

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, April 19, 2018

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Chris Beach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James
Absent Darcy Repen, Village of Telkwa

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Lindstrom
Seconded by Director Beach

AG.2018-3-1

“That the Agriculture Committee Agenda of April 19, 2018 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes
-March 8, 2018

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

AG.2018-3-2

“That the Minutes of the Agriculture Committee Meeting of March 8, 2018 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

RDBN Agriculture Coordinator Work Report Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Beach

AG.2018-3-3

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the Agriculture Coordinator’s April 9, 2018 memo titled “RDBN Agriculture Coordinator Work Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher asked if there would be a presentation in regard to Work Report Item 10. Updating the RDBN Agriculture Plan 2012. Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator noted that the work on updating the plan will take place in late Fall of 2018/Winter 2019. Staff intend to utilize Community Forums and questionnaires at farmer markets to receive feedback and move forward with starting the process of updating the plan.

Director Miller raised concerns in regard to the increase in insurance costs to farmlands and commercial rural properties from the impacts of the wildfires in the summer of 2017. Ms. Evans noted that the BC Cattlemen’s Association is in discussion with insurance agencies in regard to the issue.

Climate Change Regional Adaptation Program

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Liversidge

AG.2018-3-4

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the Agriculture Coordinator’s April 9, 2018 memo titled “Climate Change Regional Adaptation Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes from the RDBN Beef Workshop

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Beach

AG.2018-3-5

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the Agriculture Coordinator’s April 9, 2018 memo titled “Minutes from the RDBN Beef Workshop.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

A Growing Concern – How to Keep Farmland in the Hands of Canadian Farmers – Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Miller

AG.2018-3-6

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence titled “A Growing Concern – How to Keep Farmland in the Hands of Canadian Farmers – Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Groundbreakers – Youth on Farms Work Program Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Liversidge

AG.2018-3-7 “That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence titled “Groundbreakers – Youth on Farms Work Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATION

Northern Agriculture Gala Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

AG.2018-3-8 “That the Agriculture Committee receive the invitation titled “Northern Agriculture Gala – April 28, 2018 – Smithers, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SPECIAL IN-CAMERA MEETING MOTION

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Liversidge

AG.2018-3-9 In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(k) - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public may 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 Brien
Seconded by Director Thiessen

AG.2018-3-10 “That the meeting be adjourned at 2:36 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant