

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Andrea Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Bev Playfair – via teleconference
Michael Riis-Christianson
Kim Watt-Senner

Director Absent Mark Fisher, Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

Alternate Director Megan D’arcy Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Saska Macievich, Recovery Manager – left at 11:44 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE Mr. Helgesen administered the Oath of Office to Megan D’arcy, Alternate Director, Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural).

AGENDA Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

C.W.2020-1-1 “That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of January 9, 2020 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – November 7, 2019

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

C.W.2020-1-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of November 7, 2019 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant RE: Electronic Agendas

Ms. Wainwright provided an overview of the RDBN Electronic Agendas. The Board expressed its wish to continue to utilize the presented method of electronic agendas.

REPORTS

Asset Management Policy
and Strategy

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2020-1-3

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board direct staff to implement the Asset Management Policy and Strategy.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Modernizing BC's Emergency
Management Legislation

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Layton

C.W.2020-1-4

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board direct staff to:

1. send the letter of response to the Honourable Minister Farnworth regarding the Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation – Discussion Paper, as attached to the staff report dated January 9, 2020 as amended to include the following:
RDBN Comments (Page 4 of the letter)
 - There are many residents that live in remote rural areas with historical knowledge, how will these local knowledge experts be included?
2. And, prepare and submit the same response letter regarding the Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation – Discussion Paper to EmergencyProgramAct@gov.bc.ca prior to the comment period deadline of January 31, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

2020 Departmental Work Plans

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Layton

C.W.2020-1-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Administrative Officer’s December 20, 2019 memo titled “2020 Departmental Work Plans.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

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The following was discussed:

Finance Department

- Finance/Administration Clerk Position
 - o Position is currently posted internally

Economic Development

- To be included in workplan - BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional Pilot

Environmental Services Department

- 2020 Proposed Projects
 - o Remove from workplan for 2020
 - purchase of three aluminum haul trailers for the west
 - o Add to workplan for 2020
 - Two rebuilt trailers
 - o Allocate the development of Phase 3B at the Knockholt Landfill to 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Minerals Roundup -Vancouver, B.C. -January 20-23, 2020

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-1-6

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board authorize Director Greenaway’s attendance at Minerals Roundup in Vancouver January 20-23, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-1-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:06 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant