

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 14

Thursday, December 11, 2014

PRESENT:

Chair	Bill Miller
Directors	Taylor Bachrach Eileen Benedict Shane Brienens Tom Greenaway Mark Fisher Dwayne Lindstrom Thomas Liversidge Rob MacDougall Rob Newell Jerry Petersen Ralph Roy Luke Strimbold Gerry Thiessen
Director Absent	Appointee, Village of Telkwa
Staff	Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services Kim Fields, Administration Clerk – left at 12:04 p.m. Haley Jeffrey, Protective Services Assistant – left at 12:04 p.m. Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – left at 12:04 p.m. Carolynn Lane, Sustainability Assistant – left at 12:04 p.m. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 12:04 p.m. Laura O’Meara, Senior Financial Assistant – left at 12:04 p.m. Joe Pacheo, Regulation Control Officer – left at 12:04 p.m. Kristi Rensby, Finance/Administration Coordinator – left at 12:04 p.m. Maria Sandberg, Planner 1 – left at 12:04 p.m. June Stratichuk, Grant Writer – left at 12:04 p.m. Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development Colleen Tracey, Administration Clerk – left at 12:04 p.m. Deneve Vanderwolf, Economic Development Assistant – left at 12:04 p.m. Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Others	Stephen Freeman, Southside – left at 12:04 p.m. Linda McGuire, Granisle Judy Newell, Houston Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison, Burns Lake Community Office, Rio Tinto Alcan – left at 11:46 a.m. Mark Parker, Fraser Lake Monique Roy, Fraser Lake – left at 12:04 p.m. John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliations – left at 12:04 p.m. Cindy Stoltenberg, Telkwa. – left at 12:04 p.m. Stoney Stoltenberg, Telkwa – left at 12:04 p.m.
Media	Flavio Nienow, Lakes District News – left at 12:04 p.m.

OATHS OF OFFICE
-RURAL DIRECTORS

The Honourable Judge William Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Rural Directors Eileen Benedict, Tom Greenaway, Bill Miller, Rob Newell, Jerry Petersen, Ralph Roy, and Mark Fisher.

OATHS OF OFFICE
-MUNICIPAL DIRECTORS

The Honourable Judge William Jackson administered the the Oath of Office to Municipal Directors Taylor Bachrach, Shane Brienen, Dwayne Lindstrom, Rob MacDougall, Thomas Liversidge, Luke Strimbold, and Gerry Thiessen.

OATHS OF OFFICE
-ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

The Honourable Judge William Jackson administered the the Oath of Office to Alternate Directors Linda McGuire, Mark Parker, and Stoney Stoltenberg.

RDBN Staff Recognition

Chair Miller recognized all RDBN Staff for their dedication, commitment and hard work to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2014.

John Rustad, MLA Nechako
Lakes and Minister of
Aboriginal Relations and
Reconciliation

The Hounourable John Rustad extended congratulations to the newly elected and acclaimed RDBN Board of Directors. He noted the very important work that the RDBN does and will continue to do in the future.

Mr. Rustad spoke of the issues faced in the region, the mill closure in Houston, the recent announcement of the Endako mine closure near Fraser Lake. He mentioned the commitment required and that will be required to work through the situation and provide support to communities and the families affected. He expressed his hopes that the fluctuating commodity prices will stabilize soon and the mine will be able to reopen.

Mr. Rustad noted the recent signing of agreements with First Nations in regard to LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) projects and that he is anticipating that there will be more announcements in the future. The Petronas led Pacific Northwest LNG Project near Prince Rupert is also moving forward provincially but does has work to complete with the Federal Government. He also noted that other projects in regard to LNG are moving forward.

There was approximately \$11 million funded provincially in 2014 on highway improvement in the Nechako Lakes region. Mr. Rustad noted that he is advocating for continued funding for 2015 to continue road improvements.

Mr. Rustad wished everyone a Merry Christmas and good holiday and spoke of working together in the future to address issues and opportunities in the region and province.

CALL TO ORDER

Gail Chapman, CAO called the meeting to order at 11:42 p.m.

ELECTIONS

Chairperson

Ms. Chapman called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2015.

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-14-1

"That Director Miller be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2015."

Ms. Chapman called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

Ms. Chapman called for nominations for Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Chapman declared Director Miller as Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2015 by acclamation.

Chairperson Miller took the Chair.

Vice – Chairperson

Ms. Chapman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2015.

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-14-2

"That Director Thiessen be nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2015."

Ms. Chapman called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a second time.

Ms. Chapman called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Chapman declared Director Thiessen as Vice-Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2015 by acclamation.

**AGENDA, &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

2014-14-3

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of December 11, 2014 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 –November 20, 2014

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2014-14-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2014 be adopted as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Bulkley Valley Pool Contract Renewal for 2015 to 2019

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-14-5

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s December 2, 2014 memo titled “Bulkley Valley Pool Contract Renewal for 2015 to 2019”; and
2. Approve the contract with the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society dated December 11, 2014 and authorize it for signature.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Reserve Withdrawals -Fort St. James Rural Fire Protection and Luck Bay Rural Fire Protection

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-14-6

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s December 3, 2014 memo titled “Capital Reserve Withdrawals – Fort St. James Rural Fire Protection and Luck Bay Rural Fire Protection”; and
2. Authorize the withdrawal of \$14,000 from the Fort St. James Rural Fire Protection Capital Reserve; and,
3. Authorize the withdrawal of \$5,300 from the Luck Bay Rural Fire Protection Capital Reserve.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UBCM Convention - 2014

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2014-14-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Administrative Officer’s November 17, 2014 memo titled “UBCM Convention – 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014 General Local Election Report

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Manager of Administrative Services/Chief Election Officer’s December 1, 2014 memo titled “2014 General Local Election Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Welcome to New and Returning RDBN Board of Directors

Directors Thiessen, Roy, Lindstrom, Greenaway, Liversidge, Newell, Bachrach, Petersen, MacDougall welcomed all new and returning RDBN Board of Directors and thanked past members for their years of service.

Director Benedict spoke of returning to the RDBN and she looks forward to working with the Regional Board of Directors.

Director Brienen also noted he is looking forward to working with the Regional Board on regional issues and opportunities.

Director Fisher expressed his gratitude to those who supported him and encouraged him to put his name forward for RDBN Director, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural). He looks forward to contributing to the future of the region.

Health Inspector in Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen reported concerns in regard to the lack of a local health inspector in the area. He noted that Northern Health is not replacing the health inspector in Vanderhoof but intends to have someone travel from Prince George.

Endako Mine Shutdown

Director Lindstrom mentioned that Endako Mine announced on December 10, 2014 that it will be shutting down due to commodity prices. He noted that the Village of Fraser Lake Council will be working with Mr. Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and representatives of Endako Mine to attempt to mitigate impacts of the mine closure.

BC Coroner's Inquest into the Babine Forest Products Mill Explosion and Fire

Director Strimbald stated that he met with the BC's Chief Coroner, her legal team and two First Nations Chief's to discuss the possibility of locating the BC Coroner's Inquest into the Babine Forest Products Mill Explosion and Fire from Prince George to Burns Lake.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Directors Greenaway, MacDougall and Bachrach wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

New Smithers Arena

Director Bachrach mentioned that the new arena in Smithers is nearing completion and will hopefully be open in January, 2015. Director Bachrach explained that Norm Adomeit had been the first person at the age of 4 to skate on the current Town of Smithers skating rink and was invited 58 years later to be the first to put on his skates and skate on the ice surface being installed at the new arena.

Congratulations to RDBN Chair and Vice-Chair

Director MacDougall expressed congratulations to Chair Miller and Vice-Chair Thiessen for their election to Chair and Vice-Chair of the Regional Board.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Petersen

2014-14-9

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada -Request for Feedback re: Division of Tl'azt'en Nation

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-10

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada - Request for Feedback re: Division of Tl'azt'en Nation."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ABC Communications -Digital Canada 150 Request for Support

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-14-11

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support in principle to ABC Communications in regard to its application to the Digital Canada Connecting Canadians Program."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Village of Granisle - Request for Letter of Support – Fibre Optic and Bandwidth Upgrade

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2014-14-12

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the Village of Granisle for its application to the Connecting Canadians Funding."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-14-13

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

- District of Houston – Council Schedule and Regional District Appointees;
- Village of Telkwa – Industrial Legacy Project (Revenue Sharing);
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Thank You for Meeting at UBCM Convention;
- Office of the Chief Information Officer/Network BC – UBCM Convention;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena Bulkley Valley - CN Response to Derailment at Decker Lake;
- Nulki Lake Residents – Excessive Dust and Loose Aggregate on Rural Roads;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities Gas Tax Program Services – Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment;
- Ducks Unlimited Canada – Prince George Fall Committee – Thank you for Support;
- Fort St. James T.V. Society – Financial Statements – October 31, 2014;
- North Central Local Government Association - Nominations wanted for FCM Committee;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - 2014 Vote Brings New Voices to Local Leadership
 - 2015 Elected Officials Seminars Registration Open
 - Transport Minister Announces New Rail Safety Measures.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will inform Nulki Lake Residents in regard to the agency responsible for road maintenance.

Discussion took place regarding the correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities titled “Transport Minister Announces New Rail Safety Measures.” Chair Miller indicated that CN Rail has confirmed attendance on March 25, 2015 for the RDBN hosted multi – regional meeting with key stakeholders in regard to rail safety measures and concerns. Staff has also completed a written request along with follow-up to CN Rail in regard to materials being transported.

Break for Lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:54 p.m.

INVITATIONS

Mineral Exploration Roundup
2015 – January 26-29, 2015
Vancouver, B.C.

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the attendance of Director Newell at Mineral Exploration Roundup 2015 – January 26-29, 2015 in Vancouver, B.C.; and further, that Vice-Chair Thiessen attending as Mayor of the District of Vanderhoof will also represent the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATIONS (CONT'D)

Local Government Leadership Academy- 2015 Elected Officials Seminar Series

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-15

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the attendance of all newly elected RDBN officials to the Local Government Leadership Academy – 2015 Elected Officials Seminar Series in Prince George on February 4-6, 2015."

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-16

"That Motion 2014-14-15 be amended: "authorize the attendance of all elected RDBN officials to the Local Government Leadership Academy – 2015 Elected Officials Seminar Series in Prince George on February 4-6, 2015."

"That the question be called on Motion 2014-14-15 as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors Liversidge, Greenaway, Roy, Petersen, Fisher and Newell indicated their wish to attend. Director Benedict will consult her schedule.

Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Conference – April 27-30, 2015 -Edmonton, AB

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-17

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the invitation from the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Conference on April 27-30, 2015 in Edmonton, AB."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LISTS

Action Lists

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded By Director Thiessen

2014-14-18

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Action Lists for October and November, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts -November, 2014

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2014-14-19

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid November, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

YLAWS

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

No. 1708 – Fort St. James
and Area Television
Rebroadcasting Local Service
Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-14-20

“That “Fort St. James and Area Television Rebroadcasting Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1708, 2014” be adopted this 11th day of December, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1714 – Chinook Community
Forest Economic Development
Services Establishing

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Benedict

2014-14-21

“That “Chinook Community Forest Economic Development Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1714, 2014” be adopted this 11th day of December, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1716 – Telkwa Rural Fire
Protection Service Area
Boundary Amendment

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-22

“That “Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1716, 2014” be adopted this 11th day of December, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

2014-14-23

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

INVITATIONS

-AFOA Canada (formerly Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada);-15th Anniversary AFOA Canada National Conference – February 17-19, 2015, Winnipeg, M.B.;
-BC Healthy Communities –Virtual Food Connections Webinar;
Fresh Outlook Foundation – Come Experience BC’s First Community Innovation Lab! February 3-5, 2015, Kamloops, B.C.;
-Initiative Prince George – 3rd Annual Market Expansion Forum Procurement Opportunities in Northern BC;
-BC Chamber of Commerce – Insight – BC Chamber Policy News - November, 2014;
-BC Chamber of Commerce – Public Affairs Update
- December 1, 2014
- November 24, 2014;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

- British Columbia Community Forest Association
 - November 2014 Newsletter;
- British Columbia Forest Professional – November – December, 2014;
- BC Healthy Communities –November - E-Newsletter;
- BC Transit - BC Transit Advantage;
- Clean Energy Review - Canada at Tides Canada:
 - December 1, 2014 – Happy Hour
 - November 24, 2014 – Is Ontario Warming to Carbon Pricing
 - November 17, 2014 – Why the China-USA Climate Deal Matters;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM News Week of:
 - December 2, 2014 – Reminder: GMF Opinion Survey
 - December 1, 2014 – FCM Board Vacancy for British Columbia
 - November 24, 2014 – FCM News
 - November 21, 2014 – FCM News
 - November 18, 2014 – FCM Launches Hometown Proud Campaign;
- Initiative Prince George – November ‘On the Move’ Newsletter and Economic Update;
- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
 - Message from the Minister – November 2014;
- Ministry of Environment – Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Project – Referral to Ministries;
- New Democratic Party (NDP)
 - Be Part of It
 - Add Your Name, and Let’s Get This Done;
- Nechako River Flow Facts:
 - November 26, 2014
 - November 19, 2014;
- Northern BC Tourism – Free Customer Service Training;
- Northern BC Tourism – A Message from Destination BC;
- Northern Gateway – A Message from Janet Holder;
- Northern Health - Northern Health Matters Blog to November 14, 2014;
- Northern Health – Opinion Editorial – This World AIDS Day, Help us Reduce HIV Related Stigma;
- Northern Health – News Release – Northern Health Participates in Canada’s World Youth Program;
- Northern Health – on behalf of HEAL – HEAL ebrief, November 25, 2014;
- Royal Canadian Legion – Volume IX of the BC/Yukon Command of the Royal Canadian Legion’s Annual Military Service Recognition Book;
- SeniorsBC.ca – e-Newsletter – Volume 5 – Issue 11 – Message from Parliamentary Secretary Michelle Stilwell;
- Transport Canada – Safety is a Shared Responsibility;
- Vancouver Island and Coast Conservation Society – Request to Proclaim “A Day for our Common Future”.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

Canada Winter Games
NBCT Passport Opportunity

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-14-24

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into a partnership with a minimum of 2 municipalities to participate in the Canada Winter Games northern BC Passport opportunity to a maximum cost of \$840.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Glenannan Community Park
Service Establishment Bylaw
No. 1705, 2014 Alternative
Approval Process Results

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-14-25

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Manager of Administrative Services’ Certificate of Alternative Approval Process Results for Glenannan Community Park Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1705, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Proposal to Host the 2015
BC Mountain Bike Tourism
Symposium – Request for
Letter of Support

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Fisher

2014-14-26

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Tourism Smithers for its proposal to host the 2015 BC Mountain Bike Tourism Symposium.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Bachrach spoke of the Town of Smithers proposal to host the 2015 BC Mountain Bike Tourism Symposium and that they are also working in collaboration with the Burns Lake Mountain Bike Association (BLMBA) and will potentially provide a guided ride in Burns Lake.

Union of B.C. Municipalities
-Notification of Executive
Vacancies

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-14-27

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities – Notification of Executive Vacancies.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The District of Vanderhoof and Town of Smithers are submitting nominations for the Union of B.C. Municipalities – Notification of Executive Vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS

CAO Recognition

Chair Miller stated that he wished to extend a huge thank you and recognition to Gail Chapman, CAO, RDBN for her dedication, commitment and aplomb during 2014. He noted that he wanted to express his gratitude to the new RDBN Board in regard to Ms. Chapman's amazing work on behalf of the RDBN Board of Directors.

**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA
BOARD MEETING MOTION**

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-14-28

"In accordance with Section 90 (1)(c) and 2 (b) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that matters pertaining to labour relations or other employee relations (Protective Services Department), including communications necessary for that purpose must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-14-29

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:19 p.m."

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant