

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee of the Whole)

Thursday, March 21, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Brad Layton

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Kim Watt-Senner
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Alternate Director Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Acting CAO/Manager of Administrative Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Cori Funk, Lakes District Maintenance – arrived at 10:29 a.m.
Seth Hunter, Lakes District Maintenance – arrived at 10:29 a.m.
Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation – arrived at 10:38 a.m.
John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes
Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, TransCanada
Tanner Woodman, Coastal GasLink – Prince George, TransCanada

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News – arrived at 10:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Layton called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Bachrach

F.C.2019-1-1

“That the Forestry Committee Meeting Agenda of March 21, 2019 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2018

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert

F.C.2019-1-2

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Layton commented that Assistant Deputy Minister Eamon O'Donoghue, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) will attend a future Forestry Committee/RDBN Board Meeting. Mr. O'Donoghue will be speaking to interior forest revitalization, FEPA renewal, and community and forestry resiliency measures being put in place.

Chair Layton requested further topics for discussion:

- Waste wood left in the bush for value added users
- Bioenergy pellet mills having access to wood left/piled in bush
 - Use of residual fiber from forest activities for the new Pellet Plant in Smithers
 - Pacific BioEnergy representatives have indicated a willingness to speak to the Regional Board
- Economy fiber being available for remanufacturing
- Wildfire protection/mitigation
 - Fire breaks around communities
 - Tie into community forests
 - Update in regard to funding announced in 2018
- Where in the process is the government in regard to appurtenancy rules and provisions
- Broadcast burning
- Changing forest practices in regard to wildfires e.g. augmas
- Utilization of burnt timber – what is the process?
 - Timber is graded according to the burn level
 - Sawmills are salvaging timber
- Species at risk in regard to Caribou
- Tenures moving forward in the future
 - First Nations licensing
 - Large licensees.

Discussion took place in regard to air quality issues throughout the region and the need to minimize burning of fiber in the forest and smoke from pellet plants. Director Thiessen suggested inviting Ministry of Environment to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Brienen

F.C.2019-1-3

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brad Layton, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant