

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, March 8, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Bill Miller

Directors Chris Beach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
Absent Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Alternate Director Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 11:06 a.m.
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2018-2-1

“That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of March 8, 2018 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 – January 11, 2018

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

C.W.2018-2-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 11, 2018 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Business Façade Program

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2018-2-3

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Business Façade Improvement Program Guidelines be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Repen spoke of challenges of small communities utilizing the Business Façade funding program one year and having minimal uptake the next year to access the potential funding. He suggested that finding creative solutions for small communities to continue to access the Business Façade funding for attraction purposes would be beneficial for small communities.

Vanderhoof Transfer Station Recycling Contract Negotiations with Recycle BC -Follow Up Report

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2018-2-4

1. “That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Environmental Service’s February 26, 2018 memo titled “Vanderhoof Transfer Station Recycling Contract Negotiations with Recycle BC – Follow Up Report.”
2. “That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors direct staff to enter into a recycling depot contract with Recycle BC for the depot service at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station.”
3. “That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors approve operational and staffing changes to provide a small scale recycling depot that provides full operational coverage in accordance to the requirements of the Recycle BC contract.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of his memo titled “Vanderhoof Transfer Station Recycling Contract Negotiations with Recycle BC – Follow Up Report.” The Recycle BC contract is a five year contract. Mr. McKenzie mentioned that Recycle BC has requested that the RDBN submit a Letter of Intent by September 2018 to outline a “wish list” of Recycle BC facilities within the RDBN. Staff will bring forward the Letter of Intent to a future RDBN meeting for review. Recycle BC’s funding is managed by the stewards of the association and is impacted by the world commodity markets.

Director Thiessen thanked staff for their assistance in developing recycling options for Vanderhoof and area. He has also received a number of positive comments from his community.

Discussion took place regarding recycling service levels in Fraser Lake and the challenges in regard to space to store products.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

SWOT Update

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2018-2-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s February 26, 2018 memo titled “SWOT Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE & INVITATIONS

Correspondence

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Beach

C.W.2018-2-6

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

- BC Assessment – Assessment Initiatives & Emerging Issues – February 2018;
- Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
 - Call for Resolutions 2018 AGM;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Federal Budget 2018: Highlights;

INVITATIONS

- Northern Healthy Communities Forum 2018 - May 7, 2018
 - Fort Nelson, B.C.;
- Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Annual General Meeting – April 6, 2018– Edmonton, AB.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Petersen mentioned that the Yellowhead Highway Association is accepting resolutions for the Annual General Meeting April 6, 2018 in Edmonton, AB.” Concerns were brought forward regarding the following issues:

- Turn off at Stella West Road and Highway 16 - Fraser Lake area/Stellat'en First Nation
- Intersection at Chowsunket St. and Highway 16 – Village of Fraser Lake
- Cross walk needed at Silversmith Avenue and Pine Street - Vanderhoof
- Street lighting costs in Telkwa.

Director Repen provided the following suggested wording for a resolution to the Yellowhead Highway Association:

WHEREAS Highway 16 creates a significant hazard where it passes through populated areas and incorporated communities;
AND WHEREAS those communities incur significant costs and impacts to their residents due to the Highway 16 corridor passing through those communities;

CORRESPONDENCE & INVITATIONS (CONT'D)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Provincial and Federal Governments support those communities financially to offset those hazards and support those communities for necessary safety infrastructure on Highway 16.

Staff will draft a resolution for RDBN Board review at the March 15, 2018 Regional Board Meeting. Discussion took place in regard to sending a copy of the resolution to John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes, Doug Donaldson, MLA Stikine and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Northern Healthy Communities Forum 2018 - May 7, 2018 -Fort Nelson, B.C.

Discussion took place in regard to the challenges for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District and Northwest Regional Hospital District Board of Directors to attend the Northern Health Communities Forum – May 7, 2018 in Fort Nelson, B.C. due to booked flight arrival times.

Northern Healthy Communities Forum 2018 - May 7, 2018 – Fort Nelson, B.C.

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

C.W.2018-2-7

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to Northern Health requesting that the time be changed from a 9:00 a.m. start time to a later time in the day for its Northern Healthy Communities Forum 2018 meeting May 7, 2018 in Fort Nelson, B.C. during the North Central Local Government Association Convention to accommodate NCLGA members confirmed flight arrival times.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station Recycling Contract Negotiations with Recycle BC -Follow Up Report

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

C.W.2018-2-8

1. “That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Environmental Services’ March 6, 2018 memo titled “Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station Recycling Contract Negotiations with Recycle BC – Follow Up Report.”
2. “That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors direct staff to enter into a recycling depot contract with Recycle BC for the depot service at the Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station.”
3. “That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors approve operational and staffing changes to provide a small scale recycling depot that provides full operational coverage in accordance to the requirements of the Recycle BC contract.”

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (CONT'D)

REPORT (CONT'D)

4. The Committee of the Whole recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors direct staff to write a press release, once details are finalized, in regard to small scale recycling at the Smithers/Telkwa Area Transfer Station and Vanderhoof Transfer Station.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Area “A”
(Smithers Rural) Smithers
Telkwa Transfer Station

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2018-2-9

1. “That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$30,000 (plus recoverable GST) of Electoral Area “F” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies and up to \$30,000 (plus recoverable GST) of Electoral Area “A” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for the purchase and set up of two recycle depots to be located one each at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station and the Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$60,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

C.W.2018-2-10

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:47 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant