

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 10

Thursday, July 21, 2016

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

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

Director Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake
Absent

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Service
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:18 a.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – arrived at 11:00 a.m., left at 11:16 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 11:16 a.m., returned at 12:45 p.m. left at 1:09 p.m., returned at 1:29 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Marc Bekar, Smithers – left at 1:10 p.m.
Dale Bellavance, Bell Group – left at 1:08 p.m.
Gina Hidber, HBH Land Surveying Inc., Smithers – left at 1:10 p.m.
Anna-Marie Spooner, Cluculz Lake Community Recreation Association – left at 12:01 p.m.
Roy Spooner, Cluculz Lake Community Recreation Association – left at 12:01 p.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – left at 11:04 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of June 23, 2016 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WELCOME RDBN CAO

Chair Miller welcomed Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer to the RDBN. Chair Miller presented Ms. de Weerd with her certificate in Local Government Service Delivery from the Provincial Board of Examiners, Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development.

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes **-June 23, 2016**

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-10-2

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2016 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee **Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2016-10-3

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

- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - June 23, 2016 (Unapproved);
- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - May 26, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

Rural Dividend Program Presentations - David Borth, Executive Director, Rural Dividend Fund

Chair Miller mentioned that staff have been working to coordinate the attendance of David Borth, Executive Director, Rural Dividend Fund at an RDBN meeting to provide information in regard to the Rural Dividend Fund. A conference call is being coordinated in order to have information for the next intake for the Fund. An invitation will be sent to all Directors and municipal staff.

Discussion took place regarding the challenges with applying for funding and the eligibility criteria for projects.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting **Recommendations** **-June 23, 2016**

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-10-4

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendations 1 and 2 as written:

Agriculture Committee – June 23, 2016

Recommendation 1:
Re: Agriculture Forum

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to investigate a date for an Agriculture Forum at the end of October, 2016; and further, that staff gather topics for discussion from the RDBN Board of Directors."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Agriculture Committee – June 23, 2016 (Cont'd)

Recommendation 2:

Re: Letter RE: Funding for Regional Trials and Assessment of Crops and Agricultural Lands

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter requesting that the Federal Government contribute sufficient funds to undergo regional trials and assessment of crops and agricultural lands in the northern region of B.C. with funding from the \$800 million Mountain Pine Beetle monies; and further, that the letter be sent to the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture, Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley, Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo – Prince George.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual UBCM Convention
-September 26-30, 2016
-Victoria, B.C.

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-5

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of Rural Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer at the UBCM Convention from September 26-30 in Victoria, B.C. as amended to attend from September 25-30.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Union of B.C. Municipalities
Meeting Requests 2016

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

2016-10-6

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to submit the following 2016 UBCM Meeting requests:

- Minister of Health:
 - Fort St. James Primary Care Clinic and Hospital;
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure:
 - Colleymount Road;
- Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development:
 - Provincial Download:
 - Emergency Preparedness;
 - New Fire Services Act;
 - Dangerous goods transportation;
 - Dikes (communities within the RDBN that have been impacted by the responsibility and maintenance of dikes within their communities.)
- Network BC:
 - Internet and cell phone connectivity;
- Minister of Agriculture:
 - Tree planting agricultural land for carbon offsets;
 - Foreign ownership of agricultural land;
 - Support for Beyond the Market Program.”

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-10-7

"That Motion 2016-10-6 be amended as follows:

- remove discussion topic "
 - Minister of Agriculture:
 - Tree planting agricultural land for carbon offsets;
- add the following discussion topics:
 - Minister of Health:
 - Seniors Health Care;
 - Minister of Agriculture:
 - inform the Province regarding the RDBN's request that the Federal Government contribute sufficient funds utilizing the \$800 million Mountain Pine Beetle funding to undergo regional trials and assessment of crops and agricultural lands in the northern region of B.C"

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

"That the question be called on Motion 2016-10-6 as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016 UBM Meetings
-Discussion Topics – Lead
Speaker

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-10-8

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako approve the Chair and/or his delegate be the lead speaker for the 2016 UBCM Meetings."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell requested that the Northwest Regional Health Board be made aware of RDBN meetings with the Minister of Health.

Round Lake Community
Association – Request for
Grant in Aid – Electoral Area "A"
(Smithers Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-10-9

"That the Round Lake Community Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) to refinish the floor of the Round Lake Hall."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-10-10 “That the Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Big Pig Mountain Biking Festival.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BC Council for International Education – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-11 “That the British Columbia Council for International Education be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for a student to attend the Beijing International Summer Culture Exchange 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Southside Seniors Housing Society – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-10-12 “That the Southside Seniors Housing Society be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Southside Garden Tour 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items to be Brought Forward to the Public Agenda from Special (In-Camera) Meeting Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2016-10-13 “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify release of the following motion as written from the Special (In-Camera) meeting:

Chief Financial Officer Appointment

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors appoint Roxanne Shepherd as its Chief Financial Officer commencing August 8, 2016.
2. That the Regional Board approve the above noted motion be made public.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
Electoral Area "C" (Fort St.
James Rural) – Stuart Lake
Seniors

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-14

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$7,616 of Electoral Area "C" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Stuart Lake Seniors Association for an Energy Efficiency improvement project at the Stuart Lake Seniors Centre; and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$7,616 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof
Rural) – Cluculz Lake Community
Recreation Association

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Benedict

2016-10-15

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$253,000 of Electoral Area "F" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Cluculz Lake Community Recreation Association for a Recreation Infrastructure improvement project at the Cluculz Lake Hall;

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the purchase and installation of approved signage for the project to a maximum of \$500 cost; and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$253,500 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
Electoral Area "C" (Fort St.
James Rural) – Community Arts
Council of Fort St. James

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-16

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$43,628 of Electoral Area "C" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Community Arts Council of Fort St. James for a Cultural Infrastructure improvement project at the Pope Mountain Arts building.

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the purchase and installation of approved signage for the project to a maximum of \$300 cost, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

3. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$43,928 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BCEHS First Responder Agreement

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2016-10-17

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s July 21, 2016 memo titled “BCEHS First Responder Agreement.”
2. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve staff entering into an agreement between British Columbia’s Emergency Health Services and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, specifically for Topley Volunteer Fire Department, and Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rob Newell, Director, Electoral Area “G” - 2016 BC Broadband Conference

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-10-18

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Administration Report from Rob Newell, Director, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) in regard to the 2016 BC Broadband Conference.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the potential of having fixed LTE (Long-Term Evolution) for Rural Broadband and the potential funding possibilities.

Discussion took place in regard to bringing forward the information from Com Com Services and the 2016 BC Broadband Conference to a future Rural Directors Committee meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Nak’azdli Band Council Recycling Contract – June Progress Payment Overage

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-10-19

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services’ July 13, 2016 memo titled “Nak’azdli Band Council Recycling Contract - June Progress Payment Overage.”
2. Further, that the Board of Directors approve the payment of an additional \$1,034.93 (excluding taxes) to the Nak’azdli Band Council to cover the additional staffing costs associated with ICI mixed paper recycling services included in the June, 2016 Progress Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

Land Referral File No. 7408719 Moved by Director Greenaway
Tophay Leo Farms Ltd. Seconded by Director MacDougall
Electoral Area "C"

2016-10-20

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 7408719 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application No. 7408719."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Discussion took place in regard to the purchasing of large parcels of Crown land for extensive agriculture purposes and the possible negative impacts to agriculture in the region. The unknown benefits of developing agriculture lands for export markets was also discussed. The development of guiding principles in regard to Crown Grant Applications within the RDBN was discussed.

Land Referral File No. 7408719 Moved by Director Repen
Tophay Leo Farms Ltd. Seconded by Director Greenaway
Electoral Area "C"

2016-10-21

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako provide a Comment Sheet in regard to Crown Land Referral No. 7408719 to the Province including: Other Comment: "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako is opposed to the Crown Grant Application to obtain additional land for agriculture purposes by Tophay Leo Farms Ltd., Land Referral File No. 7408719"; and further, that the RDBN will provide further comment in the near future in regard to the RDBN's guiding principles in regard to Crown Grant Applications within the RDBN."

Opposed: Director Strimbold
Director Thiessen

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Director Petersen requested the Regional Board's approval for Roy Spooner, Cluculz Lake Community Recreation Association to provide comment in regard to the Finance/Administration Coordinator's July 12, 2016 memo titled "Federal Gas Tax Funds – Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof rural) Cluculz Lake Community Recreation Association." Mr. Spooner provided a brief overview of the challenges that the Cluculz Lake Community Recreation Association has experienced in the past. He noted that the association has been restructured and thanked Director Petersen and Ms. Rensby for their assistance in applying for Federal Gas Tax funding.

Break for lunch at 12:01 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Development Variance Permit Moved by Director Fisher
A-05-16 7561466 Canada Inc. Seconded by Director Bachrach
(HBH) Jolleymore Road,
Smithers Electoral Area "A"

2016-10-22

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors:

1. Approve Development Variance Permit A-05-16 for the subject properties to vary Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700 by reducing the minimum parcel size from 16 ha. to 8 ha. and;
2. Direct staff to ask the Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer to consider the impact of gates restricting emergency access to the lands served by the proposed private road, and determine the appropriate steps necessary to address the issue."
3. In future, if there is a request for road closure that the MoTI provides an opportunity to the RDBN to comment."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Temporary Use Permit Moved by Director Fisher
A-02-15 John Whitfield Dodds Seconded by Director Repen
(Perry) 1490 Weme Road, Smithers
Electoral Area "A"

2016-10-23

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the extension of Temporary Use Permit A-02-15 and amend the permit terms as shown on the permit attached to the July 8, 2016 staff report."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR ADOPTION

Rezoning File No. A-06-14 Moved by Director Fisher
West-End Ventures Inc. Seconded by Director Strimbold
(Bruitjes) Electoral Area "A"

2016-10-24

"That "Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1768, 2016" and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1712, 2016" be adopted this 21st day of July, 2016."

Opposed: Director Bachrach CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

MEMO

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning spoke to the three geotechnical reports being included on Covenant CA1963381 registered on title of the property at 2803 Dahlie Rd. He explained that during the rezoning process the evaluation of the geotechnical issues associated with subdivision of the property is the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Provincial Subdivision Approving Officer as part of their subdivision approval process.

The reports were specific to the subdivision stage of the development and not the building permit stage. Discussion took place in regard to including in the modified covenant, or replacement covenant, a reference to the requirement for a geotechnical report relating to the suitability of the specific building site, and the specific building proposed, as part of the building permit approval process.

Dale Bellavance, Bell Group provided an overview of the process undertaken by his client in regard to the rezoning and subdivision of the property. He spoke of having site specific requirements for geotechnical reports for each of the nine lots.

Proposed Changes to Covenant Moved by Director Fisher
CA1963381 Bylaw(s) 1585 & 1586 (A-07-10) Bradley (Howard)
Electoral Area "A"

2016-10-25

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to initiate the process necessary to consider the modification or replacement of covenant document CA1963381 registered on title of the property at 2803 Dahlie Rd. once a deposit of \$5,000 is received from the property owner.
2. That a Public Hearing regarding the proposed modification or replacement of covenant document CA1963381 be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER (All Directors)

Planning Department
Reports

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-10-26

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Planning Department Reports:

- Planning Department Enquiries Report – June, 2016;
- Action List – June, 2016;
- Building Inspector's Report - June, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER (All Directors) (CONT'D)

Planning Department
Correspondence

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-10-27

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Planning Department correspondence:

-Ministry of Agriculture News Release Re: Agricultural Land Commission Approval of Tree Planting in ALR;
-FLNRO Derelict Building Correspondence Re: 21751 Reno Road, Topley and 4620 Kissonock, Road, Decker Lake;
-LNG Canada Announcement Re: Joint Venture Participants Delay Timing of Final Investment Decision."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Vanderhoof Pool

Director Thiessen commented that Vanderhoof is moving forward with its pool project and has been working hard to make the project a reality.

Baker Airport – Lakes District

Director Benedict mentioned that the Lakes District Airport Society received Provincial funding for the Baker Airport repaving project. An announcement took place July 15, 2016 by John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes. The funding for the project will assist in reducing the debt to taxpayers and is a boost to the community. Ms. Benedict thanked RDBN staff for their hard work to move the project forward.

Critical Infrastructure Projects

Director Repen asked if municipalities within the region were completing critical infrastructure project upgrades in the future and spoke to the possible opportunity to partner in the hiring of contractors, sourcing materials, etc. to try to minimize costs.

Chair Miller also noted the opportunity to collaborate throughout the region on infrastructure projects whether it be the paving of the Baker Airport in Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) or sewer and water projects. He mentioned that there may be potential to collect data throughout the region in regard to projects that are being considered/completed in the region and the information could be shared with the Regional Board of Directors to determine the possibility for partnerships and collaboration.

Fire Department Response

Director Repen made the Regional Board aware that the BC Fire Service Minimum Training Standards – Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook has certain criteria for fire department response for Complex Structures that requires specific planning by fire departments.

Smithers Airport Expansion

Director Bachrach spoke of the Town of Smithers signing a contract with the architect to move forward with the design of the Smithers Airport Expansion project.

Chandler Park Field
Development

Director Bachrach mentioned the field development at Chandler Park is being completed and he thanked Director Fisher for the contribution of Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Federal Gas Funds to allow for the project to move forward.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Park Dedication Ceremony

Director Bachrach invited the Regional Board to attend a Park Dedication Ceremony for Gordon Williams Sr. who was a Commissioner, Alderman and Mayor of Smithers between 1951 – 1976 on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the corner of Highway 16 and Main Street, Smithers.

Shared Histories Project

Director Bachrach noted that the Shared Histories Project sponsored by the Town of Smithers and the Office of the We'suwet'en is moving into a new phase as research is being completed.

Affordable Housing Project -Smithers

Director Bachrach mentioned that the Town of Smithers is contributing a portion of land of an old highway maintenance yard on Main Street for an affordable housing project being initiated by Smithers Community Services that is working through the recent provincial investment for affordable housing. They have submitted an expression of interest to build a 15 two bedroom unit building.

RDBN Hosted Community to Community Forum in Smithers

Director Brienon commented that he enjoyed the RDBN hosted Community to Community Forum in Smithers and thanked RDBN staff and the Town of Smithers for hosting the event. He mentioned that an idea for a future Community to Community Forum could be based on economic development opportunities and benefits between First Nations and Local Government.

Chair Miller spoke of the forum providing an opportunity to bring the region together. The Shared Histories Project that Director Bachrach and Debbie Pierre, Executive Director, Office of the Wet'suwet'en provided at the forum is integral to moving forward and recognizing a joint history between First Nations and non-First Nations people.

Chair Miller mentioned that the agenda for a future Community to Community Forum should be in collaboration with the First Nations Communities in the region.

North Central Local Government Association Executive Meeting

Director Fisher indicated that he will not be in attendance at the North Central Local Government Association Executive Committee Meeting this coming weekend. The BC Fire Association will be providing a presentation along with the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Discussion will take place regarding the downloading of responsibilities from the provincial government to local government in regard to the *Fire Safety Act*. Director Fisher will forward information to the Regional Board.

Smithers and Moricetown Fire Protection

Director Fisher mentioned that he has been communicating with the Moricetown Band and Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Smithers Volunteer Fire Department regarding partnering in the delivery of fire protection.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Parker

2016-10-28

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-29

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

- District of Vanderhoof – Tipping Fees at all RDBN Transfer Stations and Landfills;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities – 2015 Resolutions Union of B.C. Municipalities – 2015 Resolutions;
- Selina Robinson, MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville - Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government, Seniors and Sports – MLA Appointments at UBCM Convention;
- BC Hydro – 2016 UBCM Convention Meetings;
- BC Utilities Commission – British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and Fortis BC Inc. Residential Inclining Block Rate Report to the Government of BC;
- St. Luke's on the Lake Society – Thank You for Support;
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Federal Government Reviewing our Public Postal Service - Have Your Say!
- James H. Danish – Closure of Grocery Stores in Fraser Lake and Houston;
- National Energy Board – Letter to Northern Gateway Pipelines Inc. – Sunset Clause Extension;
- Geoscience BC – Airborne Survey in the RDBN ;
- Chevron Canada – Kitimat LNG Work on the Pacific Trail Pipeline in Your Region;
- Wet'suwet'en First Nation – Introduction to Chief and Council of Wet'suwet'en First Nation;
- Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour – Update on the Arrival of Syrian Refugees to our Province;
- Coastal GasLink Connector – June 2016;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – June 15th, 2016;
- Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and Minister Responsible for the Liquor Distribution Branch – Open for Business Awards 2016;
- Nechako- Kitimaat Development Fund Society - \$125,380.00 in Funding from NKDF for Four New Projects in Burns Lake, Vanderhoof and Fraser Lake;
- Northern Health – Dr. Geoff Appleton Retires as Northwest Medical Director – Dr. Jaco Fourie Set to Take on the Role;
- Northern Health – Northern Health Board Recognizes United Church of Canada's 115 Years of Service to the Hazeltons;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Northern Health – Haida Gwaii Hospital and Health Centre
 - Xaayda Gwaay NgaaysdII Naay Selected as Name for the New Facility in the Village of Queen Charlotte;
- Northwest Fire Centre Wildfire Newsletter - June 29, 2016;
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project - PRGT Project Activity Update #33 - April-June 2016;
- Species at Risk Public Registry – Notification of Order to Amend Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities:
 - Liquor Policy Working Group Update
 - Healthy Families BC Communities Report
 - Economic Development Survey Findings
 - 2016 Open for Business Awards
 - Long Service Awards
 - Preparing for and Preventing Wildfire: Reflection and Resources
 - Session Proposal Process;

INVITATIONS

- The Association for Mineral Exploration Roundup – January 23-26, 2017 – Vancouver, B.C.;
- Building Aboriginal Relationships in BC - September 20-21, 2016 – Vancouver, B.C.;
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers Oils Sands Tour – September 25, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the letter from the District of Vanderhoof in regard to tipping fees at all RDBN Transfer Stations and Landfills and the potential for waste to energy technology.

The potential benefits of stimulating activity in regard to mineral exploration by Geoscience BC's airborne study in the RDBN was discussed. Chair Miller mentioned that he attended the Baker Airport funding presentation by the Province while Geoscience BC's airborne study was taking place and there was a lot of activity at the airport. He spoke of the importance of the airport to transportation infrastructure in the region.

Discussion took place regarding the letter from the British Columbia Utilities Commission regarding British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and FortisBC Inc. Residential Inclining Clock Rate Report to the Government of British Columbia.

Wet'suwet'en First Nation
–New Chief and Council

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-10-30

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of welcome to the Wet'suwet'en First Nation new Chief and Council.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts **-June, 2016**

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-31

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid June, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-10-32

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Reading File:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Blueberry River First Nations – Blueberry River First Nations to Publicly Release New Report Outlining Increased Rate of Devastation to Lands Across Northeastern British Columbia;
- BC Community Forest – June 2016 Newsletter;
- Canada Research Connections – Upcoming E-Dialogue: What are the Co-Benefits of Climate Action?
- Clean Energy Canada – June 16, 2016 – Canada Faces Pivotal Time to Grow;
- Clean Energy Review
 - July 4, 2016 – POTUS in Parliament
 - June 27, 2016 – A Paris Agreement Brexit?
 - June 20, 2016 – Small and Smart vs. Big and Slow;
- Community Development Institute – Economic Uptick Newsletter - June 2016;
- David Suzuki Foundation – *Charting Coastal Currents*;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - President's Corner June 2016;
- FCM News
 - July 8, 2016
 - June 30, 2016
 - June 16, 2016
 - June 15, 2016;
- Geoscience BC – Geoscience BC Releases Comprehensive Guide for BC Communities on Development of Direct-Use Geothermal;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
 - Update from the Minister – June 2016;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations/ BC Wildfire Service – Some Open Fires Allowed in Prince George Fire Centre;
- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
 - July 13, 2016
 - July 7, 2016
 - June 30, 2016
 - June 22, 2016;
- Northern BC Tourism - Joint the Northern BC Tourism Board of Directors – News – June 28, 2016;
- Northern Development Initiative Trust – Building a Stronger North Newsletter – July 2016;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

- Real Estate Foundation – Summer 2016 eNews;
- Resource Works Newsletter:
 - June 30, 2016 – Backing a Winner: Race for Resources;
 - June 23, 2016 – See You at Our Race for Resources Event
 - June 21, 2016 – Support Race for Resources
 - June 16, 2016 – What Does it Take to Drive a Modern Economy?
- The Royal Canadian Legion – Thank you for Support.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Value of Tourism - Request for Quotes

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-10-33

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve entering into a contract with Expedition Management Consulting for the completion of the Value of Tourism Study in the amount of \$24,496.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Benedict commented that she had been contacted recently with a request for information in regard to accessibility to parks in the area. She determined through investigation that there is not readily available information in regard to accessibility and what parks are accessible. Discussion took place regarding a contact person in Smithers that may have further information. Director Bachrach will forward the contact information.

Melany de Weerd, CAO provided a brief overview of the Value of Tourism Study.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Michael Wells
Re: Proposed Meeting with
Reckitt Benckiser
Representative

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2016-10-34

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve attendance of the Regional Board of Directors to attend a September 12th meeting at the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George with Reckitt Benckiser Representatives.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Nechako Meeting
RE: Nechako River

Director Thiessen spoke to concerns in regard to the management of the Nechako River and the response of the Water Controller and Rio Tinto Alcan. Concerns were brought forward in regard to the role of the Water Controller and the importance of that role being responsible for the stewardship of the river for the people of the region. Director Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof has outlined its values as follows: flooding, fish habitat, agriculture, recreation. The District of Vanderhoof is hosting a meeting on August 9, 2016 in Vanderhoof to determine and discuss the values of the Nechako Watershed and River. He also noted the importance of a water use plan for the Nechako Watershed. Discussion took place regarding the Regional Board providing support in regard to the issues.

Director Thiessen will forward a document that outlines water use plans to staff to forward to the Regional Board.

Those who wish to attend the meeting are requested to contact the District of Vanderhoof Chief Administrative Officer.

Nechako Meeting
RE: Nechako River

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2016-10-35

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Nechako Meeting RE: Nechako River Agenda for August 9, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA
MEETING MOTION**

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-36

“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)(g) – litigation or potential litigation (Home Occupation at 22361 Gala Bay Road) and Section 90 (1)(i) – the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications for that purpose (West Fraser Concrete) or information received relating to these matters must 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 Bachrach
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2016-10-37

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:04 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY