

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 11**

**Thursday, September 17, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Eileen Benedict  
Shane Brienens  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Bob Hughes  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob MacDougall – left at 12:21 p.m.  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Luke Strimbold  
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 11:30 a.m., left at 11:35 a.m., returned at 11:42 a.m.  
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 11:04 a.m., returned at 1:11 p.m., left at 1:28 p.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Ray Chipeniuk, Smithers – left at 10:53 a.m., returned at 11:42 a.m., left at 11:55 a.m.  
Sheldon Clare, Independent Candidate – Cariboo-Prince George – 11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. via teleconference  
Jenny deJong, Smithers – arrived at 11:21 a.m., left at 11:35 a.m., returned at 11:42 a.m., left at 1:09 p.m.  
Randy Fraser, Smithers – left at 12:21 p.m.  
Jay Gilden, Smithers – left at 11:01 a.m., returned at 11:42 a.m., left at 11:55 a.m.  
Brad Layton, Liberal Candidate, Skeena Bulkley Valley – left at 11:04 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Lindstrom  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-11-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of September 17, 2015 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting as amended to include under New Business: Nechako Water Use Plan.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

### **Board Meeting Minutes** **– August 20, 2015**

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-11-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2015 be adopted as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Committee** **Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-11-3

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

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
-September 3, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
-June 11, 2015;
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes  
-August 20, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes  
- July 23, 2015;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes  
-September 3, 2015 (Unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes  
-August 20, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DELEGATION**

### **BRAD LAYTON – Liberal Candidate, Skeena Bulkley Valley**

Chair Miller welcomed Brad Layton, Liberal Candidate, Skeena Bulkley Valley.

Mr. Layton provided a handout that included a bio and issues he feels are important along with the Liberal policy titled “A Historic Investment Plan to Strengthen the Middle Class, Create Jobs and Grow Our Economy.” Mr. Layton explained that the document provides an outline on how the Liberal party plans to double the federal infrastructure investment from \$65 billion to \$125 billion over the next 10 years. If elected they plan to make an immediate down payment of \$5 billion for the first two years after the election for infrastructure. The plan has three distinct eligibility areas: public transit, social and green infrastructure.

Mr. Layton mentioned that a Liberal Government plans to add green infrastructure to the New Building Canada Fund and provide clearer project criteria, faster approval processes and quicker dispersal. It will be a similar model utilized for the Gas Tax Fund. Any uncommitted federal infrastructure funds near the end of any fiscal year will be transferred to municipalities through a temporary top-up of the Gas Tax Fund.

A Liberal government plans to establish the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) to provide low-cost financing to build new infrastructure projects.

Mr. Layton spoke to the importance of skills and trades training and noted that a Liberal government will increase funding to skills and trades training by \$750 million. \$500 million will be invested in the labour market development agreements, \$200 million will be for workers not currently eligible, \$50 million to expand aboriginal skills training and \$25 million for training facilities, existing and new infrastructure.

## **DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

### **BRAD LAYTON – Liberal Candidate, Skeena Bulkley Valley**

The Liberal party is planning to work with employers to develop an appropriate apprenticeship worker ratio for all federal infrastructure projects. Changes are also planned for the Employment Insurance program through immediate engagement with the provinces. They intend to adjust the waiting period from two weeks to one week and reduce the waiting period to receive first payment to within two to three weeks.

Current relationships between the federal government and First Nations is also a top priority and the Liberal party plans to engage and communicate with First Nations to work together to address the issues faced by First Nations communities under past governments.

Chair Miller commented that immediately putting money into skills training is not the full answer to developing and growing skills training programs but the need to ensure that the federal, provincial, local governments, post-secondary institutions and industry form partnerships to work together to build a plan that will work for everyone. Mr. Layton noted that the funding will be available but the projects, models and planning still require development and implementation.

Director Thiessen spoke to the changes to the foreign workers program and what does the Liberal government plan to do to address the lack of workers. Mr. Layton mentioned that the Liberal government wants to create a program that provides work to displaced Canadian workers first, through such ideas of relocation of workers throughout Canada and then still provide opportunities for foreign/temporary workers along with their families to fill jobs.

Director MacDougall noted the challenges and issues regarding CN Rail in regard to getting products to market, safety of transporting products through communities and horn signals at crossings. Mr. Layton mentioned that the CN issue has not been recently brought forward but if he is elected he would like to see the regulations that CN follows in the United States be the same or similar in Canada.

Director Repen commented that a lot of the Liberal campaign has focused on a balanced budget, primary resource activities and how to foster growth in the long-term, what does the Liberal government plan to do to strengthen growth? Mr. Layton spoke to their plan to dedicate funding to green infrastructure such as better internet and cell service, once that is in place rural areas will have a better ability to attract business. Stable communications and internet are the backbone.

Chair Miller encouraged Mr. Layton and the Liberal party, if elected, to work together with all political parties and provinces to find solutions. It is important for politicians to work towards solutions for all of Canada.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)**

#### **TODD DOHERTY - Conservative Candidate - Cariboo-Prince George (via teleconference)**

Mr. Doherty was unavailable when the Regional Board called.

## **DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)**

### **SHELDON CLARE – Independent Candidate - Cariboo-Prince George (via teleconference)**

Chair Miller welcomed Sheldon Clare, Independent – Cariboo-Prince George.

Mr. Clare provided an outline of his background. He has lived the majority of his life in Prince George and currently teaches at the College of New Caledonia (CNC), sits on the CNC Board of Governors and is the Elected Facility Rep. He is currently the President of the Canadian National Finance Association and is past President of the Royal Canadian Legion, his local Rod and Gun Club and past Chair of the Alpine Club of Canada's Prince George Section. He also assisted with the profiles of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club as a volunteer Biathlon Sports Information Officer for the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George.

Mr. Clare mentioned that the reason he is running as an independent candidate is because he believes the party system is broken and in order to correct the system an elected official needs to be responsive and responsible to the voters rather than a political party. Mr. Clare intends to fight for local issues, diversify the economy and not just focus on resource extraction, but look for markets for renewable resources. He also noted that an emphasis needs to be put on the importance of the agriculture sector. There is a need to reduce student debt when students leave post-secondary education and he feels that an avenue to address this is through eliminating interest on student loans. He also believes in better support for seniors and more services for veterans along with more support for veterans and those dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mr. Clare commented that economic diversity is key for success and that we have been impacted by the boom or bust cycle numerous times and require diversification to cushion the effects of a boom or bust economy.

Mr. Clare spoke of his strong opposition to Bill C-51, Anti-Terrorism Act 2015. He strongly believes that intelligence agencies should not be law enforcement agencies as well. He noted concerns regarding the privacy and freedom aspects associated with the legislation of Bill C-51.

In terms of the environment, polluters need to pay for their damages and cleanup. Mr. Clare does not support mandatory minimum sentencing, he feels that limits the ability for the judge and courts to provide adequate sentencing. Mr. Clare has considered the idea of tying corporate tax rates with corporate performance in terms of providing jobs and employment opportunities and being good corporate citizens within communities. If companies have a high level corporate performance their tax rate would be reduced.

It is important to pay attention to the people that live in the region, why they live here, along with providing good quality work opportunities.

Mr. Clare commented that there needs to be a better voice for aboriginal people and also better support and education opportunities for aboriginal people.

Director Repen asked if Mr. Clare was elected would he consult with constituents regarding his various platforms to determine whether or not they were supportive and what the general consensus would be. Mr. Clare explained he felt that by being an independent he would have the opportunity to listen to his constituents and have the ability to be a critical thinker. He believes in a flexible coalition to better Cariboo-Prince George and Canada. Mr. Clare mentioned that it is important to get more people to vote and there needs to be a process to encourage people to vote for something not against something.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Clare for attending the meeting via teleconference and the importance for all political parties to work together to find solutions for the betterment of all constituents.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Funding in 2016**

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Brienen

2015-11-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors defer prioritizing the list of projects for Northern Development Initiative Trust Northwest Regional Advisory Committee.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Strimbold spoke to the potential changes moving forward from the Northwest Regional Advisory Committee (NW RAC) to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Regional Board in regard to second time applicants to the different funding grant allocations.

Chair Miller noted that NDIT now has a pine beetle account that can be accessed for grant funding.

The intake deadline for grant submissions for this fall is November, 2015.

Discussion took place regarding the difficulty of assessing the potential requests for funding in 2016. Developing a rating system and/or check list to apply to all applications to assist in determining priority projects was discussed. A smaller group to review the projects such as the Rural Directors Committee was suggested.

NDIT staff have requested that the RDBN Board of Directors prioritize the list of potential grant applications for the NW RAC for the 2016 year. Some applications have not yet been submitted but are in the beginning planning stages.

The Regional Board expressed its wish to have the projects brought forward to the Rural Directors Committee for prioritization.

### **Lake Babine Nation - Northern Development Application -Northwest RAC**

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-11-5

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors defer the Lake Babine Nation – Northern Development Initiative Trust Application – Northwest RAC to Rural Directors Committee.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Committee Meeting  
Recommendations  
-September 3, 2015

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-11-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve recommendations 1 through 3:

**Committee of the Whole – September 3, 2015**

**Recommendation 1:**

**Re: RDBN Staff Attendance at UBCM Convention 2015**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors endorse sending Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning/Interim Deputy Administrator to the 2015 UBCM Convention in Vancouver, in place of the RDBN CAO."

**Recommendation 2:**

**Re: Re-Use Shed Closure and Salvaging Ban**

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to issue the media release titled "Closure of Re-Use Sheds and Banning of Salvaging Activities at Solid Waste Management Facilities."
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to proceed with the public meetings as outlined.
3. Further, that the date of each community meeting be included on the closure notices."

**Rural Directors Committee – September 3, 2015**

**Recommendation 3:**

**Re: Federal Gas Tax Community Works Fund Repayment Potential**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to non-profit societies that have been granted Federal Gas Tax Community Works funds and request that an annual report be sent once a year to the RDBN that includes a copy of the society's annual report; and further, that they be provided an opportunity to provide a written update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Topley Rural Fire Protection  
Service Establishment and  
Topley Road Rescue and  
Medical First Responders  
Service Establishment  
Referenda – November 7, 2015

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-11-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors schedule a referendum to take place on Saturday, November 7, 2015 regarding “Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1743, 2015,” “Topley Rural Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1744, 2015,” and “Topley Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1745, 2015.” Further, that Cheryl Anderson be appointed Chief Election Officer and Geraldine Craven be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds  
-Electoral Area “B” (Burns  
Lake Rural) – Rose Lake  
Community Club

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2015-11-8

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$13,000 of Electoral Area “B” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to Rose Lake Community Club for a recreation infrastructure improvement project at the Rose 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 \$300 cost, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

3. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$13,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergency Response Staff  
Hours and Expense  
Recovered and Unrecovered

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Benedict

2015-11-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s September 1, 2015 memo titled “Emergency Response Staff Hours and Expense Recovered and Unrecovered.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report  
August and July, 2015  
Recovered and Unrecovered

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-11-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s September 9, 2015 memos titled “Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report August, 2015” and “Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report July 2015”.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)**

### **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATIO**

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Temporary Use Permit  
A-01-14 Vihar Construction Ltd  
Skillhorn & Morris Roads, Telkwa  
Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-11-11

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

- a. Receive the following Supplementary Agenda Electoral Area Planning Correspondence:
  - i. Alison Beal – RE: TUP A-01-14 (Vihar);
  - ii. Dale Belevance for Greg and Robin Burns RE: TUP A-01-14 and TUP A-02-14, Electoral Area “A”;
- b. Defer consideration of Temporary Use Permit No. A-01-14 and to allow the applicants to reconsider their proposed permit terms in light of the public concerns being raised;
- c. Direct staff to prepare an information report for the Regional Board discussing the regulation of gravel extraction and processing in the RDBN; and,
- d. Further, that staff research best practices used in other Regional Districts.”

(Participants/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Repen provided an outline of the Village of Telkwa’s concerns regarding TUP No. A-01-14. The Village of Telkwa is in an agreement to maintain the road adjacent to the property and the Telkwa Industrial Park property owners and they are concerned that the increased impact on the road and degradation of the road would increase costs to the Village of Telkwa in its maintenance of the road. Concerns were also raised in regard to the elevation of the crusher and the impact to Regional District residents in the area. The Village of Telkwa passed a resolution in regard to its concerns.

Director Fisher reported that TUP No. A-01-14 is for the use of a gravel crushing plant in an existing gravel pit. The gravel pit has been in operation for over 30 years and is regulated by the Ministry of Energy and Mines. The applicant would like more time to address residents’ concerns regarding the operation of the gravel crushing plant.



**TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION (CONT'D)**

Ray Chipenuk, a resident, commented that providing more time for consultation and information gathering was very satisfactory.

Randy Fraser, Vihar Construction, noted that the gravel crushing will not have any notable change in the operation of the gravel pit.

Director Fisher thanked area residents for attending the meeting.

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Temporary Use Permit Moved by Director Fisher  
A-02-14 Greg and Robin Burns Seconded by Director Bachrach  
6105 Highway 16, Smithers  
Electoral Area "A"

2015-11-12

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

- a. Receive the following Supplementary Electoral Area Planning Correspondence:
  - i. Dr. Ray Chipeniuk RE: TUP A-02-14 (Burns) – Electoral Area "A";
  - ii. Derek Botchford – Frontier Farwest Steelhead Lodge – RE: TUP a-02-14 (Burns), Electoral Area "A";
- b. Defer consideration of Temporary Use Permit No. A-02-14 to allow the applicants to reconsider their proposed permit terms in light of the public concerns being raised;
- c. Direct staff to prepare an information report for the Regional Board discussing the regulation of gravel extraction and processing in the RDBN; and,
- d. Further, that staff research best practices used in other Regional Districts."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Temporary Use Permit Moved by Director Strimbold  
B-01-15 Tyson and Gail Seconded by Director Benedict  
Radley, Tintagel Road,  
Burns Lake – Electoral Area "B"

2015-11-13

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. B-01-15."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Miller explained that Louise Fisher, APC Member commented in favour of the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. B-01-15 as long as residents' concerns were addressed.

**MEMO**

Board Approval to Allow  
Consideration of Rezoning  
A-03-15 (Barendregt)  
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2015-11-14

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors vary Section 7.1 of "Development Procedures Bylaw 1422, 2007" for rezoning application A-03-15 to allow the application to be considered at this time."

(All/Directors/2/3 Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (All Directors)**

Derelict Buildings on Crown  
Land – Reno Road, Topley,  
Electoral Area "G"; 4620  
Kissock Road, Decker Lake,  
Electoral Area "B"; 50995 Shallow  
Bay Road, Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-11-15

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct that staff work with local fire departments to identify the potential for burning of the buildings, and report back to the Regional District Board with a draft budget for the clean-up of the properties."

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2015-11-16

"That Motion 2015-11-15 be amended to include:  
and further, that the Regional Board bring forward the issue of derelict buildings on Crown Land to John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and Doug Donaldson, MLA Stikine."

Opposed: Director Liversidge CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the question be called on Motion 2015-11-15 as amended."

Opposed: Mark Fisher CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-11-17

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations seeking compensation for costs associated with cleanup of derelict buildings on Crown Land and bring forward the Regional Board's concerns in regard to the hazards and liability associated in not cleaning up the properties."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (All Directors) (CONT'D)**

Concerns were brought forward in regard to the hazards and liability associated with Crown Land properties that have derelict buildings, wells, etc. The cost liability to the RDBN if they move forward to clean up the properties may be significant. Discussion took place in regard to the RDBN seeking compensation from the province for cleaning up the properties and or requesting that the properties be given or sold to the RDBN for a nominal fee.

**Break for Lunch 12:21 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 1:04 p.m.**

**OTHER**

Planning Department  
Reports

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-11-18

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Planning Department reports:

-Enquiries Report – August, 2015;  
-Planning Department Action List – August, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Heike Schmidt, Ministry of  
Community, Sport and Cultural  
Development RE: Climate  
Leadership Plan Discussion  
Paper

Moved by Director Lindstrom  
Seconded by Director Repen

2015-11-19

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Heike Schmidt, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development RE: Climate Leadership Plan Discussion Paper.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hendrick & Jenny De Jong  
RE: Application No. 1181,  
Subdivision within the ALR  
Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Brienen

2015-11-20

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Hendrick and Jenny De Jong Regarding Application No. 1181, Subdivision within the ALR, Electoral Area “A”.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher requested the opportunity for Jenny De Jong to speak to the Regional Board.

## **CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

Ms. De Jong requested that the Regional Board reconsider Application No. 1181 for subdivision within the ALR, Electoral Area "A". She mentioned that subdividing the property will not change the utilization of the property and can still be used for agricultural purposes such as sheep and goats. She spoke to the application having no effects on traffic between Fort Babine and Smithers, school buses, and land uses. Ms. De Jong noted that the subdivision would make it possible for the one half of the property to be better utilized for good agricultural purposes and expressed her wish for the Regional Board to reconsider her application.

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### Town of Smithers

Director Bachrach mentioned that the Town of Smithers continues to look for a Chief Administrative Officer. He also noted that this fall the Town of Smithers Small Business Task Force is researching areas of improvement for small businesses.

### Village of Telkwa Hires New Administrative Manager

Director Repen commented that the Village of Telkwa has hired a new Administrative Manager. He also mentioned that the council has begun 2016 budget discussions.

### Village of Granisle Continues to Work to Upgrade Internet

Director Liversidge spoke of the Village of Granisle's continued work to upgrade internet to the community and increase bandwidth. He reported that the Village of Granisle will potentially receive \$700,000 from three levels of government.

### Luck Bay Fire Hall

Director Greenaway mentioned that he, along with Gail Chapman, CAO, Deborah Jones-Middleton, Manager of Protective Services, and Alternate Director Hughes met with the District of Fort St. James regarding the Luck Bay Fire Hall agreement.

### Lakes District Fall Fair

Director Benedict mentioned that the Lakes District Fall Fair was very successful. There were over 80 beef entries and a very active 4-H group along with all the other great events that occurred during the weekend.

Chair Miller spoke of not being able to attend the Lakes District Fall Fair this year but has received a lot of feedback in regard to the quality of the event. He mentioned his appreciation for all the volunteer hours that have been put into the upgrades and improvements to the LD Fall Fair and that the number of attendees and participants grows every year. He noted that the fairs across the region have the ability to bring the entire region together.

### Colleymount Road Issue

Director Benedict reported that over 900 signatures have been collected in a petition in regard to the condition of Colleymount Road. She will bring the information orward to the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure at UBCM in Vancouver, September 21-25, 2015.

### Official Opening of West Fraser – Fraser Lake Sawmill Renewable Bioenergy Project

Directors Lindstrom and Parker attended the Official Opening of West-Fraser Fraser Lake Sawmill's Cogen Renewable Bioenergy Plant on September 11, 2015.

## **VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

### District of Vanderhoof Movie in the Park – Last Movie for the Season

Director Thiessen noted that the District of Vanderhoof held its last Movie in the Park. He spoke of how the events were a huge success.

### District of Vanderhoof Working with RDBN Staff RE: Rio Tinto Alcan/Nechako Reservoir.

Director Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof has been working with RDBN staff in regard to Rio Tinto Alcan and a water use plan for the Nechako Reservoir.

### Community Development Institute – UNBC RE: Housing Needs Research

Director Thiessen commented that the Community Development Institute at the University of Northern B.C. (UNBC) has recently completed a housing study for Vanderhoof.

### Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Strimbold  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-11-21

“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 Brienen  
Seconded by Director Newell

2015-11-22

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

- RDBN Letter to Southside Economic Development Association – RDBN/SEDA Contract;
- Ministry of Justice – British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standard – Cost Concerns;
- Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister Emergency Management BC – BC Earthquake Preparedness;
- Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine – BC Earthquake Preparedness;
- Rowland Road Residents – CN Warning Whistles;
- Fort St. James Secondary School – Senior Girls Soccer Team
  - Thank You for Grant in Aid Rhiannon Gammon
  - Thank You for RDBN Area “C” Bursary;
- District of Fort St. James – Thank you for Grant in Aid – Night Market;
- 2015 Granisle Day Community Market – Thank You for Participation;
- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
  - Intergovernmental Relations and Planning Branch
  - Green Communities Climate Action Recognition Program;
- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – BC Drought Situation;
- Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance- 21 Northwest BC Local Governments Hold First Summit on Revenue Sharing;
- Auditor General for Local Government- Performance Audit Guide for Local Governments;
- Auditor General for Local Government - Performance Audit Report on the District of North Vancouver;

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

- Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association – Rural Post Office Closures;
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
  - Proposed Addition to Reserve- Wet'suwet'en First Nation Addition of Land to Palling Indian Reserve No. 1;
- Fort St. James Green Energy Limited Partnership - Application Pursuant to the *Environmental Management Act* on behalf of Fort St. James Green Energy General Partner (GP) Ltd. in its Capacity as a GP for Fort St. James Green Energy Limited Partnership, dated October 22, 2014;
- Northern BC Tourism Association – Nominations;
- Wet'suwet'en First Nation – Wet'suwet'en Chiefs say Unist'ot'en do not Speak for their Nations;
- Ministry of Health/Doctors of BC – B.C. Welcomes New Doctors to Practice in Rural and Remote Communities;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
  - New Requirements for Provincial Transfer Program
  - Wood Stove Exchange Funding Available
  - Community to Community Forum Intake Announced
  - 2015 Affordable Housing Series
  - Animals in Overheated Vehicles Survey
  - Funding & Resources Update
  - Deadline Nearing to Submit RCMP Contract Feedback
  - Nominations Open for Energy Efficiency Working Group
  - C2C Forums: Relationships and Reconciliation
  - Funding & Resources Update
  - Executive Meeting Highlights
  - Local Government Perspectives on AGLG Operations;

## **INVITATIONS**

- Geoscience BC – Geoscience BC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Invitation;
- Kitimat LNG Reception – 2015 International LNG in B.C. Conference – October 15, 2015- Vancouver, B.C.;
- Association for Mineral Exploration BC - January 25-28, 2016 – Vancouver, B.C.;
- Smithers Telkwa Organizing Committee- Minerals North 2016 – May 18-20, 2016- Smithers, B.C.;
- University of Northern BC – Informal Reception - Thursday, September 24, 2015 – Prince Rupert, B.C.;
- Association for Mineral Exploration BC - Speaker Series Luncheon – September 23, 2015- Vancouver, B.C.;

## **UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION CORRESPONDENCE/INVITATIONS**

- UBCM Convention Bulletin #4;
- Jim Abram, Director and Chair, Strathcona Regional District – Director at Large;
- Doug Donaldson, MLA, Stikine – Union of BC Municipalities Convention;
- Selina Robinson, MLA, Coquitlam-Maillardville Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government - UBCM Meetings;
- Opposition Standing Committee for Agriculture and Food – Opposition Standing Committee for Agriculture and Food Coming to Vancouver;

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

- British Columbia's Small Business Roundtable - Open for Business Awards – September 22, 2015;
- Northern Gateway Reception – September 23, 2015;
- TransCanada Reception – September 23, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Repen spoke to the correspondence regarding Rowland Road Residents – CN Warning Whistles. Gail Chapman, CAO spoke to a recent e-mail received from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in regard to a request received from a resident requesting stoppage of CN warning whistles at a crossing. Ms. Chapman noted that the e-mail outlined the process in which a request for whistle stoppage could proceed. The RDBN has brought the issue forward at a provincial and federal level of government and it is a very large issue considering the number of crossings throughout the RDBN.

## **FINANCIAL**

Operating Accounts  
-August, 2015

Moved by Director Liversidge  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2015-11-23

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **BYLAW**

### **Bylaw for Adoption**

No. 1748– Vanderhoof Rural  
Fire Protection Service Area  
Boundary Amendment

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2015-11-24

“That “Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1746, 2015” be adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **READING FILE**

Reading File

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Liversidge

2015-11-25

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Auditor General for Local Government – Release of Performance Audit Guide for Local Governments;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – Public Affairs Update: Federal Leaders Target Votes in Battleground B.C.;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – Insight Newsletter – August 2015;

**READING FILE (CONT'D)**

**CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):**

- BC Community Forest Association – Summer 2015 Newsletter;
- B.C. Healthy Communities – Healthy Community Stories Project: Two Weeks Left for Nominations;
- Clean Energy Review: They are the Champions;
- E-Comm 911 Quarterly Newsletter Summer 2015;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM News Week of:
  - August 31, 2015
  - August 24, 2015
  - August 17, 2015
  - August 10, 2015;
- Liquor Control & Licensing Branch Newsletter – Liquor Line Summer 2015;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations- Update from the Minister August 2015;
- Ministry of Health News Release August 12, 2015 – B.C. Welcomes;
- New Doctors to Practice in Rural and Remote Communities:
  - Fort St. John
  - Terrace
  - Hazelton
  - Dawson Creek
  - Quesnel
  - McBride;
- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
  - September 9, 2015
  - September 2, 2015
  - August 21, 2015
  - August 26, 2015;
- North Central Local Government Association – August Newsletter;
- Northern Gateway CABs – Remembering Janet Holder;
- Northern Health – Healthier Northern Communities ebriefs:
  - September 1, 2015
  - August 20, 2015;
- Fraser Connector – Your Local Fraser Lake, Endako, Fort Fraser & Area Paper – August 2015;
- Smithers Exploration Group – Join SEG for Golf Training and Auction;
- Northwest Fire Centre – Wildfire Newsletter August 2015;
- 2015 UBCM Annual Report;
- University of Northern British Columbia – Fall Career Fair –Tuesday, October 6, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **REPORTS**

**Letter of Support Request  
– Beyond the Market**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Repen

**2015-11-26**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to Beyond the Market for its proposal for long-term funding to the Ministry of Agriculture’s Provincial Community Based Extension Services Program.

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RDBN Forestry Forum (Wildfire  
Workshop) October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

**2015-11-27**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to hire Mr. Al Gorley, Triangle Resources, as the facilitator for the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Wildfire Workshop at an estimated cost of \$2,500 plus travel. Further, that Mr. Brian Simpson, Wildfire Management Services 1041469 BC Ltd., be hired as a presenter for the upcoming Wildfire Workshop at an estimated cost of \$1,000/day plus travel costs.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Thiessen removed himself from the meeting at 1:34 p.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to Federal Gas Tax Funds – Electoral Areas “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) and “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) District of Vanderhoof.

**Federal Gas Tax Funds  
– Electoral Area “D”  
(Fraser Lake Rural)  
District of Vanderhoof**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Petersen

**2015-11-28**

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$200,000 of Electoral Area “D” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the District of Vanderhoof to build the Vanderhoof Pool complex; and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$200,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORTS (CONT'D)**

### **Federal Gas Tax Funds – Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

2015-11-29

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$500,000 of Electoral Area “F” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the District of Vanderhoof to build the Vanderhoof Pool complex; and further,

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 \$400 cost, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

3. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$500,400 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Thiessen returned to the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Administration Correspondence**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2015-11-30

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

- Town of Smithers – Re-use Shed at the Smithers/Telkwa Waste Transfer Station;
- RDBN Letter to Town of Smithers – Re-Use Shed At the Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station;

## **INVITATION**

-Geoscience BC Day 2015 – October 8, 2015 - Vancouver, B.C.;

## **UBCM CORRESPONDENCE/INVITATIONS**

- Electoral Area Directors Forum Agenda - September 22, 2015;
- How to Access the Convention Event App;
- Nils Jensen, Candidate for UBCM Executive.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Nechako Reservoir Water Use Plan

Director Thiessen spoke to RDBN staff time being utilized in regard to the Nechako Reservoir Water Use Plan. He mentioned the management of the Nechako Reservoir by Rio Tinto Alcan and selling of power to BC Hydro.

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2015-11-31

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to continue work on a Nechako Watershed Plan.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding staff time and workload.

### West Fraser Concrete Ltd. (SMXA), Donaldson Road, Smithers, Electoral Area “A”

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning provided an update in regard to the West Fraser Concrete Ltd., Smithers Motocross Association’s track located at Donaldson Road, Smithers, Electoral Area “A”. Staff have been actioning the Regional Board’s directions and finalizing the affidavit to get an injunction to cease operations. Staff has also attempted to meet with the property owner to determine what the property owner intends to do to remediate the site of the old landfill in which the SMXA Track is located and to discuss the RDBN obtaining a right of way to the old landfill site.

Staff noted that there appeared to be a motocross race that took place recently on the site but the use of the site during the summer appears to be relatively small.

Mr. Llewellyn mentioned that the RDBN Director of Environmental Services spoke with the property owner and he is not willing to do work to remediate the site back to its prior condition prior to the SMXA track being built on top of the landfill cap. The property owner’s response was contrary to telephone conversations during the summer where he indicated at that time that he would complete the work, but avoided meeting with RDBN staff.

Unless staff receive different direction from the Regional Board the next steps will be to follow through with the court process to stop usage on the site. Staff will provide a report to the Regional Board in regard to remedial steps for the site and issues to access a right of way.

The Regional Board expressed frustration at the lack of support from provincial ministries in assisting in finding a suitable location for the SMXA track and mitigating the issue and finding a solution. Frustrations were voiced that the SMXA did not assist in moving forward to find a solution to relocating the motocross to a more suitable location.

Staff noted that the property owner has also indicated that he will not sign an agreement to allow the RDBN to have a right of way to the old landfill site.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

Green Municipality Fund

Director Fisher mentioned that he spoke with a representative from the Green Municipality Fund in regard to possible funding for the reuse sheds. The representative will be in Vancouver during the UBCM Convention September 21-25, 2015 and Director Fisher plans to meet with them to discuss possible options.

Message to the Regional Board  
from Citizens in Vanderhoof  
RE: Reuse Shed Closure

Director Petersen reported that he has received a number of phone calls and e-mails from residents in Vanderhoof regarding the closure of the reuse sheds and that they want to see them re-opened. Director Petersen provided the public meeting date and time to the residents and encouraged them to come forward with possible solutions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-11-32

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:55 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Bill Miller, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant