

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 6

Thursday, April 30, 2015

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Luke Strimbold – left at 1:26 p.m.

Directors Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle
Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

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

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – left at 2:30 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 11:35 a.m., left at 1:57 p.m., returned at 2:15 p.m.
Laura O’Meara, Senior Financial Assistant – arrived at 10:43 a.m., left at 12:03 p.m.
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 11:54 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator, Rio Tinto Alcan – left at 11:21 a.m.
Allison Beswick, RHB Schmitz de Grace – Teleconference – 12:00 p.m. to 12:04 p.m.
Caden Forster, Smithers – left at 1:29 p.m.
Don Giddings, Smithers – left at 1:29 p.m.
Dan Kerr, Telkwa - left at 1:29 p.m.
Aaron Miles, Smithers - left at 1:29 p.m.
Alan Miles, Smithers - left at 1:29 p.m.
Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison, Rio Tinto Alcan – left at 11:21 a.m.
Tom Shelford, Francois Lake
Marlene Sutherland, Smithers - left at 1:29 p.m.
Heather Wall, Smithers - left at 1:29 p.m.
Fred Wilson, Smithers – arrived at 10:45 a.m., left at 2:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-6-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of April 30, 2015 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
–March 26, 2015

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-6-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2015 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Board Meeting
Minutes – April 16, 2015

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-6-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee
Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-6-4

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

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - April 16, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - March 12, 2015;
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
 - April 16, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes
 - March 12, 2015;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - April 16, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - March 12, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OATH OF OFFICE

Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Office to Tom Shelford, Alternate Director, Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural).

DELEGATION

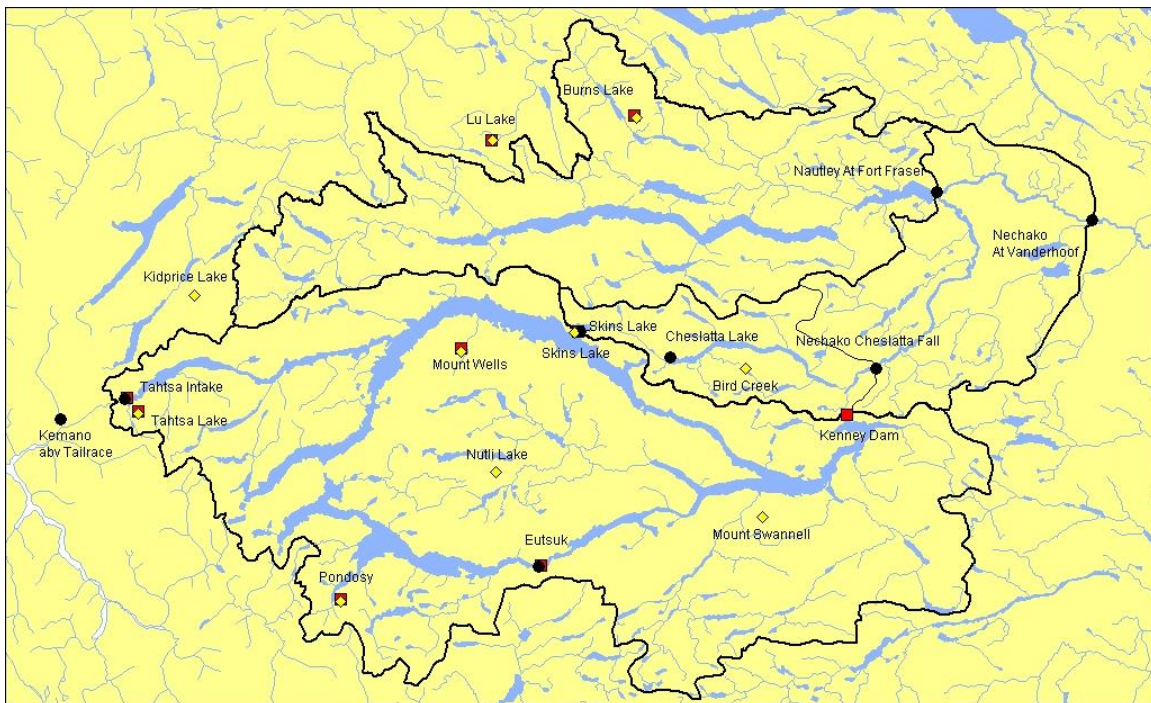
RIO TINTO ALCAN – Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator and Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison RE: Update

Chair Miller welcomed Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator and Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison, Rio Tinto Alcan.

Mr. Benckhuysen and Ms. Olson provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Nechako Reservoir Update April 30, 2015

Nechako Watershed



Nechako Reservoir Snowpack

The maximum, average, minimum, previous year and current years snowpack in millimetres from October to August were presented for the following:

- Tahtsa Lake;
- Mount Wells;
- Pondsosy Lake;
- Lu Lake (indicative of Nautley).

Nechako Reservoir Snowpack and Inflow

February

- Measured Snowpack: 115% LTA (Long Term Average);
- April – Aug Inflow Forecast: 105% LTA;

March

- Measured Snowpack: 109% LTA;
- April – Aug Inflow Forecast: 103% LTA;

April

- Measured Snowpack: 104% LTA;
- April – Aug Inflow forecast: 122% LTA;

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

RIO TINTO ALCAN – Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator and Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison RE: Update

May

- Measured Snowpack: TBD this weekend;
- April to August inflow forecast:
 - o Approximately 125% LTA;
 - Range of 115-150% LTA.

Mr. Benckhuysen noted that Rio Tinto Alcan is maximizing discharge in anticipation of potential flood in future. The inflow to the reservoir is very high and the peak inflow has yet to be reached.

Rio Tinto Alcan utilizes historical data to review and forecast possibilities. They also monitor weather forecasts but weather can be unpredictable. A high precipitation event at the Nautley will affect the Nechako River. Rio Tinto Alcan reduces the Skins Lake Spillway discharge to balance flooding to the Nechako River but there is a 5 day delay in changes to the Nechako River from adjustments made at the Skins Lake Spillway. Rio Tinto Alcan met with the District of Vanderhoof and it was determined that the target water level in the Nechako at Vanderhoof would be no higher than 525 m³/s in order to mitigate flooding. Today at 4:00 p.m. Rio Tinto Alcan will reduce the Skins Lake Spillway discharge from 286 m³/s to 256 m³/s in anticipation that the Nautley will continue to expand. They are anticipating the reservoir to fill in June or July, 2015.

The following graphs were provided:

Nechako Reservoir Inflow

- Nechako Reservoir Operation – Observed Inflow and Discharge 2014-2015;

Reservoir Forecast

- Nechako Reservoir – Observed and Projection 2014-2015
- April 24, 2015 projection.

Nechako Reservoir Forecast

- 2 day precipitation accumulation forecast;
- 7 day precipitation accumulation forecast.

Skins Lake Spillway Discharge plan

November, 2014 to February, 2015 Spillway discharge:

- Average discharge higher than base flow requirement of 32 m³/s;

February to April Spillway Discharge:

- 45m³/s;
- 55 m³/s;
- 75m³/s;
- 95m³/s;
- 115m³/s;
- 135 m³/s;
- 150 m³/s.

Beginning of April Spillway discharge plan:

- Increase spillway discharge April to June by 15 m³/s

Mid-April Spillway discharge plan

- Manage spillway discharge to achieve and maintain a flow target of about 300 m³/s at Cheslatta Falls and 500 m³/s at Vanderhoof. The 300 m³/s at Cheslatta Falls prevents the flooding of graveyards at Ootsa Lake and is complementary to 500 m³/s at Vanderhoof.

Rio Tinto completed an ice survey in mid-March, 2015 and due to the warm winter and the openness of the river a controlled release was conducted in consultation with the Nechako Fisheries Conservation Program.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

RIO TINTO ALCAN – Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator and Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison RE: Update

The following graphs were provided:

Nechako Simulated Scenarios

- Simulation on Nechako Reservoir and River
- Wet Scenario – 2007 – April 30, 2015.

Vanderhoof Forecast for Wet Forecast

- Forecast at Vanderhoof for Wet Inflows scenarios on Nechako Reservoir – April 30, 2015.

The elements are being monitored in real time.

Balancing Interests

Flow management decisions balance reservoir safety, flood risk and environmental impacts

- Control reservoir elevation to a maximum of 2800 feet;
- Balance flood risk (magnitude of flood and duration of flood);
 - o Cheslatta and Nechako;
- Consider impact to fisheries:
 - o Nechako Fisheries Conservation Program;
 - o Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative.

Director Repen asked if completing the 2nd tunnel project could be considered for flood mitigation. Mr. Benckhuysen noted that the 2nd tunnel would not mitigate the risk of flooding to the Nechako Reservoir. The tunnel project has completed the time sensitive tie in phase. The hydraulic limitations are not at the tunnel; the hydraulic limitations are the ability to get water from the tunnel to the generators and the generators do not have a bypass and cannot be designed for a bypass at this time. If water is not producing energy it is not flowing through. A 2nd tunnel does not address the flooding to the Nechako Reservoir.

Discussion took place regarding Rio Tinto Alcan selling additional power. Mr. Benckhuysen mentioned that for approximately 30 years Rio Tinto Alcan has sold power to BC Hydro but once the new smelter at Kemano is operational it will use the majority of power for operations.

Director Fisher asked if there was legal compensation for the flooding that occurs due to Rio Tinto Alcan's operations. Mr. Benckhuysen noted that the province of B.C. and Rio Tinto Alcan have an agreement in place since 1987 that identifies the conservation goals for salmon and works through the Nechako Fisheries Conservation Program to meet objectives and goals and Rio Tinto Alcan has met compliance. Mr. Benckhuysen indicated flooding is a normal part of any river anywhere and the Nechako Reservoir operations in its existence reduces the frequency and magnitude of flooding but does not prevent flooding.

Director Parker noted the extremes of water discharge levels and the possibility for a more even flow rate. Mr. Benckhuysen mentioned that predictable forecasts would be needed in order to maintain even flow levels and maintain a source of water for Kemano. A lack of water for Kemano for a period of a few hours has huge implications and creates a one year recovery.

Chair Miller spoke to the impacts of artificially holding back water in the river and the impacts to the residents in the region. He noted the fiduciary responsibility regarding the protection of those residents from flooding. He questioned if there was a way for communities to be more directly involved in the decision making process. Mr. Benckhuysen noted that the reservoir does not exacerbate flooding but by consuming and storing water it reduces the frequency and possibility of flooding. If water was not consumed by Kemano it would travel in real time through the Nechako River with more water and less control of discharge. Rio Tinto Alcan is in constant contact with the Water Controllers Office with reservoir forecasts and reservoir safety. He also mentioned that there are frameworks in place to consult with communities and used the example of the most recent meeting with the District of Vanderhoof and the discussions that led to the

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

RIO TINTO ALCAN – Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator and Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison RE: Update

water level in the Nechako at Vanderhoof not exceeding 525 m³/s. Rio Tinto Alcan is willing to take the risk to manage immediate threats over future threats.

Chair Miller noted the importance of outlining and ranking priorities and the ability for communities to give influence where those priorities lie. He mentioned the water levels being at 525 m³/s does impact the river through erosion of its banks and the significant economic impact this can have.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Benckhuysen and Ms. Olson for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-April 16, 2015

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-6-5

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendations 1 through 3 as amended:

Committee of the Whole – April 16, 2015

Recommendation 1:

Re: Write a Letter RE: Condition of Colleymount Rd.

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the need to allocate funding for safety upgrades to Colleymount Rd.; and further, that the letter be forwarded to WorksafeBC, John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and Lakes District Maintenance (LDM).”

Rural Directors Committee – April 16, 2015

Recommendation 2:

Re: Requests for Grant in Aid

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the following grant in aid application:

-Grassy Plains Community Hall be given up to \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to cover the cost of booking bands for the Annual Summer Festival;

-Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society be given \$3,550 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to purchase equipment to test the water of Tchesinkut Lake. Further, that the Society be requested to provide the results of the water testing to the Regional District;

-Spirit’s Mission Rescue Society be given \$1,200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with a dog and cat spay, neuter and animal wellness clinic at Saik’uz First Nation.”

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural Directors Committee – April 16, 2015 (CONT'D)

Recommendation 3:

**Re: Letter to Regional Cattleman's Association RE:
Further Information Regarding Impact of Elk Herd to
Farm/Ranch Lands**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association, Nechako Regional Cattleman's Association and Lakes District Cattleman's Association to request further documentation regarding Elk Herd Expansion in the region; and further, that requests for support be outlined and provided to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Chinook Community Forest
Licence Application**

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-6-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve execution of the Chinook Community Forest License Application and the Chinook Community Forest Management Plan."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concerns were brought forward regarding the Chinook Community Forest Business Plan.

**Lakes Economic Development
Service – Burns Lake and
District Chamber of Commerce
Request**

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-6-7

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$15,000 of Lakes Economic Development Service funds to the Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce for publishing 8,000 copies of the Burns Lake and Lakes District Visitors Guide."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Repen spoke to the overall effectiveness of localized publications in the region and the ability to have tools to capture the impact of marketing the region. Discussion took place regarding the different funding models for Lakes Economic Development Service and Bulkley Valley Economic Development.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Invest in BC Advertising Opportunity

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-6-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support placing a half page advertisement in the 2016 Invest in BC publication at a cost of \$2,195.”

Opposed: Director Repen CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Director Bachrach spoke to the ability to track the effectiveness of regional advertising opportunities. Discussion took place regarding the challenges of branding the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako due to its vastness and similarity to other Regional Districts in Northern B.C. Chair Miller noted that presenting the compilation of all benefits in the region is valuable.

Concerns Expressed at the CN Rail Meeting and Tabletop Exercise

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-6-9

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s April 21, 2015 memo titled “Concerns expressed at the CN Rail Meeting and Tabletop Exercise.”
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to CN rail outlining the noted concerns and requesting their feedback.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concerns were brought forward regarding the burden placed on local volunteer First Responders and Fire Fighters in regard to a potential train derailment.

DELEGATION – RHB SCHMITZ de GRACE – Allison Beswick, CPA, CA - Via Teleconference

Chair Miller welcomed Allison Beswick, CPA, CA, RHB Schmitz de Grace. Ms. Beswick noted that the 2014 Audited Financial Statements were in good order. Chair Miller thanked Ms. Beswick.

2014 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-6-10

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s April 22, 2015 memo titled “2014 Audited Financial Statements.”
2. That the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 be approved and the Chairperson and the Financial Administrator be authorized to sign the Statement of Financial Position; and,
3. That the Audit Letter be approved for signature.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Houston and Area, Fraser Lake and Area and Vanderhoof and Area Recycling Recommendation for Extension of Contracts Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-6-11

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' April 20, 2015 memo titled "Houston and Area, Fraser Lake and Area and Vanderhoof and Area Recycling – Recommendation for Extension of Contracts."
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to extend existing contracts for current recycling services with the Houston Bottle Depot, Fraser Lake Bottle Depot and Nechako Waste Reduction Initiative."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch at 12:09 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Administration Reports Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director Hughes

2015-6-12

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

- Director of Environmental Services April 22, 2015 memo titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Fort Fraser Water Service Regulatory Bylaw Amendment";
- Financial Administrator's
 - April 22, 2015 memo titled "Area E Economic Development Reserve Establishment Bylaw;
 - April 22, 2015 memo titled "Chinook Community Forest Service Establishment Amendment;"
- Protective Services Manager's
 - April 20, 2015 memo titled "Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – April, 2015";
 - April 20, 2015 memo titled "Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report – March, 2015"
- Chief Election Officer – Electoral Area "D" – Declaration of Election by Acclamation."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

MEMO

Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-6-13

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planner's April 15, 2015 memo titled "Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Development Variance Permit A-02-15 Benjamin and Amie Wittke 4225 Regina Street, Smithers, Electoral Area "A" Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-6-14

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Development Variance Permit A-02-15 for the property located at 4225 Regina Street to vary Section 10.05 (1) (a) to reduce the rear parcel setback from 7.5 metres (24.61 ft) to 1.5 metres (5ft) for an accessory building developed in compliance with Schedule A of the permit."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Director Brienens removed himself from the meeting at 12:50 p.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to Temporary Use Permit A-03-15 West Fraser Concrete Ltd. (SMXA) Donaldson Road, Smithers, Electoral Area "A".

Don Giddings, Smithers Motocross Association (SMXA) spoke to the economic benefits of the Smithers Motocross Track and the benefits to the residents in the region. He noted his interpretation was that the motocross track use was permitted as part of the Outdoor Recreation use which is allowed in the existing, Agricultural Zone (Ag1) zoning pursuant to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993. He also spoke to the Covenant registered on Parcel Identifier 004-310-128, Lot A, Section 4, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District Plan 11348, Except Plan PRP14965.

Mr. Giddings also noted that the RDBN has property access challenges associated with their monitoring of the old landfill.

Mr. Giddings mentioned that he understood there is environmental concerns regarding the SMXA track being built on top of the old landfill but felt there could be a solution. He noted that he spoke with Eric Pierce, Environmental Protection Officer, Authorizations Smithers, Ministry of Environment in regard to a solution for the old landfill and motocross track site. Mr. Giddings explained that the SMXA would provide labour and equipment to replace the current cap on the landfill.

Mr. Giddings expressed the SMXA's desire to move forward and come to a mutually agreeable solution.

The Regional Board noted that it was supportive of the organization and the benefits it provides to the communities but the fact that the motocross track is located on top of an old landfill site creates environmental concerns and land use issues. Chair Miller mentioned that the RDBN has spent considerable staff and Directors time to find a solution.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Giddings and the Smithers Motocross Association for attending the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the manner in which the landfill was closed under permit with the Ministry of Environment.

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION (CONT'D)

Temporary Use Permit A-03-15 Moved by Director Fisher
West Fraser Concrete Ltd. Seconded by Director Repen
(SMXA) Donaldson Road,
Smithers, Electoral Area "A"

2015-6-15 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors deny Temporary Use Permit application A-03-15."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Brienen returned to the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

BYLAWS FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING

Rezoning File No. E-01-15 Moved by Director Benedict
Bylaw 1737, Stephen and Seconded by Director Bachrach
Carol Imus, Electoral Area "E"

- 2015-6-16
1. "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1737, 2015" be given first and second reading this 30th day of April, 2015 and subsequently be taken to public hearing.
 2. That the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1737, 2015" be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area "E".

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rezoning File No. E-02-15 Moved by Director Benedict
Bylaw 1738, Liz-Anna Waugh Seconded by Director Newell
Electoral Area "E"

- 2015-6-17
1. "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1738, 2015" be given first and second reading this 30th day of April, 2015 and subsequently be taken to public hearing.
 2. That the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1738, 2015" be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area "E".

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REZONING APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Rezoning File No. A-09-14
Richard and Allita Barendregt
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-6-18

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors deny rezoning application A-09-14.
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to undertake the process to obtain a B.C. Supreme Court injunction to seek compliance with the Zoning Bylaw."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

CORRESPONDENCE

Fred Wilson, Northwest
Truck Rentals
Correspondence Rezoning
File No. A-06-14 West-End
Ventures Inc. Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Alternate Director Hughes

2015-6-19

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Fred Wilson, Northwest Truck Rentals regarding Rezoning File No. A-06-14 West-End Ventures Inc., Electoral Area "A"."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REZONING APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION (CONT'D)

Director Bachrach spoke to the position of the Town of Smithers in regard to development within the community and land use directly outside the municipal boundary.

Fred Wilson, West-End Ventures Inc., provided an outline in regard to their search for appropriate land to develop and/or rent or buy.

Rezoning File No. A-06-14
West-End Ventures Inc.
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-6-20

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive rezoning application A-06-14.
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to work with the applicant in an attempt to identify a land use proposal and site plan that better reflects Official Community Plan objective and policies, and minimizes potential negative impacts on the community.
3. That staff report back to the Regional Board regarding the application at a subsequent Board meeting."

REZONING APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION (CONT'D)

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Brienen

2015-6-21

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors amend item 2 of Motion 2015-6-20 as follows:

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to work with the applicant in an attempt to identify a land use proposal and site plan that better reflects Official Community Plan objective and policies, and minimizes potential negative impacts on the community.

Specifically:

- a. New zoning to include: contracting services, truck rentals and warehousing;
- b. A clearly outlined definition of contracting services;
- c. Detailed development site plan including consideration of designating the subject property as a development permit area.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

“The question was called on Motion 2015-6-20 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR THIRD READING

Rezoning File No. A-04-14
Bylaw 1710, Marjorie Emmelot
(Hidber), Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-6-22

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Report of the Public Hearing for “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1710, 2014”.
2. That the “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1710, 2014” be given third reading this 30th day of April, 2015.”
3. That prior to consideration of adoption:
 - a. the proposed parcel is surveyed to determine the size of the proposed parcel; and
 - b. a covenant restricting subdivision is registered on title to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning if the proposed parcel is 0.8 ha in size or larger.
4. That the Ministry of Transportation be requested to ensure, at the time of subdivision, that:
 - a. any on-site sewage disposal system for the proposed parcel be designed by a qualified engineer to ensure that its function will not have any negative impact on the watercourse.
 - b. a conservation covenant is registered on title of the proposed new and remainder parcel as offered by the property owner during the rezoning process, and
 - c. the proposed parcel contains a suitable building site.”

(Participants/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR THIRD READING

Rezoning File No. E-01-14 Moved by Director Benedict
Bylaw 1730, Southside Seniors Seconded by Director Hughes
Housing Society Inc.No. S-51984
(Hoosing), Electoral Area "E"

2015-6-23

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Report of the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1730, 2015".
2. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1730, 2015" be given third reading this 30th day of April, 2015."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR ADOPTION

Rezoning File No. A-03-14 Moved by Director Fisher
Rezoning Bylaw No. 1709 Seconded by Director Petersen
Kempenaar/DeJong (HGH)
Electoral Area "A"

2015-6-24

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1709, 2014" be adopted this 30th day of April, 2015."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER

(All Directors)

Planning Reports

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-6-25

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

- Planning Enquiries Report – March, 2015;
- Action List - March, 2015;
- Advisory Planning Commission Area "A" Minutes RE: April 20, 2015;
- Building Inspector's Report for March, 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Recreation Sites and
Trails B.C.

Director Fisher mentioned that he met with Recreation Sites and Trails B.C. and discussion took place regarding access points in the Bulkley Valley region.

Agricultural Projects in
Smithers

Director Fisher stated that along with Director Bachrach they had met with the local agrologist in Smithers to discuss local agricultural projects.

District of Houston New
Water Treatment Plant

Director Brienens noted that the District of Houston has commissioned its new water treatment plant. There is still the appearance of manganese that they are working to remove.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Doctors Office Closure in Houston</u>	Director Brien spoke of the Doctors Office closure in Houston. Houston will only have one doctor and a second doctor part-time thus the critical health care in the community will be greatly impacted.
<u>Minerals North 2016 Planning</u>	Director Bachrach mentioned that the Town of Smithers is in the planning stages for hosting Minerals North 2016.
<u>Town of Smithers Budget</u>	Director Bachrach reported that the Town of Smithers has completed its 2015 Budget and released its strategic priorities for the next 4 years.
<u>Telkwa to be Featured on CBC Show – Still Standing</u>	Director Repen mentioned that the CBC show “Still Standing” is featuring Telkwa and was in the community April 15-19, 2015 filming. Telkwa is to be in episode 1 of season 2. Season 1 will air in the summer of 2015.
<u>Green Energy Plant in Construction Phase in Fort St. James</u>	Alternate Director Hughes noted that the Green Energy Plant is in construction in Fort St. James.
<u>Fort St. James Transportation Committee</u>	Alternate Director Hughes stated that the Fort St. James Transportation Committee has restarted and discussions are taking place with the District of Fort St. James, Industry and stakeholders in the area.
<u>TransCanada Yellowhead Highway AGM-April 27-30, 2015 - Edmonton, AB</u>	Director Benedict attended the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway AGM April 27-30, 2015 in Edmonton, AB. She noted concerns regarding the possible development of a twin highway through the Kicking Horse Pass. Director Benedict also spoke to the need for B.C to have more participation on the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association.
<u>Endako Mine</u>	Director Lindstrom mentioned that most of the residents that were displaced due to the suspension of operations at Endako Mine have found work.
<u>Loss of Doctor in Fraser Lake</u>	Director Lindstrom reported that another doctor will be leaving Fraser Lake. He spoke of discussing the issue at the North Central Local Government Association’s Annual Convention in Prince George, May 6-8, 2015.
<u>West Fraser Cogen Plant</u>	Director Lindstrom stated that the West Fraser Cogen Plant is in operations and has received its first payment for power from BC Hydro.
<u>Flooding in Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)</u>	Director Parker mentioned that he has been working with staff to monitor the potential for flooding in Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural).
<u>Fort Fraser Elementary School Closure</u>	Director Parker reported that School District 91 Nechako Lakes has begun the public consultation process in determining the possibility of closing Fort Fraser Elementary School. A meeting was held on April 29, 2015 to begin discussions.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Chair's Report

Chair Miller mentioned that he attended the following meetings and will provide a written update at a future meeting:

- 2015 Regional District Chairs and CEO/CAO Forum in Victoria, B.C. – March 24-25, 2015;
- Municipal Finance Authority of B.C. AGM and Financial Forum 2015 in Victoria, B.C. – March 25-26, 2015;
- Council of Forest Industries 2015 Convention in Prince George, B.C. – April 8-9, 2015.

Chair Miller has also attended meetings regarding the CNC (College of New Caledonia) facing significant provincial funding cuts that have influenced decisions at the local colleges and created huge impacts.

Chair Miller mentioned that he was contacted by a reporter from the Globe and Mail regarding planting trees on agricultural land in the region.

Chair Miller stated that he has been attending meetings regarding Chinook Community Forest and that process is moving forward.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-6-26

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

District of Houston – Minerals North 2017 – Request for Letter of Support

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-6-27

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support for the District of Houston regarding Minerals North 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

2015-6-28

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

- Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society - RDBN – Regional Marketing Initiative;
- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development - Unconditional Grant Funding Letter;
- Kitimat LNG – Kitimat LNG Will Be Working on the Pacific Trail Pipeline in Your Region;
- Chevron Canada Limited – Pacific Trail Pipeline Management Inc. – Notice of OGC Crown Land Application for Pacific Trail Pipelines Project: Multi-Use Site Within d-95-H, 93-L-4;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- BC Water and Waste Association – February, 2015 Report - Are Our Water Systems at Risk?;
- Thompson-Nicola Regional District - Biosolids Resolution;
- Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd. - Opportunity for Review and Comment re: Management Plan #3 for Long-Term Community Forest License K1A;
- Burns Lake Minor Hockey Midget Team - Thank You for Support;
- North Central Local Government Association - NCLGA Resolutions Now Posted;
- Fort St. James T.V. Society - Financial Statements - February, 2015;
- Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society - NKDF Grants Funding for Burns Lake and Vanderhoof;
- Northern Gateway - Engagement Road Map Update - April 2015;
- Northern Health - Improving Ophthalmology Services in Northern B.C.;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - Federal Budget Highlights
 - Wildfire Prevention Program Relaunched
 - Province Seeks Input on Emergency Communication
 - Gas Tax and Asset Management Workshops Conclude
 - \$1.24 Million Available For Community Energy Leadership
 - Community Energy Planning Workshop
 - Funding Available for Improving Accessibility
 - Funding & Resources Update April 2015
 - Auditor General for Local Government
 - Additional Wildfire Prevention Funding Announced
 - New Infrastructure Program Launched
 - Rural Advisory Council Announced.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts
-March, 2015

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Brien

2015-6-29

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

RESCIND FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD READING

No. 1728 – Chinook Community Forest Economic Development Service Establishing Amendment Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Parker

2015-6-30

“That first, second and third reading of “Chinook Community Forest Economic Development Service Establishing Amendment Bylaw No. 1728, 2015” be rescinded this 30th day of April, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD READING

No. 1736 – Chinook Community Forest Economic Development Service Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-6-31

“That “Chinook Community Forest Economic Development Service Establishing Amendment Bylaw No. 1736, 2015” be given first, second, and third reading this 30th day of April, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR FIRST, SECOND, THIRD READING AND ADOPTION

No. 1733 – Electoral Area “E” Economic Development Reserve Establishment Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Alternate Director Hughes

2015-6-32

“That “Electoral Area “E” Economic Development Reserve Establishment Bylaw No. 1733, 2015” be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 30th day of April, 2015.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1739 – RDBN Water Service Regulatory Amendment Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-6-33

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Water Service Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 1739, 2015 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 30th day of April, 2015.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-6-34

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

INVITATION

-BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA) – BCCFA Conference and AGM June 11-13, 2015 at Clearwater, B.C.;
-Navigating the American Carbon World – April 28-30, 2015 Los Angeles, California;

CORRESPONDENCE:

-BC Chamber of Commerce - Public Affairs Update
- April 20, 2015
- April 14, 2015
- March 30, 2015;
-BC Economic Development Association – Invest in BC 2015;
-BC Healthy Communities Newsletter – March, 2015;
-BC Water & Waste Association – February, 2015 Report – Are Our Water Systems at Risk?;
-Canadian Occupational Safety – Nomination Open for 2015 Psychological Safety Award – Recognizing Leaders in Workplace Mental Health;
-Canfor Corporation – News Release
- March 27, 2015;
-Canfor – A Proud History;
-Clean Energy Review:
- April 20, 2015 – The Race is Over. We Won
- April 13, 2015 – Everything is Awesome
- April 7, 2015 – Ontario Runs With Cap and Trade
- March 30, 2015 – Going all the Way
- March 23, 2015 – Ready to Roll;
-Clean Energy Canada – A Meeting of Clean Energy Minds;
-Coastal GasLink Connector – April 2015;
-Community Connections – The UNBC Community Development Institute Newsletter – Winter 2015;
-BC Community Forest Association March, 2015 Newsletter;
-Community Resource Guide for Burns Lake & District;
-Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM News Week of:
- April 8, 2015
- April 2, 2015
- March 27, 2015
- March 20, 2015;
-Federation of Canadian Municipalities – President’s Corner March, 2015;
-Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM’s Response to Budget 2015;
-Initiative Prince George – March “On the Move” Newsletter and Economic Update;
-Journal of Ecosystems and Management - Volume 14 #2;
-Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Update from the Minister – March, 2015;

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
 - April 22, 2015
 - April 16, 2015
 - April 15, 2015
 - April 13, 2015
 - April 11, 2015
 - April 8, 2015
 - April 1, 2015
 - March 26, 2015;
- Northern Health – HEAL ebrief – March 25, 2015 – Concussion Poster for Parents Players and Coaches;
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission – Project Activity Update – March 19, 2015;
- Rio Tinto Alcan – Justus Benckhuysen – April, 2015 Flood Risk;
- RS Means – Sustainable Strategies for a Growing World;
- SeniorsBC e-Newsletter March 30, 2015;
- Skeena Bat Project – Community Bat Programs of BC;
- Skeena Regional Cattlemen’s Association – March 19, 2015 Letter to Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources – Re: Elk Herd;
- Smithers Exploration Group – April 2015 eNews Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Provincial Consideration of Requiring Regional Districts to Inspect/Enforce *Fire Service Act* Regulations in Rural Areas

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-6-35

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to amend the draft resolution regarding Provincial Government Consideration of Requiring Regional Districts to Inspect/Enforce *Fire Service Act* Regulations in Rural Areas and submit to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration at its conference on May 6-8, 2015 in Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concerns were discussed regarding the transferring of responsibilities from the Provincial Government to Local Government.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

CORRESPONDENCE

Colin Bruintjes
Correspondence
Rezoning File No. A-06-14
West-End Ventures Inc.
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Lindstrom
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-6-36

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Colin Bruintjes regarding Rezoning File No. A-06-14 West-End Ventures Inc., Electoral Area "A"."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATION

Northern Gateway
– Reception During NCLGA
Convention – Thursday,
May 7, 2015 - Prince
George, B.C.

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-6-37

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Invitation from Northern Gateway – Reception During NCLGA Convention on Thursday, May 7, 2015 in Prince George, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Resolution to
NCLGA - Planting Trees on
Agricultural Lands

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-6-38

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to draft a resolution regarding the opposition to the planting of trees on Agricultural Lands; and further, that the resolution be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association to be considered at its convention on May 6-8, 2015 in Prince George, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA
MEETING MOTION**

2015-6-39

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brien

“In accordance with Section 90 (2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that matters pertaining to consideration of information received relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party, be held in confidence, including communications necessary for the purpose (NW Resource Alliance) must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

2015-6-40

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Petersen

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:33 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant