

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 10

Thursday, August 20, 2015

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Luke Strimbold
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Director Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – left at 11:17 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Rory Mackenzie, Environmental Services Operations Manager – arrived at 11:20 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Bill Stewart, Alternate Director, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-10-1

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of August 20, 2015 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OATH OF OFFICE

Gail Chapman, CAO administered the Oath of Office to Bill Stewart, Alternate Director, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural).

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes **– July 23, 2015**

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-10-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2015 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee **Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-10-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
-July 23, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
- June 11, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Regional District of Bulkley- **Nechako Turning 50**

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-10-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors implement a select committee and appoint three Regional Board Members to plan celebrations for the RDBN’s 50th Anniversary; and further, that Directors Benedict, Parker and Repen be appointed to said committee.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ideas discussed were:

- showcasing a timeline of the development and growth of the RDBN;
- Bringing awareness to where the RDBN is moving towards in the future;
- Developing a contest for schools to engage the youth in the region and have the contest winner present at a final celebration;
- Inviting past Directors to a final celebration.

District of Fort St. James **-Request for Grant in Aid** **-Electoral Area “C” (Fort St.** **James Rural)**

Moved by Alternate Director Hughes
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-10-5

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the District of Fort St. James be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Grand Opening of the Fort St. James Community Centre.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Southside Seniors Volunteer
Fire Department-Request for
Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "E"
(Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2015-10-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the Southside Seniors Volunteer Fire Department be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to purchase uniforms for fire hall members."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOU Between Glenwood Hall
and the Regional District of
Bulkley-Nechako

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-10-7

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager's July 24, 2015 memo titled "Memorandum of Understanding between Glenwood Hall and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako."

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Glenwood Hall."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergency Support Services

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-10-8

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager's July 28, 2015 memo titled "Emergency Support Services."

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors meet with the Attorney General at UBCM to request Emergency Support Services Level 3 and higher be removed from local government responsibility."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

MOU with the Village of Telkwa Moved by Director Repen
Concerning the Use of Telkwa Seconded by Director Newell
Christian Reformed Church as a
Reception Centre by the Regional
District of Bulkley-Nechako

2015-10-9

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager's July 24, 2015 memo titled "Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Telkwa concerning the use of Telkwa Christian Reformed Church as a Reception Centre."

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Telkwa Christian Reformed Church."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Withdrawal from
Administration Equipment
Reserve

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-10-10

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator's August 10, 2015 memo titled "Withdrawal from Administration Equipment Reserve"; and
2. Authorize a withdrawal of \$26,888.02 from the Administration Equipment Reserve."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Withdrawal from
Administration/Planning/
Emergency Preparedness

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-10-11

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator's August 10, 2015 memo titled "Withdrawal from Administration/Planning/ Emergency Preparedness Vehicle Reserve"; and
2. Authorize a withdrawal of \$20,723 from the Administration/Planning Vehicle Reserve and \$10,361 from the Emergency Preparedness Vehicle Reserve."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Administration Reports

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-10-12

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Administration Reports:

- Protective Services Manager – Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report, June, 2015;
- Financial Administrator’s – Southside Fire Protection Capital Reserve;
- Financial Administrator – Quarterly Financial Report – June 30, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

RDBN Forums re: Sectors

Chair Miller spoke to the Forestry Forum being hosted by the RDBN on October 13, 2015 and that feedback from stakeholders has been very positive in regard to having the RDBN host and facilitate meetings to assist groups to work together and be efficient. Stakeholders have contacted staff with other issues in the region they would like to discuss. It also provides an opportunity for the Regional Board to provide information and bring forward issues that have been identified as important when it meets with the Provincial Government, provincial ministries and other agencies at the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in the fall of every year.

Chair Miller requested input from the Regional Board as to whether it wished to facilitate future meetings in other sectors such as agriculture, mining and LNG.

Director Thiessen spoke to the importance of agriculture in the region and pressures being experienced in the industry. There would be a benefit to support and better understand agriculture industry in the region. Director Benedict noted the importance of developing education training programs for the agricultural industry similar to what has been implemented for forestry and mining.

Discussion took place as to the possible influence in the mining and LNG sectors as they are corporate driven. Chair Miller spoke to the importance of having all stakeholders at the same table to discuss projects and the benefits associated with such round table discussions.

Capacity of staff and the possibility of partnering with organizations to move forward with future forums along with possible time lines for future forums was discussed.

Director Strimbold noted the importance of having discussions associated with healthcare in the region using a similar format as the Forestry Forum.

The possibility for duplication in regard to other conventions already taking place was discussed. Chair Miller mentioned that the forums hosted by the RDBN are in a workshop format.

Further discussion will take place at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

Metal Recycling -Recommendation for Contract Award

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-10-13

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' memo titled "Metal Recycling- Recommendation for Contract Award" dated August 7, 2015."
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors award a contract for metal recycling services for 2015, expiring December 31, 2015, to Schnizer Steel Canada Ltd. with revenue paid to the RDBN of \$20.28/metric tonne of scrap metal recycled from RDBN sites other than the Manson Creek Landfill. Scrap metal will be removed and recycled from the Manson Creek Landfill at no cost/no revenue to the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The changing prices for scrap metal recycling in the commodities market was discussed and the substantially lower value being experienced this year than in the past.

RDBN Composting Program 2015

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-10-14

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Sustainability Assistant's July 27, 2015 memorandum titled "RDBN Composting Program 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

MEMO

Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-10-15

"That the August 3, 2015 memorandum from Maria Sandberg, Planner, titled "Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions" be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS

Land Referral File No. 12-3313 Moved by Director Newell
(Parrott Lakes) Coastal GasLink Seconded by Director Benedict
Pipeline Ltd. – Electoral
Area “E” & “G”

2015-10-16

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Ne-chako Comment Sheet on Referral File Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. Investigative Permit (TransCanada) File No. 12-3313 (Unit 84, 85, 94 & 95, Block E, 93-L-1)” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Referral File Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. Investigative Permit (TransCanada) File No. 12-3313 (Unit 84, 85, 94 & 95, Block E, 93-L-1).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 12-3313 Moved by Director Petersen
(Highway 27) Coastal GasLink Seconded by Director Benedict
Pipeline Ltd. – Electoral
Area “F”

2015-10-17

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Ne-chako Comment Sheet on Referral File Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. Investigative Permit (TransCanada) File No. 12-3313 (Unit 62, Block G, 96-K-1, NW ¼ Sec 22 and REM N1/2, Sec 21, Tp19, R5)” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Referral File Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. Investigative Permit (TransCanada) File No. 12-3313 (Unit 62, Block G, 96-K-1, NW ¼ Sec 22 and REM N1/2, Sec 21, Tp19, R5)”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 7409792 Moved by Director Petersen
Sky View Ranch and Timber Seconded by Alternate Director Hughes
Electoral Area “F”

2015-10-18

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Ne-chako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 7409792” be amended to include comment to ensure that said referral does not encroach on the Vanderhoof Community Forest timber allotment; and further that the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land application No. 7409792 .”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALR Applications

Application No. 1184
Simpson-Hochacka
Subdivision within the ALR
Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-10-19

“That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1184 (Simpson-Hochacka) be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for denial.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Temporary Use Permit
B-01-15 Tyson and Gail
Radley, Tintagel Road,
Burns Lake – Electoral Area “B”

Temporary Use Permit No. B-01-15 was withdrawn to be brought forward at a future RDBN Board meeting.

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Temporary Use Permit
G-01-15 LB Paving Ltd.
Morice Telkwa & Gold Creek
FSRs, Houston– Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-10-20

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors:
1. Approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. G-01-15;
2. Direct staff to issue the Temporary Use Permit once, and if, the applicant has received non-farm use approval for the temporary portable asphalt plant and a crushing plant on the subject property.”

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER

Planning Department
Enquires Report – July, 2015

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Parker

2015-10-21

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planning Department Enquiries Report – July, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action List – June, 2015

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Alternate Director Hughes

2015-10-22

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planning Department Action List – June, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Building Inspector’s Report
July, 2015

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-10-23

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Building Inspector’s Report – July, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

District of Vanderhoof – Movie in the Park

Director Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof purchased equipment in order to hold movie in the park events. They show older movies that are no longer playing in local theatres and the first event was very successful. There were approximately 350 people in attendance. They are planning to have movies in the months of August and September.

District of Vanderhoof – New CAO

Director Thiessen noted that Tom Clement is the new Chief Administrative Officer for the District of Vanderhoof.

Resource Benefits Alliance Meeting in Terrace – August 14-15, 2015

Director Parker spoke of attending the Resource Benefits Alliance Meeting in Terrace, B.C. on August 14-15, 2015. He noted the value in attending and that the information provided was very good.

Director Benedict attended the meeting also and noted the absence of representation from the Provincial Government.

Director Liversidge noted that it was a very informative meeting and it was good to see everyone united.

Director Newell mentioned that the event was well represented by the three Regional Districts.

Director Repen spoke to the possibility for future opportunities and to build a strong bridge in moving projects forward. He noted the opportunity for northern B.C. to assist in elevating the pressures of the urban areas of the province and the benefits associated with living in northern B.C.

Endako Mine – Dust Control

Director Parker reported that he had been in contact with representatives from Endako Mine in regard to the dust and sand being blown around from the mine site. Endako Mine is taking remedial action and using hydro seeding. There are concerns that with the shut off of the water when the mine is in its care and maintenance stage and the fluid in the tailings ponds evaporating there will be further dust issues.

Child and Youth Mental Health Forum in Fraser Lake

Director Thiessen and Director Benedict attended a Child and Youth Mental Health Forum on August 18, 2015. Representatives from the provincial government attended to receive input from stakeholders in regard to the needs of children and youth in regard to mental health in the region. Organizations and agencies such as the RCMP, Northern Health, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. There is funding being provided to develop collaborative working groups in the region to address children and youth mental health and a position is being formed in Prince George to oversee the work. It was a very positive discussion.

Highway 27 Paving Complete

Alternate Director Hughes expressed his happiness at having the paving completed on Highway 27.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Meeting with the Honourable
Minister Stone, Ministry of
Transportation and
Infrastructure

Director MacDougall mentioned that he met with the Honourable Minister Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on July 29, 2015 and thanked him for the paving of Highway 27. They also discussed the poor quality of line paint and the pedestrian crossing on the Stuart River Bridge.

District of Fort St. James
met with Nak'azdli Band
Council

Director MacDougall stated that the District of Fort St. James met with Nak'azdli Band to discuss their protocol agreement, housing, water and sewer.

District of Fort St. James 3rd
Annual Night Market

Director MacDougall mentioned that the District of Fort St. James hosted its 3rd Annual Night Market. It was a very successful evening with 38 vendors and 11 store owners participating.

District of Houston Receives
Grant Funding for New Water
Tower

Director Brien reported that the District of Houston received grant funding to implement a new water tower for the community. The grant funding is a joint agreement with the Federal and Provincial Governments and the District of Houston to total \$2.4 million.

Director Brien also noted that the water treatment plant is nearing completion and the District of Houston is caught up on its infrastructure projects.

Nechako Valley Exhibition

Director Petersen mentioned that the Nechako Valley Exhibition will begin tomorrow, Friday, August 21, 2015. He spoke to it being a very good agricultural exhibition.

Town of Smithers

Director Bachrach stated that the Town of Smithers is in the process of hiring a new Chief Administrative Officer.

Director Bachrach noted that former Mayor Jim Davidson's funeral services will be held Friday, August, 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Director Bachrach commented that he participated in a celebrity hockey game with the likes of Bobby Orr and others. The event was to raise funds for the Bulkley Valley District Hospital's new four suite maternity ward.

The Bulkley-Valley Exhibition will begin on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 with a parade at 6:00 p.m. and will continue throughout the weekend.

Search and Rescue Event
In Houston, August 15-16, 2015

Director Newell attended the Search and Rescue Expo held in Houston on August 15-16, 2015. He attended the event on August 16, 2015 and presented the grant in aid cheque. It was a very good event.

Physician Recruitment

Director Newell noted that physician recruitment in Houston is moving forward and a doctor and his family were planning to visit the area.

Granisle Market

Director Newell also attended the Granisle Market and held a contest wherein participants had to fill out a questionnaire in regard to the RDBN. The contest brought awareness of the RDBN and was a great way to engage attendees.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Telkwa Homecoming

Director Repen mentioned that Telkwa hosted a homecoming event. There was a good turnout of former and current residents from area.

Chair's Report

Chair Miller attended the Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance meeting in Terrace on August 14 and 15, 2015. He noted the strength of commitment to the region. He participated in an interview with CFTK News and mentioned that Northwest B.C. is one of the most amenable places to live in the province and are very blessed to have such a great place with opportunities abounding in which to live. It is important for the province to recognize this. Chair Miller has also been nominated as Co-Chair of the RBA.

The RBA is scheduling meetings at the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in Vancouver, September, 2015 with the LNG Group and with the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for Translink.

Chair met with Minister of Agriculture

Chair Miller spoke of meeting with the Minister of Agriculture. Discussion took place regarding the planting of trees by Reckitt Benckiser on agriculture lands and foreign ownership of large areas of agricultural lands. Chair Miller noted his concerns in regard to the Ministry of Agriculture's understanding of the impacts to the region. The Minister indicated that the Agricultural Land Commission would oversee the issue.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-10-24

"That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break at 12:08 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:44 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – Support for a Continued Collaborative Approach across the Region

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-10-25

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition indicating the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's support for a continued collaborative approach across the region.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Chair Miller mentioned that OBAC currently has funding in place until March, 2016 and is currently working on proposals to the province to extend funding for an additional four years. This funding will be to assist with the mid-term timber supply issues associated with the impacts from the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation.

OBAC has meetings scheduled at the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention September 21-25, 2015 in Vancouver with the Premier and Northern Caucus.

Jim Senka – Air Quality
Concerns

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-10-26

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the information from Jim Senka regarding Air Quality Concerns.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Thiessen noted concerns regarding air quality and the District of Vanderhoof Council has recently supported an initiative with students in the community called the David Suzuki Blue Dot Project. The project aims to add environmental rights into the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom by gathering support from seven out of 10 provinces.

Director Newell mentioned that on behalf of the Northwest Regional Hospital District he has also provided responses regarding environmental issues such as particulates in the air.

Discussion took place regarding the ability to allow for new industrial development along with ensuring the best airshed, water management and waste management initiatives are followed.

Director Bachrach spoke of the existing permit in place for the panel board plant in Smithers. The plant closed but the permit has remained in place and the current request for a pellet plant at the same location will amend the permit and will reduce emissions by 90% of the current permit. The Town of Smithers is investigating options to reduce air particulates and have a reduction of pollution in accordance with the provincial government guidelines.

Administration
Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-10-27

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Emergency Response Planning;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations- Water Use Plan for the Nechako Reservoir;
- Emergency Management BC – Recommendations RE: BC Earthquake Preparedness Report;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Central Coast Regional District – British Columbia Earthquake Preparedness Consultation Report;
- The Spirit's Mission Team – Thank You for Grant in Aid;
- Fraser Lake and District Chamber of Commerce- Thank you for Support – Fraser Lake Cruise-In 2015;
- BC Hydro – Installation of Capacitor Stations;
- Ombudsperson – 2014-2015 Annual Report;
- Kitimat LNG – Kitimat LNG will be Working on the Pacific Trail Pipeline in your Region;
- Emergency Management BC – Update
- Auditor General for Local Government- 2014/15 Annual Report;
- Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District - Shortage of Physiotherapists in BC;
- Town of Smithers – Major Air Discharge Permit 06099 Amendment Application;
- NCLGA July Newsletter;
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition – Newsletter- July 2015;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities – UBCM Welcomes Appointment of Honourable Peter Fassbender;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities:
 - Seeking Pilot Communities for Energy Plan Implementation;
 - UBCM Renews Partnership with First Nations Summit;
 - BC Climate Leadership Plan;
- Wet'suwet'en First Nation – First Nations Seek Balance between Environment and Economy.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Petersen mentioned that his grant in aid support for the Spirit's Mission Team spay and neuter program at Saik'uz First Nation was very much appreciated.

Director MacDougall spoke of the importance of writing a letter and supporting the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District – Shortage of Physiotherapists in BC.

Director Thiessen spoke to the letter received from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in regard to a Water Use Plan for the Nechako Reservoir. He mentioned he has attempted to get reservoir levels in comparison to last year and has yet to receive a response. Director Benedict noted concerns that the letter indicates that the Tahsta Narrows has an impact on flow levels

Discussion took place in regard to writing a letter to the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rio Tinto Alcan requesting meetings to discuss a Water Use Plan for the Nechako Reservoir.

Director Repen noted that perhaps OBAC would be willing to assist with an Agricultural Forum as they also have a Northern Agricultural Research Initiative.

INVITATIONS

Northern Health – Union of BC Municipalities Convention --Meeting Opportunity for Local Government

Staff is coordinating a meeting with Northern Health at the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in Vancouver, September, 2015 for the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District. Director Strimbold commented on the effectiveness of Northern Health Meetings at UBCM.

Council of Forest Industries – 2015 Prince George Area Community Dinner – September 15, 2015

Moved by Director Strinmbold
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2015-10-28

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Chair Miller’s attendance at the Council of Forest Industries – 2015 Prince George Area Community Dinner, September 15, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Premier’s BC Natural Resource Forum -January 19-21, 2016 – Prince George, B.C.

Move by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-10-29

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Chair Miller’s attendance at the Premier’s BC Natural Resource Forum – January 19-21, 2016 in Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts -July, 2015

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-10-30

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid July, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LIST

Action List – June, 2015

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-10-31

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the June, 2015 Action List.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

Bylaws for First, Second, and Third Reading

No. 1748– Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-10-32 “That “Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1748, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading this 20th day of August, 2015 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws for First, Second, and Third Reading and Adoption

No. 1747 – Southside Rural Fire Protection Capital Reserve Establishment Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Parker

2015-10-33 “That “Southside Rural Fire Protection Capital Reserve Establishment Bylaw No. 1747, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading and adoption this 20th day of August, 2015.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for Adoption

No. 1746– Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-10-34 “That “Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1746, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading this 20th day of August, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-10-35 “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Reading File:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BC Chamber of Commerce – BC Chamber of Commerce Insight Newsletter – July 2015;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – Public Affairs Updates:
 - August 10, 2015 – 2015 Federal Election Kicks off with First Leaders Debate
 - July 27, 2015 - BC Charts New Course on Climate Leadership; The Province Seeks Public Input on GHG Reporting and control
 - July 20, 2015 – Premiers, Territorial Leaders Agree on Energy Strategy; MLAs Debate LNG Act – Public Affairs Update Newsletter;
- B.C. Healthy Communities – BCHC Summer eNews;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

- Clean Energy Review:
 - August 4, 2015 – The Grandest in the Land
 - July 27, 2015 – Divine Intervention
 - July 20, 2015 – Is That All There is?
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM News
Week of:
 - July 23, 2015
 - July 16, 2015;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Federal Election 2015;
- Geoscience BC – News Release – July 24, 2015 – Geoscience BC Releases Study Results Identifying Water Disposal Zones in Northern BC;
- Geoscience BC – Announces 2015 Scholarship Winners;
- Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of British Columbia – Construction Monitor – LNG: Why Now, Why Here;
- Initiatives Prince George – July “On the Move” Newsletter and Economic Update;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations- Open Burning Ban Rescinded in Northwest Fire Centre;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Open Fires Will be Permitted in Some Areas of Northwest;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Update from Minister Thomson – July 20, 2015;
- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
 - August 5, 2015
 - July 29, 2015
 - July 22, 2015;
- New Gold – Alternative Technology Options Study Candidates, Pre-Screening and High Level Risk Assessment;
- Northern BC Tourism – Nominations – Board of Directors;
- Northern Health – Media Advisory – ATV Safety Tips from Northern Health and the North District RCMP;
- Northern Health – HEAL eBrief July 2015;
- Northwest Fire Centre – Wildfire Newsletter July 2015;
- Ombudsperson – Annual Report – 2014-2015;
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission – News Release – TransCanada Reaches Significant Milestone Pacific NorthWest LNG Makes Positive Final Investment Decision Subject to 2 Conditions;
- Real Estate Foundation – Summer eNews: Grants Approved; Welcome Bruce Turner; Open Letter to Premier Clark;
- SeniorsBC.ca e-Newsletter – July 2015;
- Union of BC Municipalities – UBCM Convention Bulletin #2;
- University of Victoria – Latest Research Publication from the POLIS Water Sustainability Project – California’s Oranges and B.C.’s Apples: Lessons for B.C. From California’s Groundwater Reform;
- Wet’suwet’en First Nation – First Nations Seek Balance Between Environment and Economy.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Land Referral File No. 75401093 Recreation Sites and Trails Branch, Electoral Area "A" Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-10-36

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 75401093" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral No. 75401093."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW

ADOPTION

No. 1736 – Chinook Community Forest Economic Development Service Establishing Amendment Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-10-37

"That "Chinook Community Forest Economic Development Service Establishing Amendment Bylaw No. 1736, 2015" be adopted this 20th day of August, 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Support to the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-10-38

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District in regard to their efforts in advocating for the establishment of a Northern Physiotherapy Program at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) to provide for 20 more physiotherapy academic seats in B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Rio Tinto Alcan
RE: Water Use Plan for the
Nechako Reservoir

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-10-39

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to Rio Tinto Alcan requesting that they initiate a Water Use Plan for the Nechako Reservoir; and further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako be involved in the process; and further, that the letter be sent to the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations.
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors respond to the letter sent by the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in regard to his July 28, 2015 letter to inform him that a request has been made to Rio Tinto Alcan to initiate a Water Use Plan for the Nechako Reservoir; and further, that the letter be forwarded to the Premier requesting support in ensuring that said plan is initiated."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SPECIAL IN-CAMERA MEETING

2015-10-40

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Repen

"In accordance with Section 90 (1)(c)(g) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that matters pertaining to labour relations or other employee relations (safety of RDBN employees) and litigation or potential litigation (safety of members of the public) or information received relating to the matter must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

2015-10-41

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Liversidge

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant