

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 12

Thursday, October 22, 2015

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Luke Strimbold – left at 2:32 p.m.
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

Alternate Director Bob Hughes, Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services – left at 2:15 p.m.
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 3:21 p.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – arrived at 11:11 a.m., left at 1:54 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived 11:07 a.m.
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development. – left at 11:53 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Tom Clement, CAO, District of Vanderhoof
Anne Guarasci, FASD Training Lead, College of New Caledonia-Lakes District Campus – left at 11:33 a.m.
Dwayne Herrick, Cluculz Lake – left at 11:05 a.m.
Reta Herrick, Cluculz Lake – left at 11:05 a.m.
Randy Holubosh, Cluculz Lake – left at 11:05 a.m.
Chad Stewart, Intern, District of Vanderhoof
Percy Wright, Cluculz Lake – left at 11:05 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-12-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of October 22, 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
– September 17, 2015

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-12-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee
Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-12-3

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

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - September 3, 2015;
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
 - October 8, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
 - August 20, 2015;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - October 8, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - September 3, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

**RETA HERRICK & RANDY HOLUBOSH – Re: Mail Ballot Voting in Electoral Area “F”
(Vanderhoof Rural)**

Chair Miller welcomed Reta Herrick & Randy Holubosh, residents of Cluculz Lake.

Mrs. Herrick thanked the Regional Board for the opportunity to present the petition of 438 signatures.

The residents and property owners at Bobtail and Cluculz Lakes are respectfully requesting that the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako amend Section 2.1 of Bylaw 1617, 2011 to include referenda, general local elections and by-elections for Bobtail and Cluculz Lakes.

The voting stations are at Cluculz Lake and Vanderhoof. The remote distance to travel in the fall when roads are often hazardous, makes it difficult if not impossible for voters to exercise their democratic right to vote. Being a recreational area, many property owners live in and around the Prince George Area. Several non-resident property owners live as far away as Vancouver Island, Prince Rupert and Fort St. John; others are snowbirds or workers in remote camps. Mail-in ballots would give them all a voice.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

RETA HERRICK & RANDY HOLUBOSH – Re: Mail Ballot Voting in Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

Statistics for previous ballot counts at the Cluculz Lake voting station with no mail-in voting:

- November 2010 Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department referendum vote, 208 votes were cast;
- November, 2014 election of Directors for RDBN 168 votes were cast.
- February, 2013 Pool Referendum vote:
 - o Mail-in was permitted for Cluculz Lake, not Bobtail Lake;
 - Total of 296 votes cast locally:
 - 150 votes cast at the Cluculz Lake voting station;
 - 145 mail-in votes. (one rejected)

These statistics show mail-in ballots certainly do encourage voter participation.

A survey of other Regional Districts in British Columbia showed that most districts have a bylaw to allow mail-in voting for all elections. This includes the District of Fraser-Fort George. Their area includes Cluculz Lake neighbours to the east of Bednesti, Dahl and Norman Lakes.

Please help to encourage voter turnout by amending this bylaw to permit all residents and non-resident property owners the opportunity to vote.

Mrs. Herrick thanked the Regional Board for the opportunity to present the petition.

Mr. Holubosh thanked the Regional Board for the opportunity to speak in regard to the need to correct the injustice to a group of overlooked people. Seasonal and fulltime taxpayers are not able to vote in RD elections along with disabled and seniors that have had to move to larger communities as their health no longer allows them to live at the lake. They lose the ability to vote without mail in ballots. Mr. Holubosh mentioned that he felt the democratic rights of individuals is violated without the ability to have mail in ballots and this is not the way to be treated as an aging population.

Seasonal property owners that live in Prince George and other communities also have challenges voting during an election as they also need to vote in the area in which they live and in order to leave after work, travel to the Cluculz Lake polling station is difficult as road conditions can be a factor. Mr. Holubosh noted that there is no control in regard to the road conditions but the ability to vote can be resolved with a mail in ballot system to improve the democratic process.

Mr. Holubosh commented that this is Canada and the Regional Board has the ability to change this process.

There are 438 signatures on the petition from property owners of Cluculz Lake and Bobtail Lake and not just random people. These vested interest taxpayers which exceeds the total people that voted in the Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) election of 401 votes could be voters if they had the mail in ballot option. Mr. Holubosh mentioned that he had calculated that 146 eligible voters had the opportunity to vote taken away because mail in ballots were not allowed.

He spoke to the need for higher voter turnout for votes and elections. The voice of more residents needs to be heard to ensure fairness and a unified movement.

Director Repen mentioned that residents that live in the region and work in a camp setting quite often, due to the timeframe for advance voting and general election day, do not have the opportunity to vote. He indicated his awareness of an additional cost but encouraged the Regional Board to consider mail in voting throughout the region.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

RETA HERRICK & RANDY HOLUBOSH – Re: Mail Ballot Voting in Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-12-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to draft a cost analysis report in regard to mail ballot voting in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and; further, that the report be brought forward at a future RDBN Board Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will provide e-mail notification to Ms. Herrick when the report is brought forward for consideration.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Herrick and Mr. Holubosh for attending the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

DELEGATION

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus RE: Transition

Chair Miller welcomed Anne Guarasci, FASD Training Lead, College of New Caledonia-Lakes District Campus.

Ms. Guarasci provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Hub Model of Service Delivery

- ▶ Family Programs and Services in the Lakes District;
- ▶ Intervention, Prevention, Support Early Child Development.

Lakes District Family Enhancement Society

- ▶ **Board of Directors:**
 - ▶ Cathy Ashurst, President;
 - ▶ Lynn Synotte, Vice President;
 - ▶ Monty Palmantier, Director;
 - ▶ Bernice Magee, Director;
 - ▶ Betty Mathews, Secretary/Treasurer.
- ▶ **History**
 - ▶ Incorporated as a society 23 years ago, in December 1992;
 - ▶ Strong partnerships with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organizations;
 - ▶ Philosophy of ensuring programs are participant-driven and responsive to community needs.
- ▶ **LDFES Request**
 - ▶ Asking for a letter of support to:
 - ▶ Maintain the ‘hub’ model of services that took 25 years to develop;
 - ▶ Recognize importance of having a local community service provider (such as LDFES) offer these services, so that best practices are maintained;
 - ▶ Encourage funders to explore options for transition that are least disruptive to the families and professionals working with them (e.g. direct award).

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus **RE: Transition**

Family Programs/Services

MCFD Funded Programs

- ▶ Building Blocks: Healthier Babies Brighter Futures – Community FASD Prevention;
- ▶ Family Centred Program – Child Protection Prevention/Intervention;
- ▶ Early Intervention Therapy Services (Physical/Occupational Therapy);
- ▶ CDBC – Support for Diagnostic Services.

Northern Health

- ▶ Speech Therapy;
- ▶ CDBC – Diagnostic Services.

Public Health Agency of Canada

- ▶ Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (Enhancement Funds);
- ▶ Community Action Plan for Children – Kids' Edge.

Community Action Initiative

- ▶ Group sessions: Fathers/Male partners;
Maternal Figures (Grandmothers/Aunts).

Integrated Approach to Prevent

- ▶ Child maltreatment;
- ▶ Child protection involvement;
- ▶ Alcohol/substance misuse and addiction;
- ▶ FASD;
- ▶ Low birth weight;
- ▶ Teen and unplanned pregnancies;
- ▶ Homelessness;
- ▶ Malnutrition;
- ▶ Involvement with justice system (family/criminal).

Support/Intervention Provides Access To:

- ▶ Social Services;
- ▶ Early Intervention Therapy Services;
- ▶ Medical Services;
- ▶ Safe/Stable Housing;
- ▶ Education;
- ▶ Financial Support;
- ▶ Food/Nutritional Supplements;
- ▶ Diagnosis;
- ▶ Employment Services;
- ▶ Parenting and Personal Growth Group Sessions;
- ▶ Support for Early Child Development;
- ▶ Support for Daily Living.

Client Profile

- ▶ Childhood trauma (physical/sexual abuse and neglect);
- ▶ Substance misuse (dependency/addiction);
- ▶ FASD behaviours/characteristics;
- ▶ Low education;
- ▶ Unemployed;
- ▶ Poverty;
- ▶ Unstable housing;
- ▶ Living with domestic violence;
- ▶ Food insecurity.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus
RE: Transition

History of Family Programs/Services

- ▶ **FCP & Daycare**
 - 1988-2015;
 - MCFD;
 - PHAC;
 - Fees.
- ▶ **EIS**
 - 1991-2015;
 - MCFD;
 - NH.
- ▶ **Kid's Edge**
 - 1995-2015;
 - PHAC.
- ▶ **HBBF**
 - 1997-2015;
 - MCFD.
- ▶ **CDBC**
 - 2006-2015;
 - MCFD;
 - NH - (Intakes).

The "Hub" Model

"I have become convinced of the need for community hubs for programs, services and education regarding early childhood development that will break down the barriers of access that parents, children and families normally experience. Thus, I was delighted to discover that Burns Lake had one of the most sophisticated and highly implemented hub models in the province. The access point of the hub is the College."

*Clyde Hertzman MD, MSc, FRCPC -
 Director, Human Early Learning Partnership*

Lakes District Region Demographics

Population	
Total	7706
Children & Youth	
% Children in Care	167% higher than provincial average
School age reading & math scores	105-160% below provincial average
Vulnerability of children entering kindergarten (EDI)	70% higher than provincial average
Youth involved in serious crime	91% higher than provincial average
Child abuse rates	72% higher than provincial average
Adult & Family	
% families on Income Assistance	80% higher than provincial average
18 yrs that did not graduate	101% higher than provincial average
People 25-54 w/out high school completion	132% higher than provincial average
Families dependent on resource based income	254% higher than provincial average

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus **RE: Transition**

Family Programs Philosophy

- ▶ Trusting relationships are foundational;
- ▶ Respect;
- ▶ Confidentiality;
- ▶ FASD Informed Practice;
- ▶ Trauma Informed Practice;
- ▶ Harm Reduction Approach;
- ▶ Recognition of the Impact of Poverty;
- ▶ Importance of Social Determinants of Health;
- ▶ Culturally Appropriate.

Recommended Knowledge, Skills and Principles for Future Service Providers

Demonstrated ability to:

- ▶ Cultivate strong Aboriginal partnerships/relationships;
- ▶ Develop meaningful partnerships: business, industry, agencies;
- ▶ Support FASD, trauma informed practice;
- ▶ Support a harm reduction approach to services;
- ▶ Recruit/retain professional staff;
- ▶ Maximize resources – human and financial;
- ▶ Sustain a hub model of service delivery – integrated, seamless, efficient services;
- ▶ Engage in reflective practice to evaluate and modify services based on evolving needs;
- ▶ Maintain accountability to funding agencies, clients (children/families) and the community;
- ▶ Provide standardized information/reports for programs as per recommendations from recently released “Growing Up in BC Report”.

MCFD Funded Family Programs Participant Numbers Include Adults and Children

Family Centred Program

- ▶ Child Protection Prevention/Intervention;
- ▶ Intensive support to families at risk and group activities;
 - Group Sessions 352;
 - Outreach 101;
 - Intensive One to One 52.

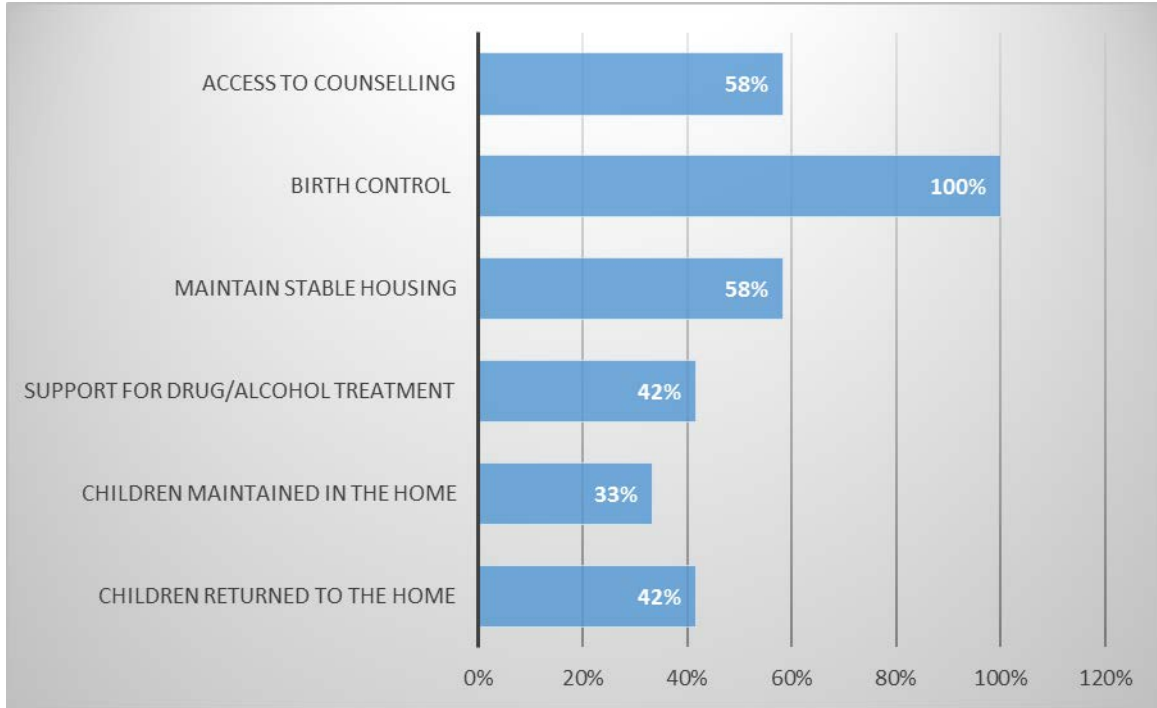
Building Blocks Program – Healthier Babies/Brighter Futures

- ▶ FASD Prevention;
- ▶ Intensive support to pregnant women and their families;
 - Group Sessions 64;
 - Intensive Support 76;
 - Workshops 124.

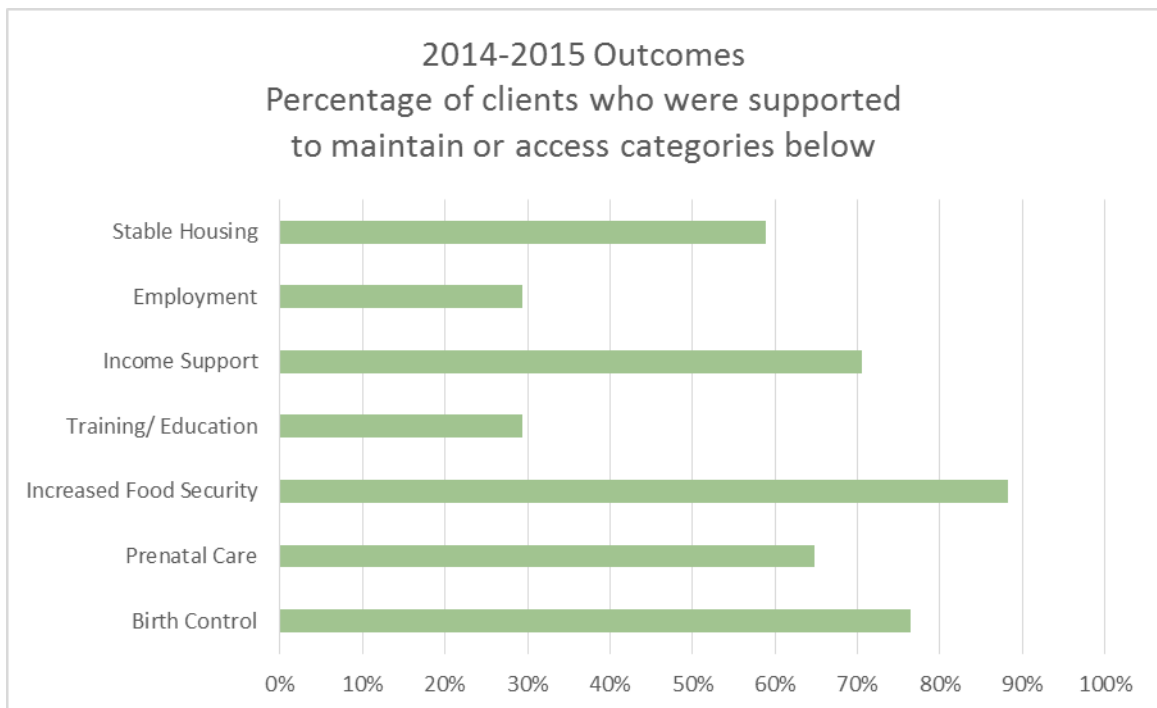
DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus
RE: Transition

FCP Child Protection Prevention Intervention - Outcomes



Building Blocks FASD Prevention Program Outcomes

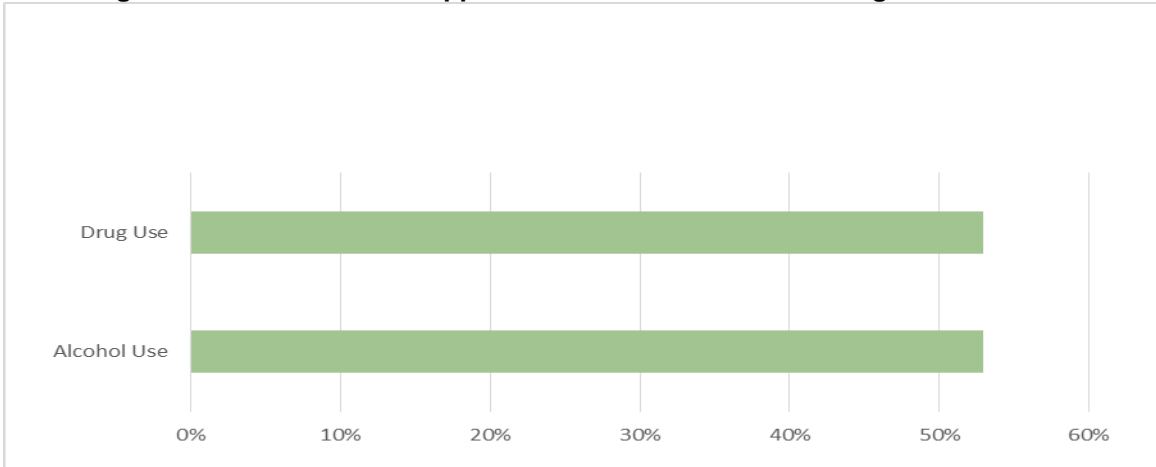


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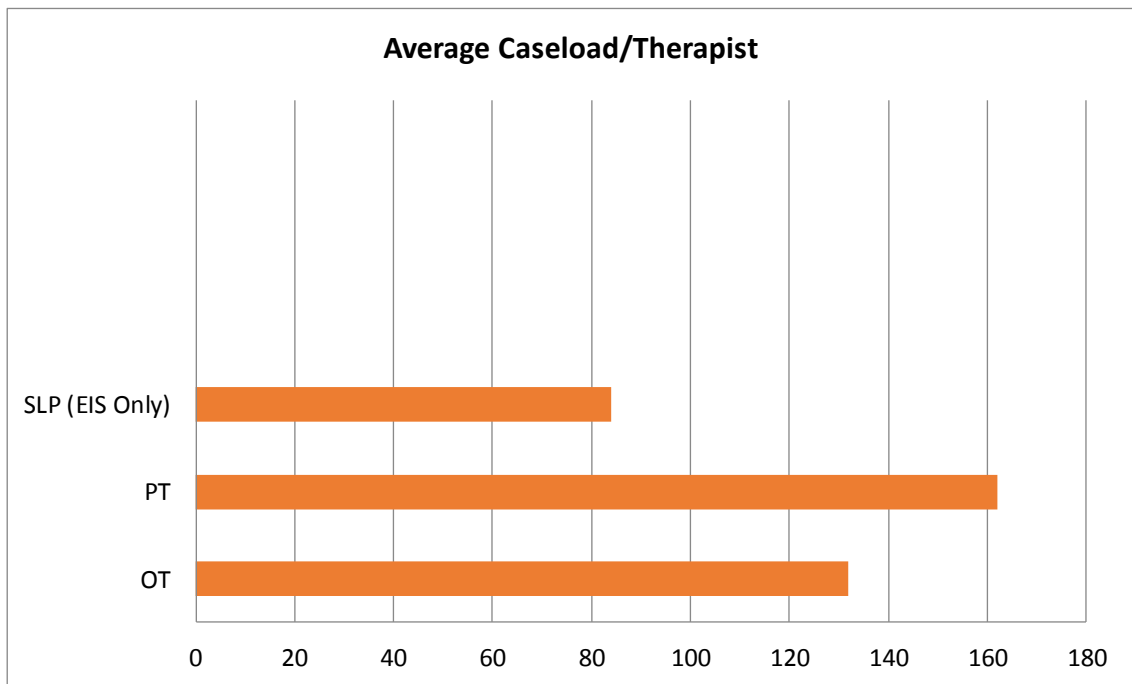
ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus
RE: Transition

2014-2015 Outcomes

Percentage of Clients who were supported to Abstain or Reduce Drug/Alcohol Use



Early Intervention Therapy Services



DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus **RE: Transition**

Current Family Programs

Children & Families

- ▶ Healthier Babies Brighter Futures;
- ▶ Family Centered Program;
- ▶ CDBC Diagnostic Clinic;
- ▶ Kid's Edge;
- ▶ Early Intervention Services;
- ▶ Ashurst Children Centre;
- ▶ Community Action Initiative.

Loss or Changes in Service Structure will Cause:

Increases:

- ▶ Teenaged Pregnancy;
- ▶ Unplanned Pregnancy;
- ▶ FASD;
- ▶ Alcohol/Drug Exposed Births;
- ▶ Low Birthweight (Primary health indicator);
- ▶ Involvement with Justice System (Family/Criminal);
- ▶ Dependence on Social Assistance;
- ▶ Child Protection Involvement (Number of children and length of time).

Decreases:

- ▶ Stable safe housing;
- ▶ Access for vulnerable families to:
 - ▶ medical services;
 - ▶ prenatal care;
 - ▶ financial assistance;
 - ▶ mental health services;
 - ▶ treatment.

Perry Preschool Project

Very similar components to hub model of service delivery

- ▶ Connection to home;
- ▶ Onsite group parenting sessions;
- ▶ High quality preschool programming;
- ▶ Support for parents.

\$12.90 return/dollar spent.

<http://www.highscope.org/Content.asp?ContentId=219>

FASD Prevention

FASD Prevention: One FASD birth is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 over the course of a lifetime!

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1949252/>

- ▶ We know we're preventing FASD births because we're working with women who struggle with alcohol dependency and addiction and we have successfully supported them to access birth control.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus **RE: Transition**

Case Scenario:

Sarah - Young 3 months pregnant - three children

Sarah's Profile:

- ▶ Indigenous;
- ▶ Childhood Trauma;
- ▶ Lack of Social Support;
- ▶ Low Education;
- ▶ Lack of Food Security;
- ▶ Poverty;
- ▶ Violence;
- ▶ Child Protection Involvement;
- ▶ Legal Involvement;
- ▶ FASD and/or other cognitive disabilities.

Outcomes

- ▶ Stable housing;
- ▶ Access medical and prenatal care;
- ▶ Reduced drug use;
- ▶ Abstains from alcohol;
- ▶ Attends parenting group sessions (less isolated);
- ▶ Children in daycare (connects with speech therapist);
- ▶ Partner (connected to a foundational trade program);
- ▶ Access to food bank (reduction in food security issues);
- ▶ Maintains children in her care.

Chair Miller mentioned that at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention June 4-8, 2015 in Edmonton, AB discussion took place regarding a similar initiative and program in Saskatchewan. The funds spent to provide the program have proven to be less than what would have been spent if the program was not in place. Education is directly tied to an integrated approach to manage social and harm reduction processes.

Director Newell noted the advantages of early childhood education through a daycare setting and spoke of concerns regarding changes to the daycare at the CNC.

Discussion took place regarding the ability to leverage services and the direct working relationship between the CNC and Lakes District Family Enhancement Society.

Director Strimbold spoke of the significance and importance of the programs being provided by the Lakes District Family Enhancement Society for aboriginal and non-aboriginal community members. He mentioned that the Village of Burns Lake has requested a meeting with the Honourable Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development.

Discussion took place regarding the possible transition of the program to the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the need for the program to remain a hub model in order to be successful. The use of the CNC building was also discussed.

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-12-5

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support expressing its support of the hub model of service delivery and the philosophies of the Lakes District Family Enhancement Society."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ANNE GUARASCI, FASD Training Lead, College Of New Caledonia- Lakes District Campus **RE: Transition**

Chair Miller spoke of the work completed by the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition that noted the importance of continuity of service levels and the links between early childhood education and life outcomes being higher.

Discussion took place in regard to the College of New Caledonia Executive Membership and the decisions that have been made that are impacting the LDFES, the hub model and CNC.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Guarasci for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Lake Babine Nation - Northern Moved by Director Strimbold
Development Application Seconded by Director Fisher
-Northwest RAC

2015-12-6

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust – Northwest Regional Advisory Committee from Lake Babine Nation for a \$250,000 grant towards Phase Two of a biomass heating project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the resolution of support required in order for a project to be considered by Northern Development Initiative Trust – Northwest Regional Advisory Committee. Rural Directors have provided priority projects to Director Fisher, representative Northwest RAC.

Draft Financial Plan Guidelines

Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator provided an overview of the Draft Financial Plan Guidelines. He noted that he had contacted Regional Districts throughout the Province and requested information regarding their budget process. Regional Districts have a very difficult and challenging budget process and most RD's do not have a documented process, all have issues and all are different. The RDBN starts its budget process sooner than many other RD's and has a pre –budget Committee of the Whole planning session, three draft budgets and a final budget. Some RD's have one draft and a final budget, some have two drafts and a final budget. Some municipalities have documented budget processes but a municipal budget process is not as complex as a Regional District budget process due to the number of services provided and other factors including more restrictive legislation.

Mr. Berndorff reviewed the following items:

- financial planning process along with the associated timelines;
- the details of the budget information for Region-Wide and Regional Rural Services reviewed with the Committee of the Whole; and
- the Financial Planning Principles.

Break for lunch at 12:12 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Repen thanked Mr. Berndorff for the draft financial plan guidelines. He spoke of staff identifying services that are essential and services that are elective. Director Repen commented that perhaps with services that are elective there may be an opportunity to have a participatory budget process to allow for public consultation. Director Repen spoke of community engagement during the budget process. Mr. Berndorff noted that very few of the Regional District services are elective. The majority are essential services that are mandated by the province or have received public approval through referendum, alternative approval process or petition.

The Regional District approach to surplus and deficit was discussed. The previous year's surplus includes the unspent recycling monies and accounts for approximately 40% of the surplus in Environmental Services.

Discussion took place regarding the ability to more accurately determine what each service will cost so that there are not large surpluses. Deficits are carried forward as expenditures in the following year and surpluses are carried forward as revenue. Discussion took place regarding municipal budgets vs. regional district budgets. Regional Districts have to be under budget in every one of its services, they cannot be over budget and the RDBN has 68 services. It is normal for every service to have some surplus. Chair Miller used the example of Environmental Services, sometimes due to weather or other reasons a project that has been budgeted for cannot be completed in that budget year so the monies are carried forward to the next year as a surplus. It is not building a surplus or growing a surplus so taxation levels will not change and taxation relatively reflects the budget.

Discussion took place regarding the taxation decrease for the five years prior to 2015 and that the tax rate for 2015 was still less than in 2011.

Director Repen spoke to the need for Board members to be able to provide information to the public regarding the budget surpluses and deficits.

The Regional District uses a balanced approach to the budget process and implements capital reserves and an analysis of capital reserves is provided to the Regional Board for review. Discussion took place regarding the RDBN office building and the Smithers Pool not having sufficient capital reserves for end of life replacement at this time. Almost all RDBN services that have capital assets have reserves set aside for future expenditures.

Comments were made regarding the role of the RDBN Strategic Plan in the budget process. The effects of industry taxation within the RDBN and the benefits to the entire region when there is development in one area of the region was discussed. Mr. Berndorff spoke of the graphs presented to the Regional Board prior to last year that showed an overall expenditure decrease. Any increases that are above the tax limit outlined in the expense bylaw for that service have to go to referendum for approval by the taxpayer.

The ability to develop an interactive budget presentation was discussed. The first three draft budgets provided to the Board are one year plans and the final budget is a five year plan. Discussion took place regarding the various methods of budget review that have taken place in the past and having a select finance/budget committee. Chair Miller noted that having the entire Regional Board as part of the process has benefits.

Mr. Berndorff noted that a five year budget plan due to legislative requirements is not allowed to have a surplus or a deficit. There are certain fluctuations that can be expected in the five year plan but taxes will not be higher than what is in the five year budget plan. It is illegal for a Regional District to spend more than what is approved in the budget. The Regional District cannot go above a tax limit of any services without taxpayer approval.

Director Repen spoke of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and population increases being direct influences on total expenditures and budgets. Mr. Berndorff commented that impacts to the budget are often caused by regulatory changes by the provincial and/or federal government, higher prices for operating costs and increased in wages and benefits. Director Repen

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

mentioned the need to explain the impacts in a budget to residents in the region. Chair Miller noted that the budget process is held during public meetings. In the past the Regional District has also held meetings with regional municipalities and public meetings throughout the region to provide information to the public in regard to the Regional District budget process. Discussion took place regarding the ability to find communication methods to relay the budget information to the residents in the region. RDBN taxation information pamphlets are provided in municipal and rural tax notices to provide residents with information regarding RDBN taxes.

Director Bachrach noted the need to continually improve the budget process and intentionally proactively managing the budget as a Regional Board.

Draft Financial Plan Guidelines Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Liversidge

2015-12-7 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator's October 14, 2015 memo titled "Draft Financial Plan Guidelines."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-October 8, 2015 Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-12-8 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve recommendations 1 through 3:

Committee of the Whole – October 8, 2015

Recommendation 1:

Re: RDBN Business Form

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the RDBN Sponsorship of the Business Forum for 2017; and, further that, the opportunity to host a future Business Forum be provided to the municipalities of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako."

Recommendation 2:

Re: Nechako Watershed Roundtable Launch

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Director Greenaway's attendance at the Nechako Watershed Roundtable Launch October 21 & 22, 2015 in Prince George, B.C."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural Directors Committee –October 8, 2015

Recommendation 3:

**Re: Potential Projects Requesting Northern Development
– Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Funding
in 2016**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize that each Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area Director provide direction to its Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Member as to their priority potential projects requesting funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Funding.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Smithers Rural Fire Protection
and Recreation and Culture
Agreement Renewal**

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-12-9

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s October 14, 2015 memo titled “Smithers Rural Fire Protection and Recreation and Culture Agreement Renewal.”
2. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into the Smithers Rural Fire Protection and Recreation and Culture Agreement which will expire on December 31, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Staff Christmas Gift
Certificate**

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Bacharch

2015-12-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize issuance of a “Holiday Season” gift cheque in the amount of \$75 after taxes to each RDBN employee; and further, that staff investigate the possible usage of local gift certificate programs through the local Chamber of Commerce.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Thiessen commented that the usage of the certificate should be throughout the Regional District. Discussion took place regarding the history of the “Holiday Season” gift cheque.

RDBN Appointments -2016

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-12-11

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the appointments as outlined for the year 2016:

Bankers:

-Bulkley Valley Credit Union;

Lawyers:

-Stewart McDannold Stuart, Victoria,
BC;
-Young Anderson, Vancouver, BC;
-Carvellow Law Corp., Victoria, BC;

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Election Officers: -Cheryl Anderson, Chief Election Officer
(with authority to appoint election officials as necessary)
-Geraldine Craven and Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Chief Election Officers;

Signing Authority -The Chairperson, Director from the Village of Burns Lake, the Director from Electoral Area "B", the Director from Electoral Area "E", and the Chief Administrative Officer, Financial Administrator, or Manager of Administrative Services or Interim Deputy Administrator;

Auditors -RHN Schmitz & de Grace."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Schedule of Board Meetings -2016

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-12-12

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the 2016 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Meeting Schedule as presented."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-12-13

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

- Chief Administrative Officer's October 14, 2015 memo titled "Statutory Holidays in December, 2015;
- Chief Administrative Officer's October 14, 2015 memo titled "Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;
- Financial Administrator's October 15, 2015 memo titled "Proposed Service – Fort St. James Senior Transit;
- Rob Newell, Director, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) – Northern BC Tourism 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Berndorff noted that the "Proposed Service – Fort St. James Senior Transit" is referred to by the District of Fort St. James as the Fort St. James Seniors Helping Seniors Transit. Discussion took place regarding using the same name as the District of Fort St. James and in the supplementary agenda is the bylaw with the amended budget and tax limit.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

MEMO

Board of Variance Nominations Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-12-14 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive staff's request that each Director nominate a candidate for the Board of Variance by December 31, 2015 so that the Board may consider Board of Variance appointments in January, 2016."

(All/Directors/2/3 Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALR APPLICATIONS

Application No. 1174
William Jacob Steinback,
Non-Farm use within the ALR
Electoral Area "G"

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-12-15 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors not authorize the submission of Agricultural Land Reserve Non-farm Use Application No. 1174 to the Agricultural Land Commission."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER

Planning Department
Reports & Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-12-16 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Planning Department reports:

- Enquiries Report - September, 2015;
- Planning Department Action List – September, 2015;
- Building Inspector's Reports
 - August, 2015;
 - September, 2015;

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jamie Harding, Community Relations Coastal GasLink RE: Proposed Morice River North Alternate Route;
- Glen Okrainetz, Ministry of Environment RE: Solid Fuel Burning Domestic Appliance Regulation;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities – Potential Increased Costs for Building Official Qualifications."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (All Directors)

Unightly Premises Bylaw
Enforcement 6535 Woods
Road, Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Alternate Director Hughes

2014-12-17

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct that the Regulation Compliance Officer monitor the clean-up of the property, and report back to the Board if the clean-up does not continue to the satisfaction of the Regulation Compliance Officer."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

District of Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen noted that two employees from the District of Vanderhoof Tom Clement, CAO and Chad Stewart, Intern were in the gallery earlier in the meeting.

Children's Hospital Fundraiser

Director Thiessen mentioned that there was a Children's Hospital Fundraiser held in Vanderhoof that raised over \$70,000. It was a very successful event.

Meeting with Rio Tinto Alcan

Director Parker attended a meeting hosted by the District of Vanderhoof with Rio Tinto Alcan regarding the Nechako River. It was good discussion.

Nechako Watershed Round
Table Launch

Director Lindstrom attended the Nechako Watershed Round Table Launch in Prince George on October 21, 2015.

Re-Use Shed Public Meeting
-Village of Fraser Lake
-October 15, 2015

Director Lindstrom also attended the Re-Use Shed Public Meeting in Fraser Lake on October 15, 2015.

Re-Use Shed Public Meeting
-Southside – October 19, 2015

Director Benedict attended the Re-Use Shed Public Meeting on the Southside of Francois Lake on October 19, 2015. There were 12 people in attendance and there was good conversation and the meeting went well. Director Benedict also noted that staff were extremely helpful.

Meeting with Ministry of
Transportation and
Infrastructure – October 23,
2015

Director Benedict mentioned that tomorrow, October 23, 2015, she will be attending a meeting with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Colleymount Road. Lakes District Maintenance has completed some work on the road.

Community Vitality Forum
in Smithers – October 8, 2015

Directors Repen and Bachrach attended the Community Vitality Forum, How do We Measure Progress? in Smithers on October 8, 2015. Director Repen mentioned that it was an amazing event and thanked Director Bachrach for facilitating the event in Smithers. Director Bachrach mentioned that the event was well attended and a report card will be developed that looks at factors beyond population and the number of building permits issued to determine community vitality.

Grant Funding from the
RDBN for Recreation in
Telkwa

Director Repen spoke of receiving grant funding for an outdoor arena or new ball diamond. Community input was requested and over 100 responses were received. The funding is being used as leverage for additional grant funding.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Re-Use Shed Public Meeting
-District of Houston
-October 7, 2015

Directors Newell and Brienens attended the Re-Use Shed Public Meeting in Houston on October 7, 2015.

Topley Rural Fire Protection
Service Establishment and
Topley Road Rescue and
Medical First Responders
Service Establishment
Referenda – November 7, 2015

Director Newell attended the public meeting in Topley in regard to the Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment and Topley Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment Referenda scheduled for November 7, 2015. He noted the very positive response to the possible services.

Northern Health Regional
Hospital District Board Meeting
October 19, 2015, Prince
George, B.C.

Director Newell also attended the Northern Health Regional Hospital District Board Meeting on October 19, 2015 in Prince George B.C. and spoke of the good discussion that was held.

Chandler Park Soccer Field
Renovation

Director Bachrach reported that the Chandler Park Soccer field renovation was put out to tender and the costs were significantly over budget for construction, so the Town of Smithers is planning to retender the project in spring of 2016.

Hockey and Downhill Ski
Championships

Director Bachrach mentioned that Smithers is planning to host a provincial hockey championship in March, 2016 and the Smithers Ski and Snowboard Club are also hosting the National Ski Cross Championships.

Re-Use Shed Public Meeting
-Smithers/Telkwa – October 6,
2015

Director Bachrach attended the Smithers/ Telkwa Re-Use Shed Public Meeting in Telkwa on October 6, 2015. He noted that he had received feedback from individuals that were disappointed in the format of the meetings and had hoped it would be a town hall meeting rather than open house format.

Re-Use Shed Public Meeting
-District of Vanderhoof
-October 14, 2015

Director Petersen attended the Re-Use Shed Public Meeting in Vanderhoof on October 14, 2015. Director Petersen mentioned that residents changed the format and there were some good ideas and discussion. The questionnaire provided by staff for attendees and others to fill out was very good.

District of Houston Business
Walk

Director Brienens reported that he had completed the District of Houston Business Walks which were very successful and recommended other communities consider business walks.

Update – Director Fisher
Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural)

Director Fisher mentioned that he has been meeting with residents regarding possible Federal Gas Tax Applications. He has also been speaking with residents regarding projects in regard to recreation.

Fort St. James Community
Centre

Director MacDougall noted that the Fort St. James Community Centre had its Grand Opening on Saturday, October 3, 2015. During the day was an open house that approximately 160 people attended and in the evening was a formal presentation with 120 people in attendance. Fort St. James has been without a community centre for 34 years.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Re-Use Shed Public Meeting
-District of Fort St. James
-October 20, 2015

Director MacDougall attended the Re-Use Shed Public Meeting in Fort St. James on October 20, 2015. Director MacDougall thanked staff for attending the meeting. Good comments and written submissions were provided.

Re-Use Shed Public Meeting
-Village of Burns Lake
-October 21, 2015

Chair Miller attended the Re-Use Shed Public Meeting in Burns Lake on October 21, 2015. Chair Miller commented that there were 24 people in attendance and really good discussion occurred. Attendees were appreciative of the opportunity to have the discussion and understand what was happening at the facilities. Discussion expanded beyond the re-use sheds to recycling in the area.

Omineca Beetle Action
Coalition (OBAC) Annual
General Meeting

Chair Miller attended the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition Annual General Meeting and was re-elected as Chair. Director Thiessen was re-elected as Vice-Chair. The Executive Committee also includes Directors MacDougall, Lindstrom, and Brien.

During OBAC's regular meeting Albert Nussbaum, Director, Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch provided a presentation regarding valuing competent and complete accurate forest data and a new program similar to the RDBN's GIS mapping system. Mr. Nussbaum will be returning to OBAC's December meeting to discuss the assessment that has been completed regarding forest inventory.

OBAC had successful meetings at the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in Vancouver on September 21-25, 2015.

Chair Miller also reported that OBAC has approved project funding for the RDBN Regional Skills Gap SWOT Coordinator and the Nechako Watershed Roundtable and development of a watershed strategy.

Receipt of Verbal
Reports

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-12-18

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration
Correspondence

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-12-19

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

- Fraser Lake Elementary-Secondary School- FLESS Breakfast Club;
- Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, President, UBCM - UBCM Member Visits;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Houston Search and Rescue – Thank You for Support of Search and Rescue EXPO;
- Auditor General for Local Government- City of Surrey Audit;
- Auditor General for Local Government- Comox Valley Regional District Audit;
- Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project – Proposed Morice River North Alternate Route;
- Fire Prevention Officers Association of B.C. - Advertisement in Fire Away Magazine;
- Greater Vancouver Regional District - Provincial Climate Leadership Plan Process;
- Northern Gateway – Judicial Review;
- Fort St. James T.V. Society – Financial Statements – September 30, 2015;
- Fort St. James T.V. Society – Financial Statements – August 31, 2015;
- BC Hydro – Northern Regional Community Relations 2015 Annual Report;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - Wildfire Prevention Funding & Resources
 - 2016 Asset Management Planning Grants
 - AGLG Legislative Amendments Introduced
 - New FireSmart Grant Program Launched
 - FCM's CIPP Program: A New Way Forward
 - UBCM Appointment Sought to Real Estate Foundation of BC
 - September 25 Resolutions Debate
 - Endorsed Resolutions
 - NDP Government Would Focus on Partnership
 - Delegates Endorse Resolution to Eliminate AGLG
 - Let's Prosper Together Says Green Leader
 - Liability and Risk Management for Elected Officials
 - WoodWorks! Winners Announced
 - Municipal Issues Driving Federal Election
 - Proposed Changes to Fire Services Act Would Download News Costs to RDs
 - Decisions Arising from the September 23, 2015 Resolutions Session
 - Update from Emergency Management BC
 - Are Our Water Systems at Risk?
 - New Auditor General for Local Government Announced
 - President's Address Focuses on Provincial Relationship
 - Update on the Auditor General for Local Government
 - Coordinating Policing and Mental Health Care Interventions
 - Sparking Action for FireSmart Communities
 - Provincial Review of Biosolids Storage, Use Underway
 - Funding Announced for Safe Drinking Water
 - UBCM Renews MOU with MARR
 - Filling the Leadership Void in Marijuana Regulation
 - Age-friendly Grant Program Continues
 - Natural Resource Permitting Project
 - New FireSmart Grant Program Launched
 - 2016 Asset Management Planning Grants
 - LGLA Announces 2016 Leadership Forum

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

INVITATIONS

-Roundup 2016 – January 25-28, 2016- Vancouver, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell brought forward attending Minerals Roundup 2016 in Vancouver, B.C. on January 25-28, 2016. Discussion took place regarding the Regional Board Members Events Policy for Minerals Roundup being the Chair and one Director, and the one Director attendance be on a rotational basis. The invitation will be brought forward at a future RDBN Board meeting.

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts
-September, 2015

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-12-20

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid September, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LISTS

Action Lists

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-12-21

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

- o July, 2015;
- o August, 2015;
- o September, 2015;
- o Action Items in Progress – October 15, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

Bylaws for First, Second and Third Reading

No. 1749– Vanderhoof Rural
Fire Protection Service Area
Boundary Amendment

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-12-22

“That “Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1749, 2015” be given first, second and third reading this 22nd day of October, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

No. 1750– Fort St. James
Seniors Helping Seniors
Transportation Service
Establishment

Moved by Alternate Director Hughes
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-12-23

“That “Fort St. James Seniors Helping Seniors Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1750, 2015” be given first, second and third reading this 22nd day of October, 2015 as amended to include the amended budget and tax limit and the name “Fort St. James Seniors Helping Seniors Transit Service Establishment”.”

Opposed: Director Repen CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Director Repen spoke to his concerns regarding the Alternative Approval Process. Mr. Berndorff provided an overview of the public consultation process undertaken by the RDBN Alternative Approval process.

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-12-24

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

INVITATIONS:

-Federation of Canadian Municipalities: 2016 Sustainable Communities Conference – Where all Roads to Sustainability Meeting;

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Auditor General for Local Government – Audit Topic 1 – Report 4 (September 2015) Achieving Value for Money in Operational Procurement – District of West Vancouver;

-BC Chamber of Commerce – Public Affairs Update:

- September 21, 2015 - Minimum Wage Increases by 20 cents;

-BC’s First Quarterly Report Forecasts Balanced Budget
- September 14, 2015 – Constructive Talks
between BC Government, First Nations, Christy Clark Pledges \$1M to Syrian Refugees

-BC Chamber of Commerce – Insight Newsletter – September 2015;

-BC Community Forest Association – September 2015 Newsletter;

READING FILE

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Canfor News Releases:
 - September 28th – Canfor Announces the Purchase of Anthony Forest Products
 - September 28th – Canfor Corporation and Canfor Pulp Products Inc. Announce Third Quarter Result Conference Call
 - September 9th – Canfor Announces Permanent Closure of Canal Flats Sawmill;
- Clean Energy Review: Nothing Weird or Strange in California;
- Clean Energy Review: Pope Hope;
- Clean Energy Review: Go West, Clean Electronics!;
- Clean Energy Review: Special Edition – Tracking Canada's Energy Revolution;
- Clean Energy Review: The World Isn't Ending After All;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM News Week of:
 - September 21, 2015
 - September 14, 2015
 - September 7, 2015;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Local Government And the Syrian Refugee Crisis;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities: President's Corner Update;
- Geoscience BC News Release:
 - September 23, 2015 – Geoscience BC to Evaluate New Oil Plays for Northeastern BC
 - September 17, 2015 – Geoscience BC to Explore Geothermal Energy Opportunities for BC Communities
 - September 14, 2015 – Geoscience BC Announces New Members and Chair to Board of Directors
 - September 10, 2015 - \$2.4M Search Project Encourages Investment in Northwest British Columbia
- Metro Vancouver Services and Solutions for a Livable Region –Re: Provincial Climate Leadership Plan Process;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations-Update from the Minister September 2015;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations-Controlled Burns Planned in the Nadina Fire Zone;
- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
 - October 14, 2015
 - September 23, 2015
 - September 30, 2015
 - September 16, 2015;
- Northern Development Initiative Trust – Building a Stronger North Newsletter – September 2015;
- Northern Health – Lifesaving Devices Installed on Northern Health Connections Buses;
- Northern Health – Healthier Northern Communities ebriefs:
 - September 17, 2015
 - September 30, 2015;
- Northern Health – Protect Your Health by Getting Immunized;
- Northern Health – Protect Your Child Against Cancer, Learn About the HPV Vaccine;
- Resource Works – Wars in the Woods;
- Recycling Council of British Columbia – Letter to Municipalities Re: Proclamations;

READING FILE

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

-Seniors BC – e-Newsletter September 2015;
-Youth Parliament of British Columbia – BC Youth Parliament
87th President;
-Vancouver Island and coast Conservation Society – Request ‘A
Day for Our Common Future’, December 11, 2015 – A Day for
Our Common Future.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

Proposed Service – Fort
St. James Seniors Transit
-Amended Budget and
Tax Limit

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-12-25

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors
receive the Financial Administrator’s October 20, 2015 memo
titled “Proposed Service – Fort St. James Seniors Transit –
Amended Budget and Tax Limit.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Coastal GasLink Pipeline
Project

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-12-26

“That the letter attached to the October 19, 2015 staff report
regarding the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project be sent as the
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako’s comment on the Traffic
Control Management Plan, Timber Salvage Strategy, and
Access Control Management Plan.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the lack of information from the
Pacific Trails Pipeline Project and the Prince Rupert Gas
Transmission Project. The Regional Board provided direction to
staff to forward an invitation to Pacific Trails Pipeline and Prince
Rupert Gas Transmission to attend a future RDBN meeting.

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning mentioned that staff
received information this week from Pacific Trails Pipeline
Project and will bring forward the information at a future RDBN
Board meeting.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Notification/Invitation to Consult on the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Parker

2015-12-27

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to send a new referral response letter with the same content as the referral response letter dated July 21, 2014; and further, that the letter be amended to include "the Regional Board's request for the information is to be able to consider support for the pipeline projects."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pipeline Media Release

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-12-28

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to distribute the media release dated Monday October 26, 2015 titled Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Efforts to Mitigate LNG Pipeline Impacts; and further, that the said document also be provided to the municipalities within the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Coastal GasLink Connector

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-12-29

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from TransCanada Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project titled "Coastal GasLink Connector – October, 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATION

University of Northern British Columbia – President's Lunch – Dr. Danial Weeks, President, UNBC and SC Regional Advisory Committee Meeting -November 4, 2015 – Quesnel B.C.

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Brienen

2015-12-30

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the invitation from the University of Northern British Columbia titled "President's Lunch – Dr. Daniel Weeks President, UNBC and SC Regional Advisory Committee Meeting – November 4, 2015 – Quesnel, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Thiessen will attend the UNBC President's Lunch on November 4, 2015 in Quesnel, B.C.

NEW BUSINESS

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Transportation Symposium

Director Bachrach mentioned he was unaware that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructures is planning to host a Transportation Symposium in Smithers until he was contacted by the local media regarding the symposium. He contacted the First Nations Health Authority who is also one of the hosts but there was no information forthcoming.

Chair Miller commented that he had been made aware of the event through the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition and because of OBAC's initiatives in regard to transportation, Chair Miller provided an overview of the process and meetings that OBAC has undertaken in regard to the issue. Director MacDougall will be attending on behalf of OBAC. The event is scheduled for November 24, 2015.

Concerns were brought forward regarding the lack of information and that key stakeholders do not seem to be aware and/or invited to the symposium.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the RDBN hosting a Transportation workshop to bring together stakeholders throughout the Northwest corridor. Chair Miller noted that OBAC has been accumulating information and inviting stakeholders to discuss the issues throughout the Northwest. Chair Miller will continue to update the Regional Board in regard to OBAC's progress regarding the issue.

SPECIAL IN-CAMERA MEETING

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-12-31

"In accordance with Section 90(1)(c)(g) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that matters pertaining to labour relations or other employee relations (Exec. Meeting Matters) and litigation or potential litigation (Smithers Motocross) or information received relating to the matter must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-12-32

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:22 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant