

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
AGENDA****Thursday, April 14, 2022**

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, March 17, 2022**

PRESENT:

Chair	Mark Parker
Directors	Mark Fisher Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Chris Newell Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson – via Zoom Gerry Thiessen
Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Megan D'Arcy, Agriculture Coordinator (West) – via Zoom Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 10:18 a.m. Justin Greer, Economic Development Assistant – left at 9:50 a.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 10:05 a.m., returned at 10:16 a.m. Michelle Roberge, Agriculture Coordinator (East) – via Zoom Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Others	Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake – arrived at 10:18 a.m. Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle Cora McIntosh, via Zoom – arrived at 9:40 a.m. Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa
Media	Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway**RDC.2022-3-1**

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for February 10, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES****Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes
-February 10, 2022**Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Petersen**RDC.2022-3-2**

“That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of February 10, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Premium Pellet Referral
No. 16502 – Electoral Area F Moved by Director Greenaway
 Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2022-3-3 “That staff inform the applicant that the Regional District endorses the District of Vanderhoof’s Letter dated March 4, 2022 in regard to the Premium Pellet Emissions Permit Amendment.”

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-3-4 “That Motion RDC.2022-3-3 be amended to include: that the Board encourages Premium Pellet to look at domestic pellet use and cardboard recycling in its uses”.

Opposed: Director Greenaway CARRIED
 Director Petersen

(All/Directors/Majority)

“That the question be called on motion 2022-3-3 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

Verbal Report – Chair Parker

- Veterinarian Shortages
 - o February 16th meeting with local veterinarians
 - o Investigating a reduction to international veterinarian accreditation programs
 - Complicated process
 - o Veterinarian Technician Program at CNC/UNBC
 - o UNBC and Washington State University in discussion regarding bridging programs
 - o Met with Kevin Boone, General Manager, BC Cattlemen’s Association
 - RDBN work in the agriculture sector is advanced
 - Mr. Boone brought forward the veterinarian shortage issue to the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture
 - o Continue to prioritize and advocate for 20 seats in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan
 - o Investigating short, mid and long-term solutions
 - o Need for large animal veterinarians
 - o Recruitment and retention in northern BC
 - Potential loan forgiveness programs.
- Meat Cutter Training Meeting
 - o Attended a meeting regarding meat cutter training in the region March 15, 2022
 - BC Meat Cutters
 - Thompson River University (TRU)
 - College of New Caledonia (CNC)
 - School District No. 91 Nechako Lakes
 - BV Custom Slaughter
 - RDBN Agriculture Coordinators and Manager of Regional Economic Development
 - o TRU’s meat cutter course
 - o Researching options to bring a similar program to the region
 - o After the meeting staff received call from Dean of Trades at Coast Mountain College and they will reach out to Dean at CNC and TRU for further discussions

AGRICULTURE REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Chair's Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2022-3-5

"That Chair Parker's verbal reports be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

GO Podcast Series

Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2022-3-6

"That the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's (West) GO Podcast Series memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

RURAL REPORTS

Grant in Aid for Gas Tax Trade

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-3-7

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following trades of Grant in Aid and Federal Gas Tax:

- 1) That Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) give Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) \$30,000 in Federal Gas Tax.
- 2) That Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) give Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) \$30,000 in Grant in Aid.
- 3) That Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) give Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) \$10,000 in Federal Gas Tax.
- 4) That Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) give Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) \$10,000 in Grant in Aid.
- 5) That Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) give Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) \$7,000 in Federal Gas Tax.
- 6) That Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) give Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) \$7,000 in Grant in Aid."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Grant in Aid – Lake Kathlyn Protection Society

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-3-8

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve allocating \$42,415 in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Grant in Aid monies to Lake Kathlyn Protection Society, to be paid upon invoice submission for capital repairs for the Lake Kathlyn Weed Harvesting Service."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

RURAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

**COVID-19 Relief Fund
 Applications**

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-3-9

“That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:

-Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

- Paul Lychak Community Hall – Insurance, Hydro, Maintenance
 - \$6,533.17
- Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club – Insurance 2020/2021 and
 2021/2022 - \$8,091.00
- Smithers Gallery Association – Workstations - \$938.52
- Glenwood Hall Committee Association – Insurance and Hydro
 - \$6,424.13
- Telkwa Museum Society – Utilities - \$4,452.94
- Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society – Insurance and Accounting
 Fees - \$9,294.00

-Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

- Burns Lake Woman’s Vortex Hockey Ice Rental - \$3,494.40
- Rose Lake Community Club – Insurance and Hydro - \$1,820.86
- Decker Lake Recreation Commission – Utilities, Society Filing,
 Cleaning and Sanitizing supplies - \$2,599.87

-Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

- Fort St. James Community Foundation – Insurance, Society
 Fees, Website Fees, Rent - \$3,917.31
- Stuart Lake Recycling Co-op – Insurance and Hydro - \$3,126.46

-Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society – Insurance -
 \$2,451.00

-Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission – Insurance and Hydro
 - \$5,119.45
- Colleymount Recreation Commission – Hydro, Propane, Society
 Registration, Chamber Membership - \$1,431.96
- Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Commission – Insurance
 -\$1,430.00

-Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Mapes Blackwater Sob Lake Community Club – Insurance and
 Hydro - \$4,050.00
- Vanderhoof Community Foundation – Directors Insurance and
 Zoom Membership - \$1,101.00
- Vanderhoof International Airshow – Insurance, Accounting
 Fees, Membership, Deposits - \$3,139.37

-Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

- Granisle and District Senior Citizen’s Association Society
 – 2022 Insurance - \$6,423.00.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RURAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Façade Improvement Program Funding Update Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2022-3-10

“That the Committee receive the Economic Development Assistant’s Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Façade Improvement Program Funding Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural Directors’ Remuneration and HRVA Meetings Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-3-11

“That the Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Rural Directors’ Remuneration and HRVA Meetings memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural Arts, Culture and Recreation Services Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2022-3-12

“That the Committee recommend to the Board that the Rural Arts, Culture and Recreation Budgets be included in the Regional District’s budget bylaw.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural Contribution Fire Department Budgets Moved by Director Greenaway
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-3-13

“That the Committee recommend to the Board that the Rural Contribution Fire Department Budgets be included in the Regional District’s budget bylaw.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area “C” Grant in Aid for Fort St. James Search and Rescue Moved by Director Greenaway
 Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2022-3-14

1) “That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the taxation changes requested, and;

2) That the Committee recommend that the Board approve \$100,000.00 in Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Grant in Aid monies for the Fort St. James Search and Rescue for the purchase of a Search and Rescue Building.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

A Highly Opinionated
Introduction to Regional
Districts

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-3-15

“That the Committee receive the Highly Opinionated Introduction to Regional Districts – in Four Parts by Donna McMahon, Area E Director for the Sunshine Coast Regional District.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2022-3-16

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair Parker and Rural/Agriculture Committee
FROM: Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner
DATE: April 14, 2022
SUBJECT: Federal Referral for Addition to Cheslatta Reserve 1

RECOMMENDATION

That the RDBN send the attached letter as the RDBN's response to Indigenous Services Canada's request for comments for Cheslatta Carrier Nation's request for an Addition to Reserve.

VOTING

All / Directors / Majority

DISCUSSION

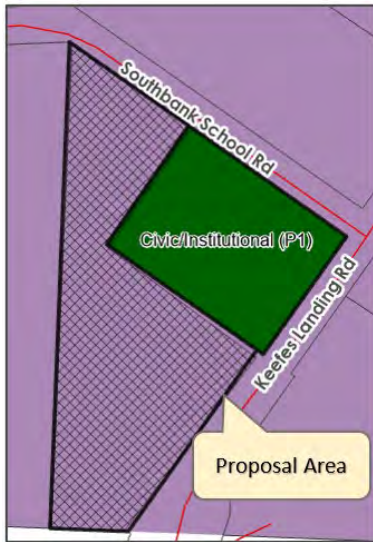
The attached letter is from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for Cheslatta Carrier's application to add lands to their Reserve. The Board sent a letter of support to Cheslatta Carrier Nation for five fee simple parcels on November 18, 2021 (see attached). This ISC application include a sixth parcel, abutting Cheslatta Carrier Nation's Administration Building, marked with hatching in the maps.

Properties: Cheslatta Carrier Nation Administration building zoned Civic/Institutional (P1), a property abutting the administration building zoned Small Holdings (H1), and four parcels in Danskin zoned Light Industrial (M1), General Commercial (C1), and H1 in RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 (see Zoning Map).



Zoning

Green = P1; Dark Purple = H1; Light Purple = H2; Yellow = C1, Grey = M1, & White = No Zoning



The transfer of these lands to Reserve will result in the RDBN having no jurisdiction over the lands. RDBN bylaws shall not apply and any RDBN services must be provided under contract or other agreement. Staff have no concerns regarding the proposal. According to RDBN records, the six parcels of land total approximately 9.12 ha (22.53 ac). The lost taxation revenue is estimated to be \$2,200 yearly.

ATTACHMENTS

- Referral Letter from Indigenous Services Canada
- RDBN Response Letter to Cheslatta Carrier Nation – November 19, 2021
- RDBN Response Letter for Indigenous Services Canada



February 1, 2022

Sent via email to: inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Box 820, Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

**Re: Proposed Addition to Reserve
Cheslatta Carrier Nation – Cheslatta Carrier Indian Reserve No. 1**

I am writing to inform you that Cheslatta Carrier Nation has, by way of a Band Council Resolution, submitted a request for an Addition to Reserve to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Cheslatta Carrier Nation has requested that certain land(s), located in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, be set apart as an addition to Cheslatta Carrier IR 1.

The lands for the Proposed Addition to Reserve are described as:

In the Province of British Columbia

PID 007-801-408

LOT 4, DISTRICT LOT 716, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT, PLAN PRP8371

PID 010-747-371

BLOCK B, DISTRICT LOT 716, RANGE 4, COAST DISTRICT, PLAN PRP4990

PID 008-171-271

LOT 2, DISTRICT LOT 1682, RANGE 4, COAST DISTRICT, PLAN PRP7975

PID 008-171-289

LOT 3, DISTRICT LOT 1682, RANGE 4, COAST DISTRICT, PLAN PRP7975

PID 026-163-888

LOT A DISTRICT LOT 1682 AND 1683 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT PLAN BCP15376

PID 015-525-783

Rem BLOCK C, DISTRICT LOT 1683, RANGE 4, COAST DISTRICT

The total area is approximately 9.36 hectares (23.13 acres).

(the "Proposed Reserve Land").

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Enclosed for your information is a map showing the approximate location of the Proposed Reserve Land. The lands are owned in fee simple by a band owned corporation and individuals in trust for Cheslatta Carrier Nation, and are to be added to Cheslatta Carrier IR 1 for community addition.

As you may know, reserves are land that has been set apart for the use and benefit of a First Nation. The Government of Canada has discretion to create reserves and add land to existing reserves in accordance with Canada's Addition to Reserve/Reserve Creation Policy Directive. I encourage you at this time to offer any technical comments that you may have about this proposed reserve, and ask that you please submit your comments by May 1, 2022 to bcatr@sac-isc.gc.ca.

Local Government(s) and the Province are encouraged to work with the First Nation using a "good neighbour" approach, which involves good will, good faith and reasonableness in discussions between the First Nation and other Governments. As part of the Reserve Creation process the First Nation is responsible for negotiating agreements with local governments on issues such as service provisions, by-law harmonization, tax considerations, land-use planning, and dispute resolution.

We encourage Municipal, Provincial and First Nation governments to work together on common and shared obligations and goals. By working together, we can advance our collective work in the spirit of reconciliation and a nation-to-nation relationship. Communication among all relevant parties is encouraged when addressing issues of mutual concern.

If you have any questions or concerns with respect to this request, please do not hesitate to contact Wanda Röttcher, Lands Management Officer at Wanda.Rottcher@sac-isc.gc.ca or by phone at: 604-379-7423.

Sincerely,



Kuldip Gill
A/Manager, Program and Project Support
Lands and Economic Development Directorate
British Columbia Region
600 - 1138 Melville Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3

Encl. Map showing approximate location

cc. Cheslatta Carrier Nation

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****STAFF REPORT**

TO: Chairperson Thiessen and Board of Directors
FROM: Danielle Patterson, Planner
DATE: November 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Addition to Cheslatta 1 Reserve (Cheslatta Carrier Nation)

RECOMMENDATION

That the RDBN send the attached letter as the RDBN's response to the letter from Chief Corrina Leween of the Cheslatta Carrier Nation supporting the proposed addition to the Cheslatta Reserve.

VOTING

All / Directors / Majority

DISCUSSION

The attached letter from Chief Leween provides the RDBN with advance notice that the Cheslatta Carrier Nation are preparing to submit a proposal to add fee simple lands to their Reserve. The Chief is providing this opportunity for the RDBN to raise any concerns that may exist.

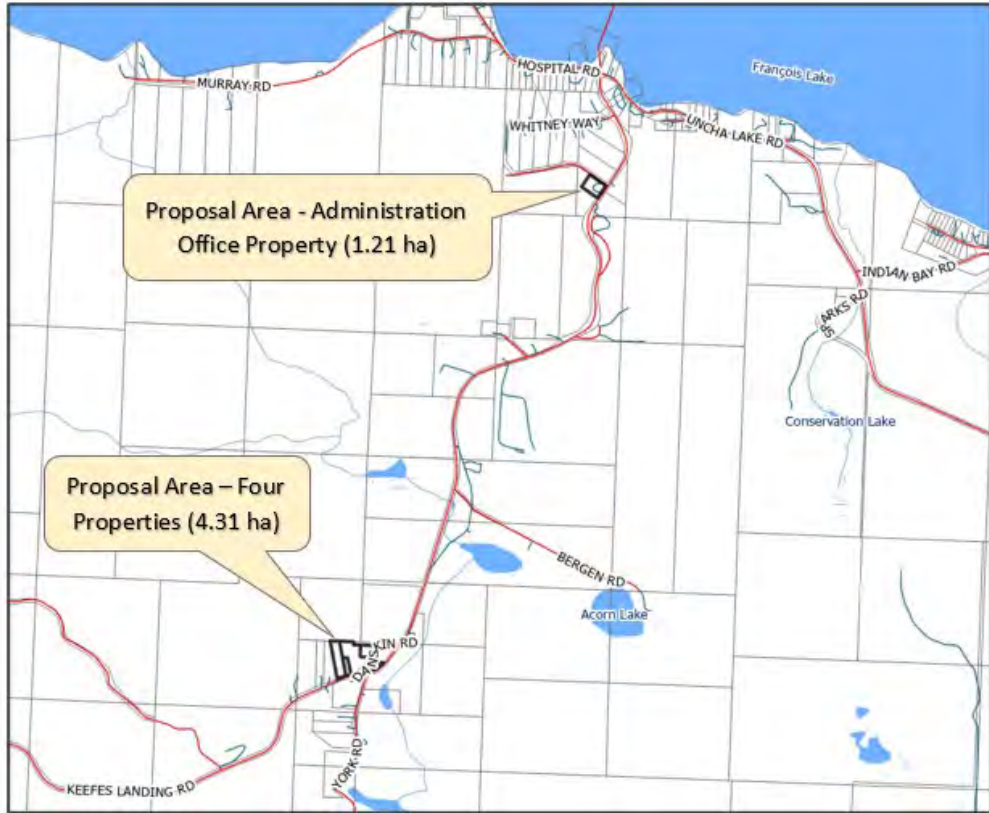
The lands proposed for addition to Reserve include the Cheslatta Carrier Nation's Administration Building, zoned Civic/Institutional (P1), and four parcels in Danskin zoned Light Industrial (M1), General Commercial (C1), and Small Holdings (H1) in RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 (see Zoning Map). The five parcels of land total approximately 5.52 ha (13.64 ac).

The transfer of these lands to Reserve will result in the RDBN having no jurisdiction over the lands. RDBN bylaws shall not apply and RDBN services are provided under contract or other agreement. Staff have no concerns regarding the proposal. The lost taxation revenue is estimated to be \$2,000 yearly.

ATTACHMENTS

- Letter from Chief Corrina Leween, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- RDBN Response Letter

Proposal Area



Zoning

Green = P1; Dark Purple = H1; Yellow = C1, and Grey = M1





CHESLATTA CARRIER NATION

P.O. Box 909 • Burns Lake, B.C. • V0J 1E0
Phone 250-694-3334 • Fax 250-694-3632



September 28, 2021

Regional District Bulkley-Nechako
37 3rd Avenue, PO Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

Attention: Clint Lambert, Director, Area E – clint.lambert@rdbn.bc.ca
Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison – taddea.kunkel@rdbn.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Lambert and Ms. Kunkel:

Re: Cheslatta Carrier Nation Addition to Reserve Proposal

We are writing to share some exciting news with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. The Cheslatta Carrier Nation is preparing to submit an Addition to Reserve proposal for fee simple lands we own on Keefe's Landing Road, consisting of our administration office lands and lands at Danskin.

While we are only in the early stages of this process, we wanted to share this information with the RDBN and invite you to meet with us to discuss any concerns you may have.

We are of course optimistic that the RDBN will be supportive of this initiative and we look forward to working with you to resolve any issues.

Yours Truly,

Chief Corrina Leween
Cheslatta Carrier Nation



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REGIONAL DISTRICT
OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
"A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION"

November 18, 2021

Chief Corrina Leween
Cheslatta Carrier Nation
P.O. Box 909
Burns Lake, BC, V0J 1E0
Email: cleween@cheslatta.com

RE: Cheslatta Carrier Nation Addition to Reserve

Thank you for the advanced notice and the opportunity to comment on your application to add the land containing your administration building and four parcels in Danskin to your Reserve. The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako is happy to support this proposal and encourages you to engage directly with area residents regarding your plans.

Do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have further questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

Gerry Thiessen
Chair

C: Director Clint Lambert, RDBN Director, Electoral Area E
Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer, RDBN
Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Taddea Kunkel, RDBN First Nations Liaison

MUNICIPALITIES:

SMITHERS FORT ST. JAMES
VANDERHOOF FRASER LAKE
HOUSTON TELKWA
BURNS LAKE GRANISLE

ELECTORAL AREAS:

A - SMITHERS RURAL E - OOTSA LAKE/FRANCOIS LAKE
B - BURNS LAKE RURAL F - VANDERHOOF RURAL
C - FORT ST. JAMES RURAL G - HOUSTON RURAL
D - FRASER LAKE RURAL

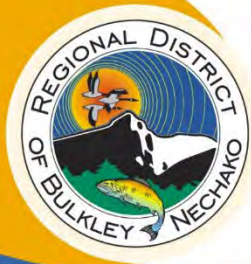
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REGIONAL DISTRICT
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April 14, 2022

Kuldip Gill
Assistant Manager, Program and Project Support
Lands and Economic Development Directorate
British Columbia Region
Indigenous Services Canada
Email: bcatr@sac-isc.gc.ca

**RE: Proposed Addition to Reserve
Cheslatta Carrier Nation – Cheslatta Carrier Indian Reserve No. 1**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Cheslatta Carrier Nation's request for an Addition to Reserve for the following fee-simple lands: PIDs 007-801-408, 010-747-371, 008-171-271, 008-171-289, 026-163-888, and 015-525-783.

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako provided a letter of support to Cheslatta Carrier Nation for a similar proposal in November 2021 and wish to provide continued support for this Addition to Reserve application. The RDBN has no technical comments or concerns related to the application. Engagement with area residents is encouraged.

Do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have further questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

Gerry Thiessen
Chair

C: Chief Corrina Leween, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation
Director Clint Lambert, RDBN Director, Electoral Area E
Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer, RDBN

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair Parker and Rural / Agriculture Committee
FROM: Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner
DATE: April 14, 2022
SUBJECT: Notice of Work File #14675-20/MINE #1650867

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation as the Regional District's comments on Notice of Work File #14675-20/MINE #1650867.

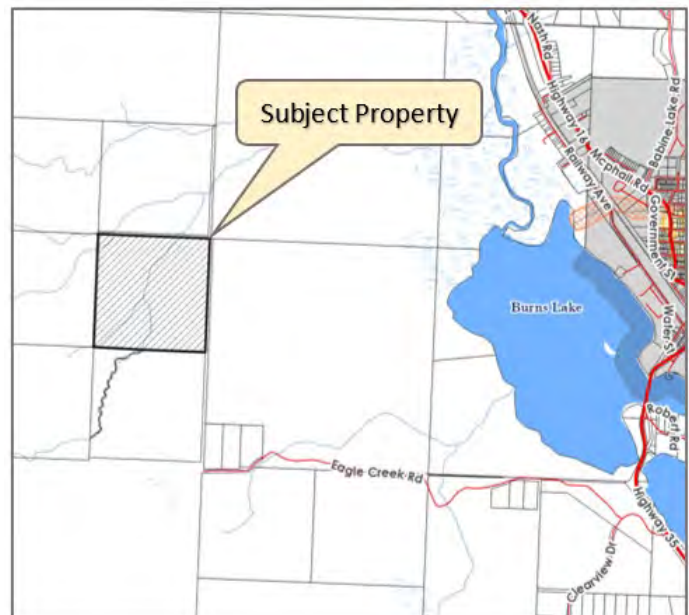
VOTING

All Directors / Majority

DISCUSSION

The Regional District has received a Mines Act Permit Notice of Work referral for Eagle Creek Pit for sand and gravel operations. The site is approximately 9 km from Burns Lake and 1.4 km from the nearest residence.

The permit request is to extract up to 5,000 tonnes of materials per year from an approximate ~0.4 ha area site over a 5-year period. The extracted materials would be hauled offsite to a cement plant. A portion of the land was previously used for sand and gravel removal and no new disturbance is planned within this 5-year permit period.



ATTACHMENT:

- Comment Sheet

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMENT SHEET ON NOTICE OF WORK FILE #14675-20/MINE #1650867

Applicant:	Paul Meckler on behalf of 0674377 B.C. Ltd.
Electoral Area:	B
Existing Land Use:	Former mining operation (sand and gravel removal)
Zoning:	Large Holdings (H2) Zone
OCP Designation:	Resource (RE)
Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:	Not applicable under the <i>Mines Act</i>
If not, why?	Not applicable
Agricultural Land Reserve Status:	Not in the ALR
Access:	Eagle Creek Road
Within a Building Inspection Area:	Yes
Within an RDBN Fire Protection Area:	Yes
Other comments:	Not applicable



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural / Agriculture Committee

To: Chair and Committee
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: April 14, 2022
Subject: **Letter to Minister Kang re: Investment in more BC vets**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

That the Committee recommend that the Board approve sending the attached letter to the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister for Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

BACKGROUND

On April 4th the Province of BC announced a nearly \$10.7 million investment to double the number of subsidized seats for BC students at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine from 20 to 40 for the 2022-23 academic year.

This announcement reflects requests supported by the RDBN Board of Directors as an important step towards addressing the significant lack of veterinarians in BC.

Chair Parker would like to send the attached letter to Minister Kang to thank her ministry for this important investment announcement.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter to Minister Kang re: Investing in more BC vets

Link to News Release: [Investing in more BC vets to help families, farmers](#)



April 15, 2022

Honourable Anne Kang
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
PO Box 9080 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
Via email: AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Kang:

Subject: Investing in more BC vets

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board would like to express our appreciation for your ministry's recently announced investment in veterinary training. Doubling the number of subsidized Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN) is an important step towards addressing the lack of veterinarians in BC and we are pleased to see such an important investment in time for the 2022/23 academic year.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact as doubled classes complete their studies in four years time and hopefully return to BC to practice. We look forward to collaborating on additional solutions to address the shortages in this vital industry. Ensuring that all 40 BC seats at WCVN are permanently subsidized for all four years of DVM training is a crucial consideration for increasing the number of practicing veterinarians in BC.

Thank you again for your acknowledgement and understanding of the critical nature of the veterinarian shortage and this significant investment in reaching a solution.

Sincerely,

Gerry Thiessen
RDBN Board Chair

Mark Parker
RDBN Rural/Agriculture Committee Chair

cc: Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural / Agriculture Committee

To: Chair and Committee
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: April 14, 2022
Subject: **COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following Applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds.

BACKGROUND

Community Group	Project	Amount
Area 'A' (Smithers Rural)		
Treehouse Housing Association - The Ark Playday Centre	Insurance	\$2,742.48
Smithers Zone Canadian Ski Patrol	Insurance and Membership Fees	\$3,772.08
Area 'B' (Burns Lake Rural)		
Burns Lake Community Garden Society	Insurance	\$673.44
Ride Burns	Insurance and Fees	\$2,654.33
Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce	Shop Local Campaign	\$2,000.00
Lakes District Fair Association	Memberships, Fees, Insurance	\$922.68
Area 'C' (Fort St; James Rural)		
Area 'D' (Fraser Lake Rural)		
Fraser Lake Minor Hockey Association	Rental Fees	\$3,724.98
Fraser Lake Curling Club	Rental Fees	\$1,419.00
Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society	Utilities	\$856.89

Area 'E' (Francois/Ootsa Rural)		
Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Commission	Hydro	\$2,216.50
Ride Burns	Insurance and Fees	\$2,654.33
Lakes District Fair Association	Memberships, Fees, Insurance	\$4,446.52
Area 'F' (Vanderhoof Rural)		
Area 'G' (Houston Rural)		

COVID-19 Relief Funds (up to April 7, 2022 – includes requests on this memo)

Electoral Area	Starting Balance	Funding Allocated	Funds Remaining
A – Smithers Rural	\$110,032.12	\$89,469.73	\$20,562.39
B – Burns Lake Rural	\$40,571.20	\$32,169.16	\$8,402.04
C – Fort St. James Rural	\$29,622.42	\$18,975.95	\$10,646.47
D – Fraser Lake Rural	\$30,815.70	\$14,100.37	\$16,715.33
E – Francois/Ootsa Rural	\$33,348.77	\$17,298.76	\$16,050.01
F – Vanderhoof Rural	\$76,725.20	\$32,162.43	\$44,562.77
G – Houston Rural	\$18,903.92	\$11,555.57	\$7,348.35
Total	\$340,019.33	\$187,648.74	\$152,370.59