



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
(Committee of the Whole)  
Agenda**

**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

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**ACTION**

**Agenda – May 13, 2021**

**Adopt**

**Supplementary Agenda**

**Receive**

**MINUTES**

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**Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes  
- April 8, 2021**

**Approve**

**DELEGATION**

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE  
OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Dave Van Dolah, District Manager, Stuart Nechako Natural Resource  
District (tentative)**

**Beth Eagles, District Manager, Nadina Natural Resource District**

**Jevan Hanchard, District Manager, Skeena Stikine Natural Resource  
District**

**RE: Tree Planting**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(VIRTUAL)**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

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| <b>PRESENT:</b> | Chair                       | Shane Brien   |
|                 | Directors                   | Gladys Atrill<br>Mark Fisher<br>Tom Greenaway<br>Clint Lambert<br>Brad Layton<br>Linda McGuire<br>Bob Motion<br>Chris Newell<br>Mark Parker<br>Jerry Petersen<br>Michael Riis-Christianson<br>Sarrah Storey<br>Gerry Thiessen   |
|                 | Director<br>Absent          | Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake   |
|                 | Staff                       | Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer<br>Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services<br>Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development<br>John Illes, Chief Financial Officer<br>Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services<br>Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant        |
|                 | Others                      | Charlie Edwards, Project Manager Section 5-7, Coastal GasLink<br>Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Coastal GasLink<br>Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Coastal GasLink<br>Sian Weaver, Manager of Socio-economics, Coastal GasLink<br>Ian McLeod, Socio-economics, Senior Advisor, Coastal GasLink |
|                 | <b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b> | Chair Brien called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.   |
|                 | <b><u>AGENDA</u></b>        | Moved by Director Storey<br>Seconded by Director Lambert  |
|                 | <b><u>NRC.2021-1-1</u></b>  | "That the Natural Resources Committee Agenda for April 8, 2021 be Approved."  |
|                 | (All/Directors/Majority)    | <b><u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u></b>   |

## **DELEGATION**

### **COASTAL GASLINK – Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Sian Weaver, Manager of Socio-economics, Ian McLeod, Socio-economics, Senior Advisor RE: Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)**

Chair Brienen welcomed Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Sian Weaver, Manager of Socio-economics, Ian McLeod, Socio-economics, Senior Advisor, Coastal GasLink.

Mr. Giddens and Ms. Weaver Provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### Coastal GasLink Project Update

- About TC Energy
- Project Overview
- Coastal GasLink 2020 Milestones
- Safety is Coastal GasLink's number one value
- 2021 Construction status in RDBN
- Pipeline construction/Right-of-way
- WP3 Pipe Delivery and Construction Progress
- Economic benefits/Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)
- SEEMP Economic Effects
- SEEMP Social Effects
- SEEMP Feedback During Fourth Reporting Cycle (June – November 2020)
- 2021 Forward looking
- Community investment
- Creating a legacy of safety and respect
- Keeping in touch.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Community investment and lasting legacy
  - o Connectivity in Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) – Buckflats area
  - o Compressor Station in the Buckflats area
  - o Potential for collaboration
  - o Connectivity throughout other areas of the region in correlation to the pipeline project
  - o Staff in conversation with Coastal GasLink
  - o Legacy Program Funding for Granisle
    - Coastal GasLink will follow-up.

Chair Brienen thanked Messrs. Giddens, Moulton, McLeod and Ms. Weaver for attending the meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Moved by Director McGuire  
 Seconded by Director Layton  
-Response to RDBN Letter re: Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area Apportionment

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"That the Natural Resources Committee receive the letter from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Response to RDBN Letter re: Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area Apportionment."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Future Committee Topics**

- Chair Brienens
  - Forward any items for consideration to Chair Brienens.

### **2. Partnering with First Nations – Forestry**

- Chair Brienens
  - Opportunities to partner with First Nations
  - Northern Development Initiative Trust - Northern Healthy Communities Fund for the First Nations Engagement Capacity Building Pilot Project
  - Carrier Sekani Tribal Council Pathways Forward 2.0 Agreement
    - Economic Development
    - Forestry component
    - Province to maintain stumpage fees.

### **3. Water**

- Chair Brienens
  - Include water use as a topic for the Natural Resources Committee
    - Water quality in rivers
    - Nechako Reservoir
    - *Water Sustainability Act*
    - Resource industry use of water resources.
    - May discuss at Rural/Agriculture and Waste Management Committees

### **4. Forestry**

- Smithers and area
  - Apportionment
  - Major Licensees concerns
- Chair Brienens will follow-up

### **5. Fish and wildlife**

- See reduced numbers in wildlife populations overall
- Provincial and Federal Government management
  - Potential impacts to regions
- Further discussion to take place at a future meeting
- Potential to work with First Nations communities.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Pinnacle Pellet acquired by British energy company Drax
- Director Storey spoke of meeting with Minister Osborne in regard to developing an Integrity Commissioner and increasing the Village of Fraser Lake's Community Forest
- Length of time in which to move industrial projects forward and Federal regulations
- Topics for consideration at a future Committee Meeting:
  - Artemis Gold Inc.
    - Permit approval by the Province and Federal Governments
  - Planting of trees
    - Important to ensure tree planting continues in a safe manner
    - Chair Brienens is working to have Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development appear as a delegation at a future meeting
  - Wildfire Tree Salvaging operations
- RDBN lobbying to ensure it is a part of the Federal and Provincial Government discussions regarding resources in the region.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Lambert

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“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:29 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Shane Brienen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant