11

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association – Complimentary Membership for 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2019-3-12

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mark Parker, Vice Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant