

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2019

PRESENT: Acting Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Rory Mckenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 2:05 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-1

"That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for November 7, 2019 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

**Rural Directors Committee
Meeting Minutes
-October 10, 2019**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2019-9-2

"That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of October 10, 2019 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Nechako Watershed Roundtable – Request for Committee Grant in Aid – Electoral Areas “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, and “F”

Discussion took place in regard to Electoral Area grant in aid contribution to the Nechako Watershed Roundtable. Rural Directors can contact staff to provide contribution levels. Director Greenaway mentioned that he would be willing to give up his seat if others would like to participate at the Nechako Watershed Roundtable. Discussion took place in regard to more frequent updates from the Nechako Watershed Roundtable and the different agencies and organizations at the Roundtable.

Fort St. James Sled Dog Association -Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C”

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-3

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the Fort St. James Sled Dog Association be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the 2020 Caledonia Classic Sled Dog Races.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort St. James Secondary Sr. Boys Soccer Team -Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C”

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2019-9-4

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the Fort St. James Secondary Sr Boys Soccer Team be given \$750 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Provincial Championships in Burnaby, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Fraser Lake Business Expo Draw Prize -Electoral Area “D”

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-5

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the draw prize in the amount of \$223.99 for the Fraser Lake Business Expo be paid out of Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) grant in aid monies.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Studies 11 Class -Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “D”

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-6

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Studies 11 Class be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with a Parliamentary Tour.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Connexus Community Resources – Request for Grant in Aid– Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-7

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that Connexus Community Resources be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with the Seniors’ Christmas Dinner.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nechako Valley Rodeo Association – Request for Grant in Aid– Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-8

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the Nechako Valley Rodeo Association be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with the 7th Annual Rodeo.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Rocha Canada - Northern BC Project – Request for Grant in Aid– Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2019-9-9

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that A Rocha Canada – Northern BC Project be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for the purchase of a portable generator and stereo microscope.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area Directors’ Forum – February 5-7, 2020 -Richmond, B.C.

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-10

1. “That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors Committee wishing to attend the Electoral Area Directors’ Forum from February 5-7, 2020 in Richmond, B.C.
2. That the Rural Directors Committee submit discussion items for the Forum to the CAO prior to November 22, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke of submitting rural and municipal joint service governance models and Federal Gas Tax third party service providers as topics for discussion.

Street Lighting Services

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-11

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Board include the Street Lighting Services in the 2020 Financial Plan.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electoral Area Allocation of Federal Gas Tax Funds -Third Quarter 2019

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2019-9-16

“That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Accounting Clerk’s October 21, 2019 memorandum titled “Electoral Area Allocations of Federal Gas Tax Funds – Third Quarter 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

Federal Gas Tax

Discussion took place regarding:

- Third party service providers
 - o Discussed with UBCM staff
 - o Issue is at the Federal Government Level
 - o Misunderstanding how the RDBN provides service to rural residents
 - o Need to develop a broader definition
 - o How do other Regional Districts address
 - o The need for a preapproval process
 - o Currently Federal Government only approves project at audit
 - o UBCM recommends withholding 10% of funding

Director Fisher will work with staff to bring forward the topic at the Electoral Area Directors’ Forum, February 5-7, 2020 in Richmond, B.C.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-17

“That the meeting be adjourned 2:35 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Acting Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant