

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee of the Whole)

Thursday, January 15, 2015

PRESENT: Chair Rob MacDougall

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Luke Strimbold

Directors Absent Ralph Roy, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Director Mark Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair MacDougall called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Director Greenaway

F.C.2015-1-1

"That the Forestry Committee Meeting Agenda of January 15, 2015 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Forestry Committee Meeting
Minutes – July 17, 2014

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

F.C.2015-1-2

"That the Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2014 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS – David Van Dohla, District Manager VanJam Forest District RE: Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District – Name Change from Vanderhoof Forest District and Fort St. James Forest District

Delegation presented at the January 15, 2015 RDBN Committee of the Whole Meeting at the request of the Regional Board.

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Bachrach

F.C.2015-1-3

“That the Forestry Committee receive the correspondence titled “District Name Change” regarding the Fort St. James and Vanderhoof Natural Resource District’s name change to the Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Vancouver Sun – Report Warns of Soaring Risk of “Mega-fires” in B.C. Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

F.C.2015-1-4

“That the Forestry Committee receive the correspondence from the Vancouver Sun titled “Report Warns of Soaring Risk of “Mega-fires” in B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tabular Rates/Stumpage Rates

Community Forest stumpage rates are based on a tabular rate and BC Timber Sales (BCTS) has voiced concerns to Assistant Deputy Minister in regard to the influence this formula has on BCTS. Chair MacDougall noted that Community Forests are approximately 2% of the total cut of the province. If the rate for Community Forests is changed it would impact the money returning to the communities.

Discussion has also taken place at the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition and further research is being conducted in regard to Community Forests tabular rates.

Chair MacDougall and Director Miller indicated that they will be investigating and bringing information forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Newell brought forward resident concerns in regard to cutting and burning of wood from wildfires, and the decommissioning of access ways by removing bridges in the Buck Flats Road area. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Nadina Office is the oversight agency to contact in regard to said issues.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Forestry Initiative

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

F.C.2015-1-5

“That the Forestry Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors include funding in the 2015 RDBN Budget in regard to a forestry related small scale locally controlled project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair MacDougall and Director Fisher will have further discussions with staff.

Forestry Related Ideas/
Concerns/Challenges

Chair MacDougall mentioned to the Forestry Committee that any forestry related ideas, concerns and/or challenges can be brought forward to Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Newell

F.C.2015-1-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:23 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rob MacDougall, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant