

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 3

Thursday, March 20, 2014

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach – arrived 10:45 a.m.
Stephen Freeman
Carman Graf
Bill Holmberg
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Ralph Roy
Stoney Stoltenberg
Luke Strimbold – left at 11:13 a.m.
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:03 a.m., left at 11:15 a.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – arrived at 11:03 a.m., left at 11:14 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Claudette Gouger, Community Manager, New Gold Inc. – left at 10:52 a.m.
Gill Kopy, Glenannan Community Association
Keith Lytle, Fort Fraser - arrived at 11:29 a.m., left at 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

AGENDA, & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Holmberg
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of February 20, 2014 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 –February 20, 2014

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-3-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2014 be adopted as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES (CONT'D)

Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director MacDougall
 Seconded by Director Petersen

2014-3-3

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

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - March 6, 2014 (Unapproved);
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - February 6, 2014;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - March 6, 2014 (Unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - February 9, 2014;
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes
 - March 6, 2014 (Unapproved).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

NEW GOLD Inc. Claudette Gouger, Community Manager RE: Update

Chair Miller welcomed Claudette Gouger, Community Manager, New Gold Inc.

Ms. Grouger provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Presentation Overview

- Overview and Introductions;
- Organic Pipeline of Growth Projects;
- Project Development Considerations;
- Recent Development;
- Blackwater Project Goals for 2014.

Organic Pipeline of Growth Projects

	Rainy River	Blackwater	El Morro (30%)
Significant Gold Resource Base	6.2 Moz ⁽¹⁾	8.6 Moz ⁽¹⁾	2.9 Moz ⁽¹⁾
Exploration Potential	Intrepid Zone/Multiple Regional Targets	Capoose/Multiple Regional Targets	El Morro Zone/Block Cave Potential
Jurisdiction	Ontario, Canada	British Columbia, Canada	Chile
Robust Production/Low Cash Costs	~225Koz at below average cash costs ⁽²⁾	~500Koz at below average cash costs ⁽²⁾	~90Koz Au/85Mlbs Cu at ~(\$700) cash costs ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

Notes:1. Refer to Cautionary Statement and note under the heading “Cautionary note to U.S. readers concerning estimates of Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resources”. Measured and Indicated Resources, inclusive of Reserves. At Blackwater, the 8.6 million ounces of Resources referred to above excludes 0.9 million ounces of material to be stockpiled which has been classified as Measured and Indicated Resource. Refer to note 4 on slide 7 for Reserve and Resource source information.

2. Refer to Cautionary Statement and note on total cash costs under the heading “Non-GAAP Measures”. Cash costs have been compared to industry data per GFMS reports which calculated an average, net of by-product credits, cash cost of \$738 per ounce for the YE’2012.

3. El Morro production and cash costs based on updated December 2011 Feasibility Study.

DELEGATION

NEW GOLD Inc. Claudette Gouger, Community Manager RE: Update

Organic Growth Pipeline

- Collectively, three growth projects have potential to produce ~1.75 times as much gold as New Gold does currently;
- Blackwater and Rainy River acquisitions increased shares outstanding by 21% for potential +150% increase in production;
- Each growth project expected to have below current industry average cash costs.

Project Development Considerations

- Plan to advance Rainy River and Blackwater through remaining technical/economic studies and permitting simultaneously;
- Continue regional exploration at both projects;
- Period of limited capital to advance projects to 'construction' ready status.

Recent Developments

December 2013 Feasibility Study Results & Highlights

- Conventional truck and shovel open pit mine with 60,000 tonne per day ("tpd") whole ore leach processing plant;
- 17-year mine life with direct processing for first 14 years and processing of stockpile thereafter;
- Life-of-mine operational strip ratio of 1.88 to 1.00;
- Life-of-mine gold and silver recoveries of 87% and 49%;
- Life-of-mine gold and silver production of 7 million ounces and 30 million ounces;
- Development capital costs of \$1.865 million inclusive of a \$190 million contingency;
- First nine years – average annual gold production of 485,000 ounces at total cash costs⁽¹⁾ of \$55 per ounce and all-in sustaining costs⁽²⁾ of \$685 per ounce;
- Base case economics – at \$1,300 per ounce gold, \$22.00 per ounce silver and a 0.95 US\$/C\$ foreign exchange rate, Blackwater has a pre-tax 5% net present value ("NPV") of \$991 million, an internal rate of return "IRR" of 11.3% and a payback period of 6.2 years;
- Alternative case economics -at \$1,600 per ounce gold, \$26.00 per ounce silver and a parity US\$/C\$ foreign exchange rate, Blackwater has a pre-tax 5% NPV of \$2,120 million, an IRR of 16.8% and a payback period of 4.5 years.

Blackwater Goals for 2014

- Successfully complete ongoing exploration within the existing and expanded Blackwater tenures;
- File an Environmental Impact Statement to both Federal and Provincial Agencies;
- Complete engineering work for preparation of major Federal and Provincial permits, post EIS;
- Continue local community and First Nations relations programs and capacity building.

Goal #1 – Exploration

- Successfully complete & support ongoing exploration within New Gold Blackwater tenures:
 - o Regional exploration to resume in the spring when weather warms;
 - o Almost 15,000 meters of drilling is currently planned;
 - o If positive results and market conditions support, additional meters could be added;
 - o New tenures of 23,000ha have been recently acquired for additional exploration.

DELEGATION

NEW GOLD Inc. Claudette Gouger, Community Manager RE: Update

Goal #2 – Environmental Assessment

- File an Environmental Impact Statement for both Federal and Provincial governments:
 - o Aiming for completion by the end of the first quarter of the year.
 - o Includes work on:
 - Fish & Fish Habitat;
 - Surface Water Assessment;
 - Ground Water Quality Assessment;
 - Caribou Effects Assessment;
 - Socio & Economic Effects Assessment.

Goal #3 – Permitting

- Complete Engineering work for preparation of major Federal and Provincial permits post Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Includes finalizing the power line alignment and timber cruise;
- Issuing tenders, reviewing and awarding assorted contracts related to:
 - o Airstrip permitting;
 - o Geotechnical drilling;
 - o Power line permitting;
 - o Sewage system permitting;
 - o Tailings storage facility permitting;
 - o Water management structure preliminary design.

Goal #4 – Community Commitment

- Continue local Community and First Nations relations programs:
 - o Renewal of office lease in process;
 - o Hiring of new Community Manager;
 - o Ongoing consultations with First Nations, stakeholders, community leaders and local government;
 - o Continued negotiations of Participation Agreements and Memorandum of Understandings with First Nations;
 - o Fulfil commitments related to Traditional Knowledge/Use Studies.

Next Steps

- Continuing to partner with communities to help prepare local contractors and workers for upcoming construction and operations opportunities, including:
 - o Working with local training and educational institutions to help prepare people for jobs in the mining industry;
 - o Building an up-to-date database of local contractors.
- Moving into the construction phase, expectations to hire:
 - o 1,000 to 1,500 (peak) people during construction;
 - o 500 full-time workers to operate the mine (for 17 years).
- An extended timeframe for the development of Blackwater will allow creation of additional partnerships with local communities and the region – to help strengthen local and regional opportunities.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Gouger for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-March 6, 2014

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Holmberg

2014-3-4

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendations 1 through 5 as written:

Committee of the Whole – March 6, 2014

Recommendation 1:

Re: RDBN Board of Directors Remuneration

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to investigate and prepare a report regarding Regional District Board Compensation for consideration in May, 2014."

Recommendation 2:

Re: Minerals North Conference – May 21-23, 2014 – Vanderhoof, B.C.

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of the Chair and two Directors, to Minerals North Conference on May 21-23, 2014 in Vanderhoof, B.C."

Recommendation 3:

Re: Letter to Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development – Local Elections Reform to Include Four-Year Terms

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development indicating its desire to continue a three year election term and the concerns associated with a longer term."

Recommendation 4:

Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference – May 30-June 2, 2014 – Niagara Falls, Ontario

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the attendance of Chair Bill Miller and Director Petersen at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference May 30 to June 2, 2014 in Niagara Falls, Ontario; and further, that Director Stoltenberg be Chair Miller's Alternate."

Rural Directors Committee – March 6, 2014

Recommendation 5:

Re: Request for Grant in Aid

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

-Smithers Volunteer Firefighters Association be given \$25,103 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with an Ice Safety and Rescue Technician Course;

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural Directors Committee – March 6, 2014 (CONT'D)

Recommendation 5:

Re: Request for Grant in Aid (CONT'D)

- William Konkin Elementary School be given \$250 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) to assist with costs associated with the “Swim at School” Program;
- District of Fort St. James be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with Canada Day 2014 celebrations;
- Fort St. James High School Ski and Board Team be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Ski and Board Provincials in Whistler, B.C.;
- Fort St. James Christian Outreach Group be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Lunch Program and Food Bank in Fort St. James;
- Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for two curling teams to attend the BC Winter Games/Provincials;
- Fort Fraser Elementary Secondary School - Grade 5/6/7 Class be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for a field trip to Educo Adventure School near 100 Mile House;
- Southside Economic Development Association be given \$5,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for development of the Takysie Adventure Site and Nature Trail;
- Burns Lake Minor Hockey Association Midget A1 Team be given \$500 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to assist with costs for the Midget A1 Team to attend the Provincials in Clearwater, B.C. from March 15-20, 2014;
- Lakes District Secondary School Ski and Snowboard Team be given \$250 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to assist with costs for the Provincial Championships in Whistler, B.C.;
- Lakes District 4-H Senior Council be given \$500 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to assist with costs associated with the Yellowhead West Region 4-H Communications Event;
- 2014 Nechako Valley Secondary School Dry Grad Committee be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) to assist with costs associated with the 2014 Dry Grad celebrations;
- Babine Elementary Secondary School be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for the addition of infant playground swings to the school playground.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors Newell, Petersen and Roy will attend Minerals North on May 21 to 23, 2014 in Vanderhoof, B.C.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural) – Smithers Senior
Citizens' Association Branch #21

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-3-5

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$36,709 of Electoral Area "A" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for the replacement of windows, doors, and toilets and the purchase of a heat pump at the Smithers Senior Citizens' Associations;
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into an agreement with the Smithers Senior Citizens' Association Branch #21 for the disbursement of \$36,709 in Federal Gas Tax Funds for the replacement of windows, doors, and toilets and the purchase of a heat pump;
3. 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 \$275 cost; and further,
4. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of \$36,984 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Area "E" (Francois/
Ootsa Lake Rural)
– Tweedsmuir Recreation
Commission

Moved by Director Freeman
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2014-3-6

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$75,000 of Electoral Area "E" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for the energy efficient construction at the Wistaria Hall;
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into an agreement with the Tweesmuir Recreation Commission for the disbursement of \$75,000 in Federal Gas Tax Funds for energy efficient construction;
3. 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 \$275 cost; and further,
4. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of \$75,275 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Freeman excused himself from the meeting at 10:56 a.m. due to a familial conflict of interest regarding Southside Economic Development Association – NDI Application – North West RAC.

Southside Economic
Development Association
-NDI Application – North
West RAC

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2014-3-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Southside Economic Development Association’s application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) – Community Halls and Recreation Facilities in the amount of \$30,000.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Freeman returned to the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

RDBN Business Forum
-Date Selection

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-3-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve holding the RDBN Business Forum in Fort St. James during the week of September 8th – 12th, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pre-authorized Debit for
Land Title Searches

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2014-3-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to open a pre-authorized debit account with *myLTSA* for the Planning Department to access land title searches and other records.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BVLD Airshed Management
Society

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a letter to the Bulkley Valley Lakes District (BVLD) Airshed Management Society in support of its Gaming Grant application.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakes District Airport
Funding Request

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-3-11

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s March 11, 2014 memo titled “Lakes District Airport – Proposed Increase in the Tax Limit” and consider giving three readings to Bylaw No. 1692 further in the agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Fort St. James Library
-Proposed Increase in the
Tax Limit

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-3-12

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s March 11, 2014 memo titled “Fort St. James Library – Proposed Increase in the Tax Limit” and consider giving three readings to Bylaw No. 1691 further in the agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014 Draft Final Budget

Moved by Director Graf
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-13

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s March 11, 2014 memo titled “2014 Draft Final Budget” and consider giving three readings and adoption to Bylaw No. 1693 further in the agenda; and,
2. Receive the Financial Administrator’s March 18, 2014 memo on the Supplementary Agenda titled “2014 Budget – Gas Tax Administration” and consider giving three readings and adoption to Bylaw No. 1693, as amended, further in the agenda.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy Development RDBN
Occupational Health and
Safety Program

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-3-14

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s February 26, 2014 memo titled “Policy Development RDBN Occupational Health and Safety Program.”
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors adopt ‘Policy No. 11-1 Fall Protection – Fort Fraser Water Tower’ and ‘Policy No. 12-12 Work Safe Procedures for Servicing the Aerator’ to the RDBN Occupational Health and Safety Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certificate of Alternative
Approval Process Results

Moved by Director Freeman
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-15

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Certificate of Alternative Approval Process Results – Burns Lake and Area Victims’ Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1682, 2013”.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) -Electoral Area Directors Forum Report Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-3-16

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive Director Rob Newell's, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) –Electoral Area Directors Forum report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

MEMOS

Pacific Trails Pipeline Environmental Assessment Certificate Amendment #4 Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-17

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors request that Pacific Trails Pipeline (PTP) maintain open communications with local communities during construction so that any issues that arise may be appropriately and quickly identified and addressed in consultation with the community, and

2. Develop, as soon as possible, an environmental management plan in consultation with the RDBN that identifies the proposed use of RDBN facilities to deal with liquid and solid waste relating to construction activities and work camps."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell spoke of requesting the Access Management Plans from the various pipeline companies proposing development in the region.

Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-3-18

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planner's February 19, 2014 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.

Gill Kopy, Glenannan Community Association brought forward concerns that if proper procedure had been followed the need for a Development Variance Permit and Floodplain Exemption would be eliminated.

Development Variance Permit and Floodplain Exemption Application D-01-13
Birch Bay Resort 155 Birch Bay Resort Rd, Fraser Lake
Electoral Area "D"
Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2014-3-19

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

1. Approve Development Variance Permit D-01-13 for the property located at 155 Birch Bay Resort Rd, to vary Section 4.06(1) (c) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993 by reducing the required setback from the Natural Boundary of a lake as listed in the permit.

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approve an exemption to Section 5.2.4. of Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1300 for the property located at 155 Birch Bay Resort Rd. to reduce the 7.5 metres (24.61 ft.) setback from the Natural Boundary of a lake, to:
 - a. 2.40 metres for Utility building;
 - b. 2.32 metres for Cabin 10;
 - c. 1.51 metres for Cabin 11.

For the building as shown on Schedule B to Development Vairance Permit D-01-13.

The granting of the exemption is subject to the registration of a covenant under section 219 of the *Land Title Act* on title of the subject property which requires the land be used in accordance with the professional's report prepared by McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. dated January 29th, 2014, and contains "save harmless" clause, to the satisfaction of Regional District staff."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional District Approval Under the Real Estate Development Marketing Act

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2014-3-20

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the marketing of a shared interest in the Birch Bay Resort, as required pursuant to Section 8(3) of the *Real Estate Development Marketing Act*."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (All Directors)

Planning Department Reports

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-3-21

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

- Enquiries Report for February, 2014;
- Action List for January, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspector’s Report

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-3-22

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Building Inspector’s Report for February, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Jeremy Penninga, Smithers
RE: Smithers Official
Community Plan Review

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-3-23

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Jeremy Penninga, Smithers regarding the Smithers Official Community Plan Review.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brian Westgate, Project
Assessment Manager,
EAO RE: Coastal GasLink
Environmental Assessment
Certificate

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-24

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Brian Westgate, Project Assessment Manager, Environmental Assessment Office regarding Coastal GasLink Environmental Assessment Certificate.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Medical Marihuana:
Planning with Uncertainty

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-3-25

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence titled “Medical Marihuana: Planning with Uncertainty.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Shawn Reed, Project Manager Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Seconded by Director Holmberg
Natural Resource Operations
RE: Dome Mines Stage 2
Environmental Assessment
Certificate

2014-3-26

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from Shawn Reed, Project Manager, Skeena Major Projects Officer, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding Dome Mine Stage 2."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Fraser Lake Library

Director Roy noted that the Fraser Lake Library recently had its Annual General Meeting and has filled its Board positions.

Fraser Lake Economic
Development Officer

Director Lindstrom mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake will be hiring a new Economic Development Officer.

Outdoor Adventure and Travel
Show – March 8-9, 2014
Vancouver, B.C.

Director Freeman noted while in Vancouver, B.C. on March 8 to 9, 2014 he attended the Outdoor Adventure and Travel Show. He also visited the tradeshow booth that the Regional District partners with various north west organizations to showcase north west B.C.

Village of Granisle Bioenergy
Burner

Director Liversidge spoke of the Village of Granisle bioenergy burner operating at a 25% capacity. The Village of Telkwa provided information and a tour of its bioenergy burner to assist the Village of Granisle in developing further efficiencies with their bioenergy burner.

New Horizons -Healthy Living
for Seniors Grant

Director Stoltenberg mentioned that the New Horizons Healthy Living for Seniors grant that he assisted in obtaining for Telkwa increased the participation of seniors in the programs. He also mentioned that acquiring and implementing grant funding is not an easy task.

District of Houston Community
Transition Teams

Director Holmberg indicated that the community transition teams are moving forward in assisting the community to address the closure of Houston Forest Products.

District of Houston CAO
Retiring

Director Holmberg noted that the District of Houston Chief Administrative Officer is retiring and they will be performing interviews will begin March 21, 2014 to find a replacement.

Town of Smithers New Arena

Director Bachrach mentioned that the steel for the new arena arrived on March 9, 2014 and is being put in place.

Carriage Homes for the Town
of Smithers

Director Bachrach reported that the Town of Smithers has amended its Official Community Plan and a zoning bylaw to allow for carriage homes.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Town of Smithers will begin its Recycling Program on May 19, 2014

Director Bachrach stated that the Town of Smithers will begin its recycling program under contract with Multi-Material B.C. (MMBC) on May 19, 2014. Information has been mailed to residents regarding the implementation of the program.

Senior Adult Living Condominium in Smithers

Director Bachrach commented that a 30 unit seniors adult living condominium project is moving forward.

Smithers Mall

Director Bachrach reported that the Smithers Mall is moving ahead with renovations to the interior and exterior of the building and will have separate outdoor entrances.

Medical Marihuana Facility Community Meeting in Topley

Director Newell mentioned that along with Chair Miller he attended the community meeting at the Topley Community Hall on March 17, 2014 regarding a Medical Marihuana Facility being proposed in Topley. He noted that the meeting was well attended.

Village of Telkwa Municipal Building

Director Graf reported that the exterior finishing of the Village of Telkwa Municipal building is now complete.

Village of Telkwa Volunteer Appreciation Day -April 12, 2014

Director Graf mentioned that on April 12, 2014 the Village of Telkwa is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Day. They will also have a ribbon cutting for the biomass heating system and entertainment at the community centre. The festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the ribbon cutting.

Funding from NDIIT to Develop Commercial Rental in the Village of Telkwa Municipal Building

Director Graf spoke of receiving funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) to develop three commercial rentals in the Village of Telkwa Municipal Building. Two of the units have occupants ready to move in when renovations are completed.

Thank You

Director Graf thanked Chair Miller, Director Stoltenberg and Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator for attending a Village of Telkwa Council meeting to present the RDBN Budget.

Burns Lake Community Achievement Award

Director Freeman announced that Val Ingram, Lakes Animal Friendship Society has won the Burns Lake Community Achievement Award for her work with the Lakes Animal Friendship Society.

MaryAnne Arcand's Passing

Chair Miller mentioned the passing of MaryAnne Arcand on March 17, 2014. He spoke of her role as a member of the BC Forest Safety Council's Board of Directors and with the Central Interior Loggers Association. Chair Miller noted Ms. Arcand's dedication to the forest industry and its safety.

Municipal and First Nations Meetings

Chair Miller mentioned that the RDBN Budget presentations to the municipalities are nearly complete and it has been an extremely good opportunity to share the RDBN's vision and listen to the visions of the municipalities within the region.

Chair Miller also noted that the RDBN is continuing to have meetings with the First Nations Communities within the region and they have also provided a valuable opportunity to share ideas and concerns.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Graf

2014-3-27

“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 Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-3-28

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

- Babine Lake Community Forest Society – The Practitioner’s Innovation Centre;
- District of Houston – Thank You – Bronze Sponsorship of Business Excellence Awards;
- Minister of Environment – Mary Polak – *Water Sustainability Act* Introduced into the Legislature – March 11, 2014;
- CN – Letter from Michael Farkouh – Vice-President Safety and Sustainability RE: CN Safety and Movement of Dangerous Goods by Rail;
- Young Anderson – RE: Covering the Tracks: Local Governments Role in Railway Safety;
- City of Prince Rupert – RE: Proposed BC Ferries Service Cuts;
- City of Pitt Meadows – RE: Provincial Emergency Notification Systems;
- B.C.’s Ombudsperson – RE: Files Closed from October 1 to December 31, 2013 – Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- City of New Westminster – RE: Concerns Regarding Recent Amendments to the Canada Postal System;
- Northern Development – Northwest Region Quarterly Update – Winter 2013;
- Environmental Assessment Office – Pacific Trails Pipeline – Amendment #4 Application;
- Coastal GasLink – Route Revision – Highway 16 Near Endako;
- Fort St. James T.V. Society – Financial Statements – January 31, 2014;
- Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society – AMS Member News February 15, 2014;
- North Central Local Government Association -NCLGA Connector – No. 125 February, 2014;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - New Feature: Funding Programs Update;
 - E-Cigarettes: What to Do?;
 - FireSmart Community Workshops;
 - Off Road Vehicle Bill Introduced;
 - Rail Safety Outreach Committee Established;
 - Land-based Spill Preparedness;
 - Budget Restores Transfers to Historic Levels;
 - Regional C2C Forum Funding Opportunity;
 - Changes in Cell Tower Rules;
 - Increasing Accessibility;
 - LGLA Leadership Forum a Big Success.

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

INVITATIONS

-International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition
– Registration Now Open – June 11-13, 2014 Prince
George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding CN's safety and movement of dangerous goods by rail. It is difficult to be able to access the information and CN requires a personal guarantee that the information is to be confidential. The report is also only available at the end of the year after the material has been transported. Concerns were brought forward regarding the closest access to equipment to address a rail accident is in Calgary, A.B.

It is important for municipalities and regions with rail traffic to voice their concerns to the Federal Government.

International Bioenergy
Conference and Exhibition

Moved by Director Holmberg
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-29

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the attendance of Directors Greenaway and Roy to the International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition on June 11 to 13, 2014 in Prince George, B.C.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts
-February, 2014

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Graf

2014-3-30

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid February, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

Bylaws for First, Second and Third Reading

No. 1692 – Lakes District
Airport Local Service
Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Holmberg

2014-3-31

“That “Lakes District Airport Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1692, 2014” be given first, second and third reading this 20th day of March, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS (CONT'D)

No. 1691 – Electoral Area “C” Public Library Contribution Service Area Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2014-3-32

“That “Electoral Area “C” Public Library Contribution Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1691, 2014” be given first, second and third reading this 20th day of March, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for First, Second, Third Reading and Adoption

No. 1693 – RDBN Financial Plan

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-33

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1693, 2014” as amended be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 20th day of March, 2014.”

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw

No. 1682 – Burns Lake and Area Victims’ Services Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Graf
Seconded by Director Freeman

2014-3-34

“That “Burns Lake and Area Victims’ Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1682, 2013” be adopted this 20th day of March, 2014.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Petersen

2014-3-35

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

INVITATIONS:

-2015 Canada Winter Games Procurement Opportunities Workshop – March 25th 2014 at Coast Inn of the North 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Cost \$40;
-Canadian Aboriginal Minerals Association – Seeking Certainty, Mining New Ground – November 16-18, 2014 Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario;
-Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM 2014 Annual Conference and Trade Show – May 30 – June 2, 2014 Niagara Falls, Ontario;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia – AME BC News – February 28, 2014;
- The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia – AME News Release – AME BC Responds To Federal Government’s Decision to Not Proceed With New Prosperity;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – Public Affairs Update
 - March 10, 2014
 - March 3, 2014
 - February 25, 2014
 - February 17, 2014
 - February 12, 2014;
- British Columbia Community Forest Association
 - February, 2014 Newsletter;
- BC Natural Resource Forum – 2014 Premier’s BC Natural Resource Forum – A Great Success;
- British Columbia Healthy Communities Newsletter – February, 2014;
- BcWorks – BC’s Parks and Public Works Newsletter;
- Clean Air Plan – Airshed Management Society Newsletter;
- Clean Energy Canada at Tides Canada:
 - March 10, 2014 – Fire Down Below
 - March 3, 2014 – It Can Be Done
 - February 24, 2014 – A Bombshell of Hope
 - February 17, 2014 – Fresh Bling for Planet Earth;
- Coastal Gas Link – Connector Newsletter March 2014;
- Environmental Assessment Office – Section 13 and 11 Order;
- Initiatives Prince George – On the Move Newsletter and Economic Update February 28, 2014;
- Liquor Control and Licensing Branch – Update on the Implementation of the Liquor Policy Review;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Update from Minister Thomson – February 2014;
- Nechako River Flow Facts:
 - March 12, 2014
 - March 5, 2014
 - February 26, 2014
 - February 19, 2014
 - February 12, 2014;
- Northern Gateway Pipelines – Partnership Building with First Nations on Behalf of Enbridge and the Northern Gateway Partners;
- Northern Development Initiative Trust – Northwest Region Quarterly Update – Winter 2013;
- Northern Development Initiative Trust – Prince George Region Quarterly Update – Winter 2013;
- Northern Health News Release – February 28, 2014 B.C. Mobile Medical Unit Test Set-Up at UHNBC for 2015 Canada Winter Games;
- Northern Health Media Bulletin – February 26, 2014 Emergency Department Relocation at St. John Hospital In Vanderhoof, B.C. During Final Stages of Renovations;
- Northern Health News Release – February 24, 2014 – Northern Health Awards 36 IMAGINE Grants (\$102,010.00) To Northwest BC Partners;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

- Northern Health – News Release February 20, 2014 Patient Simulation and Recruitment Successes Presented At the Latest Northern Health Board Meeting;
- Northwest Corridor – Harper Government Acts to Get Grain Moving in Western Canada;
- SeniorsBC.ca – e-Newsletter – February, 2014;
- Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project Activity Update – February – March, 2014;
- Westac – February 8 to 14, 2014 – WESTAC Info Services;
- Westac – March 1st to 7th, 2014 – WESTAC Info Services;
- Wet'suwet'en First Nation – Wet'suwet'en First Nation Calls on Premier Clark to Establish Independent Inquiry into Babine Forest Products Mill Explosion;
- Wet'suwet'en First Nation – Wet'suwet'en First Nation Warns Premier Christy Clark To Begin Crown Consultation on New LNG Industry Immediately;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - Food Security in Rural and Remote Communities
 - Youth Gang Prevention Toolkit.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

Bulkley Valley Pool Budget for 2014

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2014-3-36

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Administrator’s March 20, 2014 memo titled “Bulkley Valley Pool Budget for 2014”; and
2. Approve the 2014 budget for the Bulkley Valley Regional Pool.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Freeman removed himself from the meeting at 11:59 due to a familial conflict of interest regarding Southside Economic Development Association Funding Request.

Southside Economic Development Association Funding Request

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Newell

2014-3-37

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Receive the Financial Administrator’s March 14, 2014 memo titled “Southside Economic Development Association Funding Request” and consider approving a request for funding \$1,000 for a security deposit for the North Side Dock.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Freeman returned to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

RDBN Letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Transport, and FCM re: CN Emergency Response Plan

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-38

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Transport, and FCM regarding CN Emergency Response Plan.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Request from District of Vanderhoof for Letter of Support re: Community Forest

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Roy

2014-3-39

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a letter of support to the District of Vanderhoof regarding its application for a Community Forest.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Amendment of Covenant CA 1634238 (Electoral Area “A”, Phil’s Boxes)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Graf

2014-3-40

1. “That staff initiate the process necessary to consider the modification of covenant document CA 1634238 registered on title of the property at 8794 Highway 16 W.

2. That a Public Hearing regarding the proposed modification of covenant document CA 1634238 be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

CN Collision in Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen mentioned that there was a recent CN collision within the municipal boundaries of the District of Vanderhoof and Emergency Response became aware of it when contacted by the media for a comment. It is unacceptable that emergency response was not contacted by CN at the time of the incident.

Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society

Chair Miller noted that due to time constraints he is no longer able to participate in the Bulkley Valley Lakes District (BVLD) Airshed Management Society and is delegating the position to Director Newell.

PRESENTATION

Chair Miller congratulated Gail Chapman, CAO for her 25 years of service at the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

2014-3-41

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:08 p.m.”

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant