

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
(VIRTUAL)

Thursday, July 15, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen – arrived at 10:10 a.m.
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson

Directors Absent Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa
Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Director Kim Watt-Senner, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:30 a.m., left at 10:37 a.m.
Maria Sandberg, Parks and Recreation Coordinator – arrived at 10:37 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2021-7-1

“That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 15, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – June 10, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2021-7-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of June 10, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Code of Conduct

The following was discussed in regard to Code of Conduct:

- Union of B.C. Municipalities currently conducting research regarding Code of Conduct
- *Forging a Path to Responsible Conduct* – UBCM
 - o The Working Group on Responsible Conduct – joint initiative by UBCM, the Local Government Management Association of B.C. and the B.C. Ministry of Municipal Affairs
 - o The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs recognition of the document
 - o Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA)
 - Determining education opportunities
- Social media
- Regional District of Central Okanagan, Comox Valley Regional District and District of Lantzville Council Code of Conduct
- Respectful dialogue regarding Board decisions and the opportunity to express ones opinion
- Providing opportunities to have open dialogue regarding challenging topics
- Working as a team and supporting one another
- Professional conduct
- Relevant to the RDBN
- Diversity of RDBN Board
- Important to be a “living” document
- A Communication Policy in relation to Code of Conduct Policy
- Reviewing of the Code of Conduct at the beginning of a term, swearing in of a new Board member and at the Board’s request
- Staff will bring forward a draft RDBN Code of Conduct for Board consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2021-7-3

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:04 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant