

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee of the Whole)

Thursday, March 24, 2016

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Shane Brien
Tom Greenaway
Mark Fisher
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Absent Eileen Benedict, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Luke Strimbald, Village of Burns Lake

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
– arrived at 2:30 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Brien

AG.2016-3-1

"That the Agriculture Committee Meeting Agenda of March 24, 2016 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes
-February 25, 2016

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

AG.2016-3-2

"That the minutes of the Agriculture Committee meeting of February 25, 2016 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Agricultural Land Commission
-Executive Committee
Reconsideration of Application
-Response to RDBN
February 3, 2016 Letter

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Miller

AG.2016-3-3

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence from the Agricultural Land Commission Re: Executive Committee Reconsideration of Applications.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Futures Fraser
Fort George RE: Support for
Beyond the Market Proposal for
Provincial Community-Based
Extension Services Program

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Director Brienen

AG.2016-3-4

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence from Community Futures Fraser Fort George RE: Support for Beyond the Market Proposal for Provincial Community-Based Extension Services Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Water Sustainability Act
- Update

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

AG.2016-3-5

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence in regard to the *Water Sustainability Act – Update*.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Parker mentioned that the *Water Sustainability Act – Update* was presented at a Regional Cattleman’s Association meeting. Concerns were brought forward in regard to challenges associated with applying for a Groundwater Licence. He also noted that the only option to submit an application is via the internet and internet access in the rural areas of the region is not always available.

Waterline Resources Inc. - BC
Water Sustainability Act Now
in Force – Water Supply Well
Licensing is Now Required

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

AG.2016-3-6

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence from Waterline Resources Inc. RE: BC *Water Sustainability Act Now in Force – Water Supply Well Licensing is Now Required*.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Farmers Provincial Sales
Tax Act

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Petersen

AG.2016-3-7

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence in regard to the *Farmers Provincial Sales Tax Act*.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORT

Chair Parker – UPDATE RE: Wood-Ash Market Utilization Conference Call – March 18, 2016

Chair Parker noted that he took part in the Wood-Ash Market Utilization Conference Call on March 18, 2016 along with Director Greenaway.

Chair Parker mentioned that individuals in attendance from across Canada, including Ontario, have been conducting pilot projects in regard to the utilization of wood-ash. The Ministry of Environment was also in attendance and they indicated that one of the first steps that needs to be taken to move forward would be to classify bottom ash with fly ash under Ministry of Environment regulations. Further testing is required in regard to the contents of the bottom ash as it has a higher level of heavy metals.

There are challenges associated with the usage of bottom ash as it requires a separate and different application process and is very costly to apply.

Chair Parker and Director Greenaway noted the importance of having an in person meeting with the stakeholders in order to find answers to the questions that were raised.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Miller

AG.2016-3-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:49 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant