

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 6

Thursday, May 11, 2017

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
John Illes
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen

Directors Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle
Absent Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Director Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Environmental Services Coordinator – left at 2:42 p.m.
Kendra Kinsley, Management Intern
Rory McKenzie, Environmental Services Operations Manager – left at 2:42 p.m.
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator – left at 2:38 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Petersen

2017-6-1 “In accordance with Section 220 of the *Local Government Act*, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors calls a Special Board Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Bacharach
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

2017-6-2 “That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of May 11, 2017 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

REPORTS

BC Transit Marketing Model

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-6-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the Regional Transit Service Coordinator’s May 4, 2017 memo titled “BC Transit Marketing Material.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Melany de Weerd, CAO mentioned that the BC Transit Marketing Material is being amended to include the RDBN circle logo instead of the RDBN name. Director Bachrach spoke of past discussion in regard to branding the Bulkley-Nechako Transit the Northwest Regional Transit. BC Transit indicated to staff that rebranding may come in the future.

Director Fisher indicated his willingness to assist in the promotion of the Bulkley-Nechako Transit in Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural), Smithers and Telkwa with school and youth groups. Director Fisher suggested RDBN Directors could ride the transit system to a future meeting in promotion of the service. Chair Miller spoke of encouraging people to ride the transit and promote the system to youth in the region. The riders guide will be available on the bus, the RDBN, municipalities, libraries, Tourist Information Centres, and local information areas. BC Transit has a structured marketing process when new services are implemented and do a complete media campaign including digital, radio, T.V. and print campaigns. Municipalities can provide a link to the BC Transit website on their websites.

The ability to distribute and purchase ticket books along with the inability for a rider to pay a fare was discussed.

Fort Fraser Infrastructure Improvement Project - Request for Proposals Award

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2017-6-4

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the Environmental Services Coordinator’s April 28, 2017 memo titled “Fort Fraser Infrastructure Improvement Project – Request for Proposals Award.”
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors award the Fort Fraser Infrastructure Improvement Project contract to TRUE Consulting based on the recommendations provided from the Environmental Services staff.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Bulkley Valley Food Security Initiative Workshop
-May 19, 2017, Smithers, B.C.

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Repen

2017-6-5

"That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of Chair Miller, Directors Fisher and Parker to the Bulkley Valley Food Security Initiative Workshop in Smithers on May 19, 2017 in Smithers, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Vanderhoof Area Illegal Dump

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Petersen

2017-6-6

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the Environmental Services Coordinator's May 10, 2017 memo titled "Vanderhoof Area Illegal Dump Site Project – Request."

2. That the fees for disposal be waived for the Spring Clean-up of illegal dump sites in the Vanderhoof area for 2017 starting May 17, expiring May 31, 2017 under the following conditions:

- That the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations ensure that materials disposed at RDBN Solid Waste Management facilities originate from sites within the RDBN;
- Campers and damaged trailers (if greater than 2m³ in volume) are required to be disposed at the Clearview Landfill;
- That during cleanup activities any metal materials that can be recycled be separated and taken to RDBN Transfer Stations for placement in the metal collection areas;
- Time period for authorization to waive tipping fees expires May 31, 2017.

3. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the waiving of tipping fees annually to assist in the clean-up of illegal dump sites in the Vanderhoof area, restricted to a two-week time frame, decided upon between the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

North Central Local Government Association Convention – Terrace, B.C.
-May 3-5, 2017

Director Bachrach spoke of the work to organize the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Convention every year but voiced concerns in regard to the nature of the key note and sponsorship speeches. He spoke of elected officials attending the NCLGA Convention to discuss the events and issues occurring in the region.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Letter to NCLGA Executive

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Repen

2017-6-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Executive thanking them for their work organizing the 2017 convention; and further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors express concern over the nature of the sponsor speeches and keynote presentation at the convention; and further, encourage the NCLGA Executive to create policies that limit the role of lobbyists and the perception of cash for access at future conventions.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the increase to registration fees to attend the NCLGA Convention if there is little or no sponsorship. Structuring sponsorships in a different manner may be an option. Concerns were brought forward in regard to the messaging provided by the sponsorships and appropriate engagement between corporations/companies and local government representatives. The Regional Board noted frustrations in regard to previous requests for engagement with industries conducting business within the region and lack of response.

The sponsorship monies, extravagances and the current cost to attend the NCLGA Convention was discussed. The need to focus workshops on the concerns and issues facing the region along with debating and discussing resolutions brought forward to NCLGA and provided to the Union of B.C. Municipalities was discussed.

SPECIAL IN-CAMERA MEETING

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Newell

2017-6-8

“In accordance with Section 90 (1)(c) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to labour relations or other employee relations 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 Repen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-6-9

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY