

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 11

Thursday, October 22, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton – Via Teleconference
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarraah Storey
Casda Thomas

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Janette Derksen, Diversion Supervisor – arrived at 3:08 p.m.
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 3:08 p.m.
Jordanna Evans, Economic Development Coordinator – left at 11:16 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – left at 11:16 a.m., returned at 11:30 a.m., left at 12:10 a.m., returned at 1:27 p.m., left at 3:12 p.m.
Sashka Macievich, Controller – arrived at 1:52 p.m., left at 2:30 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Steven Dean, Chairman/CEO, Artemis Gold – Via Zoom – 11:30 a.m. to 12:16 p.m.
Val Erikson, Community Relations Advisor, Artemis Gold Inc. – Via Zoom – 11:30 a.m. to 12:16 p.m.
Andy Muma, BC Search and Rescue – left at 11:16 a.m.
Ryan Todd, VP Environment and Social Responsibility, Artemis Gold Inc. – Via Zoom – 11:30 a.m. to 12:16 p.m.

Media Priyanka Ketkar, Lakes District News – left at 3:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2020-11-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of October 22, 2020 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, 2020**

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Petersen

2020-11-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting **Minutes**

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-11-3

“That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
-October 8, 2020
- Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes
-October 8, 2020
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
- October 8, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

BC SEARCH AND RESCUE – Andy Muma RE: Update

Chair Thiessen welcomed Andy Muma, BC Search and Rescue.

Chair Thiessen expressed his appreciation for the work of the volunteers of BC Search and Rescue and local Search and Rescue groups.

Mr. Muma provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Search and Rescue in the Bulkley Nechako Region

- Purpose of the Presentation
- 5 SAR Teams in the Bulkley Nechako
- Call Volume for the Region
- Noted Searches in the Past 2 Years
- Search and Rescue Services for the Region
- Other Volunteer Activities
- Adventure Smart
- New SAR Guidelines
- Alternate Support Model (ASM)
- Provincial Needs Assessment Initiative
- Rescue Capabilities
 - o Swift Water and Flat Ice Technical Rescue
 - o Winter Response and Avalanche
 - o High Angle Rope Rescue
- Regional Rescue Capabilities Approach.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Emergency Management BC (EMBC) recognizing SAR groups requiring rescue capabilities
 - o Concerns in regard to EMBC criteria that allows SAR groups to train and provide rescue capabilities
- Two teams in the region are recognized with rescue capabilities

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

BC SEARCH AND RESCUE – Andy Muma RE: Update (Cont'd)

- Three teams are classified as Search only
 - o Search only teams not allowed to train or respond in rescue operations
- Other areas with small communities in the Province, more than 30 minutes apart experiencing similar issues in regard to additional training
- Local SAR groups are located more than 30 minutes apart
- Challenges in regard to recruitment for SAR groups in small communities
 - o Less population
 - o Workforce impacts
- Provincial Needs Assessment Initiative
 - o Stakeholder engagement may not include all communities
 - o Letter to EMBC requesting the urgency and need for all teams in the northwest to have rescue capabilities
- Northwest SAR teams may not receive a large volume of calls, but the length of time searches take in the northwest is significant
- Vast geographical territory
- Challenges and time commitment to request payment and/or lost wages for volunteers
- High Angle Rope Rescue on highways
 - o SAR, if recognized to conduct rescue capabilities, provide High Angle Rope Rescue off main corridor highways, in the backcountry and when helicopter access is required
- Number of volunteers for all 5 SAR groups in the region
- An event where a Swift Water Rescue was required and because the SAR Team was trained and had the capabilities to provide the rescue the outcome was successful
- Cost benefit of a regional approach and all local SAR groups having all 4 rescue capabilities
- Contact information for EMBC representative in northern BC
- Requesting the RDBN be included as a stakeholder in the Provincial Needs Assessment Initiative.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mr. Muma for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 1st and 2nd Reading

Chair Thiessen recused himself from the meeting at 11:16 a.m. due to a conflict of interest regarding 1st and 2nd Reading – Bylaw No. 1918, 2020 Rezoning Application F-01-20(CSFS) – Electoral Area “F”. He is the realtor selling the adjacent property.

1st and 2nd Reading – Bylaw
No. 1918, 2020 Rezoning
Application F-01-20 (CSFS)
Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-11-4

1. “That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1918, 2020 be given first and second reading this 22nd day of October, 2020 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

2. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1918, 2020 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area F.”

Opposed: Director T. Greenaway **CARRIED**

(All/Directors/Majority)

Chair Thiessen returned to the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Bylaw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Reading
Bylaw No. 1878, 2020
Proposed New Floodplain
Management Bylaw

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-11-5

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1878, 2020” be given first, second and third reading this 22nd day of October, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Temporary Use Permits

Temporary Use Permit
Application A-02-20 (Apperloo)
Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Thomas

2020-11-6

“That the Board receive the comments from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on the Supplementary Agenda.

That Temporary Use Permit A-02-20 be amended to include a term that the water from the shop’s drainage basin be disposed of in accordance with Provincial Government regulations, and that a hydrocarbon spill kit be maintained at the shop.

That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit A-02-20 to allow the operation of a construction business at 4120 Gelley Road.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

ARTEMIS GOLD – Steven Dean, Chairman/CEO, Ryan Todd, VP Environment and Social Responsibility and Val Erickson, Community Relations Advisor RE: Update

Chair Thiessen welcomed Steven Dean, Chairman/CEO, Ryan Todd, VP Environmental and Social Responsibility and Val Erickson, Community Relations Advisor, Artemis Gold.

Messrs. Dean and Todd provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Blackwater Project Update

- Who we are?
- Blackwater Gold Production and AISC (All-in Sustaining Costs)
- Blackwater PFS (Pre-Feasibility Study) vs. EA (Environmental Assessment) – What’s changed?
- Map - Blackwater PFS vs. EA – What’s changed?
- Key Economic Statistics – Preliminary
- Project Milestone Timeline for Blackwater
- Proposed Permitting Plan
- Proposed Permitting Schedule.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

ARTEMIS GOLD – Steven Dean, Chairman/CEO, Ryan Todd, VP Environment and Social Responsibility and Val Erickson, Community Relations Advisor RE: Update (CONT'D)

The following was discussed:

- Potential recruitment challenges as activity increases at the Blackwater Project due to the amount of industrial activity in the region
- Phase 4 plans to process accumulated stockpiles
- Providing support for the project
 - o Staff will coordinate a meeting with Chair Thiessen and Mr. Dean
- Community Liaison Committee
 - o Director Petersen and Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development currently appointed to the Committee.

Chair Thiessen thanked Messrs. Dean and Todd and Ms. Erickson for attending the meeting.

Break for lunch at 12:16 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Temporary Use Permits (Cont'd)

Temporary Use Permit
Application A-03-20 (Steti)
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-11-7

"That the Board receive the comments from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Submissions on the Supplementary Agenda.

That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit A-03-20 to allow gravel processing on the property legally described as the NE 1/4 of Section 5 Township 4 Except Plans 8393 & PRP14394, Range 5, Coast District."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral

Crown Land Referral
No. 125814931-009
(Rec Sites and Trails)
Electoral Area A

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Thomas

2020-11-8

"That the Comment Sheet for Trails and Recreation Referral No. 125814931-009 (Silvern Trails Society) be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memo

Building Inspection Agreements with Municipalities Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-11-9

“That the Board Chair and CAO be authorized to enter into agreements for the provision of building inspection services to the Village of Burns Lake, the Village of Fraser Lake, the Village of Granisle, the District of Fort St. James, the District of Houston, and the Village of Telkwa.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parks and Trails Service Implementation Strategy Update

Discussion took place regarding:

- RDBN staff delegation at each of the eight-member municipalities in regard to the proposed strategy
 - o Staff will follow up in November 2020 to determine participation
 - o Staff will report to the Board once participation is determined
- Preliminary staff administration costs
 - o Staff person to coordinate implementation
- Municipal participation and potential cost considerations depending on participation
- Local recreation groups brought forward funding impacts from administration costs
- Providing funding directly to recreation organizations to implement parks and trails in the region
- Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) and District of Houston will work together to determine projects
- Town of Smithers, District of Houston, Village of Burns Lake and District of Fort St. James support
- Funding opportunities for recreation, parks and trails
- Each community is different in its parks and trail needs
- Taxation options
- Comparisons to other Regional Districts
 - o Current Parks and Trails services existed prior to the legislation and regulations that exist today.

Parks and Trails Service Implementation Strategy Update

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Newell

2020-11-10

“That the Board receive the Director of Planning’s Parks and Trails Service Implementation Strategy Update Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearing Notice Requirements

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-11-11

“That the Board receive the Director of Planning’s Public Hearing Notice Requirements Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting Recommendations October 8, 2020

Moved by Director J. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Thomas

2020-11-12

“That the Board approve Recommendation 1 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting– October 8, 2020

Recommendation 1:

**Re: Write a Letter to Provincial Election Candidates re:
Recycle BC Request to Ministry of Environment and Climate
Change Strategy to hold off on Pending Changes to EPR
Programs**

“That the Board write a letter to Provincial Election Candidates within the RDBN to express concerns in regard to Recycle BC requesting Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to hold off on pending changes to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs; and further, that the letter be provided to RDBN member municipalities, Chambers of Commerce within the RDBN, the North Central Local Government Association and the Union of B.C. Municipalities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Refuse Disposal Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1909, 2020

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-11-13

“That Refuse Disposal Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1909, 2020 be given first, second, and third reading this 22nd day of October, 2020.”

Opposed: Director Fisher

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Fort Fraser Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1920, 2020

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-11-14

“That Fort Fraser Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1920, 2020 be adopted this 22nd day of October, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cluculz Lake Fire Department 911 Radio System

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-11-15

“That the Board authorize staff to utilize up to \$35,000 from the 911 Capital Reserves to install a radio interconnect system for the Cluculz Lake Fire Department.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Fort Fraser Rural Fire Protection Agreement -November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2025

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-11-16

“That the Board authorize the Board Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Fort Fraser Rural Fire Protection Agreement with the Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department Society for a 5-year term.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Southside Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment; Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment; and repeal of the Topley Rural Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment Bylaw

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-11-17

“That Southside Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1923, 2020 be given first, second, and third reading this 22nd day of October, 2020.”

“That Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1924, 2020 be given first, second, and third reading this 22nd day of October, 2020.”

“That Topley Rural Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1925, 2020 be given first, second, and third reading this 22nd day of October, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds -Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Cycle 16 Trail

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Thomas

2020-11-18

“That the Board authorize contributing up to \$300,000 of Electoral Area “A” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to Phase 1 of construction for the Cycle 16 Trail, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$300,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Smithers Mountain Bike Association Letter of Support Request Moved by Director Thomas
Seconded by Director Fisher

2020-11-19

1) "That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the Smithers Mountain Bike Association for their Hudson Bay Mountain Project application to the Destination Development Stream of the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program for lift enhancements and trails to enable mountain bike access on Hudson Bay Mountain.
2) That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the Smithers Mountain Bike Association for their application to the Community Economic Resilience Stream of the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program to expand its trail network that is not on Hudson Bay Mountain."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Lambert recused himself from the meeting at 1:58 p.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to Grant in Aid Re-Allocation Request – Southside 4H Club Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) due to he and his wife being 4H Leaders.

Grant in Aid Re-Allocation Request – Southside 4H Club Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Parker

2020-11-20

"That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's Grant in Aid Re-Allocation Request – Southside 4H Club Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) memo."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Lambert returned at 1:59 p.m.

Grant in Aid Update: August -October 13, 2020 Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-11-21

"That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's Grant in Aid Update: August – October 13, 2020 memo."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Committees - 2021

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Task forces
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting
 - o Agriculture items appearing on Committee of the Whole
 - o Municipal and Rural Directors input regarding Agriculture items
 - o Grant funding for Agriculture initiatives
 - o Rural Directors Committee provides an opportunity for Rural Directors to discuss items pertaining to rural areas

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

- Broadband Committee
 - o Very important initiative currently
 - o Requires a lead person
 - o Committee remain in place to address potential opportunities to provide connectivity to all residents in the Regional District
- Waste Management Committee Meeting
 - o Opportunity for regional priority discussions
- Transit Committee
 - o Review Terms of Reference moving forward
 - o Director Greenaway spoke of the lack of bus service in Fort St. James and the Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan Community Transportation Grant Program (Community Vehicles)
- Forestry Committee
 - o Potential value and importance
 - o Smaller Committee
 - o Significant changes in the future
 - o Potentially address forestry topics at Committee of the Whole
- Board members with topic specific expertise
- Importance of various Committees
- RDBN Board Reporting Policy and Form
- Committees that do not have meetings in 6-month time frame
- Staff will bring forward a report regarding RDBN Committees – 2021 at a future meeting.

VERBAL REPORTS

<u>Village of Granisle – Alternate to the Regional Board</u>	Director McGuire mentioned that Village of Granisle Councillor Tom Liversidge has stepped down as Deputy Mayor and Councillor Marilyn Berglund has been appointed Director McGuire's Alternate on the Regional Board.
<u>Grocery Store in Granisle</u>	Director McGuire spoke of the Grocery Store in Granisle being for sale and is hopeful the store will find a buyer and remain open.
<u>Village of Granisle Wastewater Grant</u>	Director McGuire reported that the tenders for the grant funded Wastewater Project in the community has been released with the intention of beginning works in the spring of 2021.
<u>Village of Granisle Remembrance Day Recognition</u>	Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle will be having a small wreath laying service at its cenotaph on November 11 th in honour of Remembrance Day.
<u>Fort St. James Mayor</u>	Director J. Greenaway announced that Mayor Bob Motion was sworn in on October 13, 2020 and an appointment to the RDBN Board of Directors will take place in January 2021.
<u>Topley Fire Department Annual General Meeting</u>	<p>Director Riis-Christianson and Director Newell, along with Protective Services Staff attended the Topley Fire Department Annual General Meeting. He spoke of the good job they are doing, and that staff is assisting them with their budget.</p> <p>Director Newell reiterated the hard work and dedication of the Topley Fire Department volunteers, along with their great facility and equipment.</p>

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Broadband Connectivity</u>	Director Riis-Christianson mentioned that he attended a Broadband Connectivity meeting with other Regional Districts across BC on October 21, 2020 to explore opportunities to collaborate in regard to the universal connectivity issues across BC. The Committee is formulating a draft Terms of Reference and Director Riis-Christianson will provide them at a future Broadband Committee meeting to review and consider continued participation.
<u>Municipal World Broadband Master Class with Internet Strategist Jesse Hirsh</u>	Director Riis-Christianson, along with Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development participated in a Broadband webinar hosted by Municipal World with Internet Strategist and tech talk expert Jesse Hirsh. He spoke of various connectivity options for communities, the importance of fibre and the role of local governments. Director Riis-Christianson will bring forward further information at a future Broadband Committee meeting.
<u>Meetings Attended – Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)</u>	Director Lambert indicated he attended two days of meetings with the Fraser Basin Council, along with Nechako Watershed Roundtable meetings and a meeting with Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation.
<u>Connectivity on the Southside of Francois Lake</u>	Director Lambert mentioned that connectivity discussions with Telus are at a standstill and he would like to see it move forward.
<u>Agriculture Sector</u>	<p>Director Parker mentioned that he has had discussions with Agriculture stakeholders in the region regarding the potential for ag plastic recycling. The response has been incredible.</p> <p>Director Parker met with Alex Kulchar, Director Vanderhoof, BC Cattlemen’s Association in regard to the meat packing plant planned for Prince George being moved to Westwold and ensuring that the northern BC ranchers are still included in moving forward with the plant as it is a viable option for area ranchers.</p>
<u>Longtime Service Award for Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Fighter</u>	Director Parker, along with RDBN staff, attended a BBQ for Rob Dupuis, Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department to celebrate his 30 years of Services as a volunteer fire fighter. He received recognition from both the Federal and Provincial Governments.
<u>National Industrial Symbiosis Program</u>	Director Fisher mentioned he has been working with the National Industrial Symbiosis Program (NISP) which connects businesses that produce waste with businesses that can utilize that waste. NISP has been working to secure funding for a Northern Coordinator Position and recently received funding. NISP has indicated they are interested in partnering with the RDBN in future initiatives. Director Fisher discussed exploring a potential partnership further.
<u>District of Houston – 9th Street Project</u>	Director Brien reported that the District of Houston 9 th Street Project is nearing completion and the Downtown core has had significant changes utilizing the Northern Capital and Planning Grant funding. Water and sewer infrastructure have been updated as well.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)

Director Brienen, as RDBN representative on the RBA, spoke of the conversations with the current Provincial Government and the announcement on October 4th in Kitimat, BC by Andrew Wilkinson, leader of the Liberal Party of his commitment to negotiate with the RBA if his party is elected on October 24, 2020.

Physician Recruitment and Retention in Northern BC

Director Petersen and Chair Thiessen attended a meeting on October 16th in regard to physician recruitment and retention in northern BC. In attendance was the Rural Coordination Centre of BC, University of Northern BC, Northern Health and UBC Facilitator of Medicine. The meeting was a follow up to a previous meeting to discuss a Physician Recruitment and Retention Plan. Discussion took place regarding the need to start at the high school level to acquaint students with medicine and work with youth within communities to enter the field of medicine. He also noted that once recruitment has been successful in order to retain physicians it's important, as community leaders, to be responsible for ensuring that families are integrated into the community and that relationships are built.

Rural Connectivity

Director Newell commented that the number one topic in his region is rural connectivity and he spoke of the importance of moving forward to ensure that all residents have good reliable access to connectivity in rural areas.

Unightly Premise Concerns

Director Newell noted that he is working with unsightly premise concerns in Electoral Area "G" (Houston).

Town of Smithers By-Election

Director Thomas announced that on October 17, 2020 the Town of Smithers held its By-Election and Gladys Atrill was declared Mayor and Mika Meyer was declared Councillor. She spoke of welcoming two women candidates to council.

Chair Thiessen thanked Director Thomas for her participation on the RDBN Board.

Village of Fraser Lake Halloween Fireworks

Director Storey mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake will be hosting a Halloween Fireworks Celebration on October 31st.

Village of Fraser Lake Project Delays

Director Storey noted that the Village of Fraser Lake has had a number of projects delayed due to rain.

New Sports Store in Fraser Lake

Director Storey announced that a new sports store has opened in Fraser Lake.

North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)

Director Storey commented that the next meeting of the NCLGA is November 6-7, 2020. UBCM President Brian Frenkel (Councillor, District of Vanderhoof) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) President Garth Frizzell (Councillor, City of Prince George, B.C.) will be in attendance as well as Mayor Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. James to discuss the structure of the NCLGA Board.

She also thanked everyone that participated on the NCLGA Rural Health Committee.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Seniors Dementia Care
and One Bedroom
Apartments in Vanderhoof

Chair Thiessen mentioned that the 10-bed dementia care and 18 one-bedroom apartment Senior Complex in Vanderhoof is breaking ground. It has been a lengthy process.

Broadband Internet in
Vanderhoof

Chair Thiessen spoke of the poor internet service in Vanderhoof and the community working to find a solution. Citywest is currently upgrading services in Vanderhoof. This is very good news for the community. He spoke of the initiative from the RDBN in regard to Broadband.

Impact of Workcamps on
Healthcare

Chair Thiessen brought forward concerns in regard to the impacts of the workcamps to community healthcare systems. He spoke of a meeting that took place with Jennifer Anthony, Director, Resource Development, Special Projects Assistant Deputy Minister's Office, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources prior to the work camps being operational and it was indicated that workcamps would not have an impact on community healthcare. Chair Thiessen is planning to have meetings to address the concerns. He recognized the economic benefits of the workcamp on the community as well.

Director Brienen spoke of the impact to BC Ambulance due to attendants being drawn to the pipeline for work and it is impacting the availability of BC Ambulance vehicles in the community.

He also noted concerns regarding motor vehicle accidents taking place with the increased traffic and the shortage of BC Ambulance vehicles.

Chair Thiessen spoke of the attempts to be proactive and being provided information in regard to the impacts from the additional workers and workcamps in order to mitigate concerns and issues.

Northern Development
Initiative Trust

Chair Thiessen noted Northern Development Initiative Trust has rolled out six new programs.

Nechako First Nations

Chair Thiessen met with the Nechako First Nations and provided an overview of the meeting along with potential future information and engagement.

Receipt of Verbal
Reports

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-11-23

"That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) Residents – CN Rail Blockage of Crossings Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-11-24

“That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) Residents – CN Rail Blockage of Crossings and write a letter to the authors of the said correspondence, Dave & Verna Hopper, in regard to RDBN follow up with CN Rail.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CN Rail is scheduled to be a delegation at the November 5, 2020 RDBN Committee of the Whole. A list of discussion topics is being provided to CN Rail for the meeting.

ACTION LIST

Action List – September 2020 Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-11-25

“That the September 2020 Action List be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) -Destination Development Stream Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-11-26

“That the Board apply, in partnership with Hudson Bay Mountain for a Year-Round, Multi-use Outdoor Recreation Area project at the Hudson Bay Mountain Resort, to the Destination Development Stream of the CERIP.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Update: Conditional Suspension of Cardboard Ban At the Knockholt Landfill Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-11-27

“That the Board authorize staff to temporarily suspend the cardboard ban at the Knockholt Landfill to accommodate the final stages of the establishment of an Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) baling facility provided the conditions are still being met.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (CONT'D)

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Update: Conditional
Suspension of Cardboard Ban
at the Knockholt Landfill

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-11-28

“That the Board authorize staff to collaborate with the proponents of the Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) bailing facility to provide public notification once the facility is prepared to open to the public, and further, that the public notification be provided to the Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce and the Smithers Interior News.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Business

National Industrial
Symbiosis Program
Letter of Support

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Thomas

2020-11-29

“That the Board write a letter of support to the National Industrial Symbiosis Program (NISP) in regard to its grant application for its Northwest BC Businesses for a Low Carbon, Circular Economy Project, that engages rural Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to take meaningful circular economy action that reduces Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions; and further, that the Board looks favourably towards partnerships on future endeavors.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-11-30

“In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations and 90(2)(b) –the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (NW Resource Benefits Alliance) may be closed to the public, and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-11-31

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:29 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant