

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 9

Thursday, June 22, 2017

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Tom Greenaway
John Illes
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Mark Parker – left at 12:32 p.m.
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen – Via-Teleconference
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Mark Fisher, Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)
Absent Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Director Stoney Stoltenberg, Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 11:01 a.m., left at 11:46 a.m., returned at 12:04 p.m.
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 10:58 a.m., left at 11:00 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News - arrived at 10:57 a.m., left at 11:03 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

SPECIAL IN-CAMERA MEETING MOTION

Moved by Alternate Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-9-1

“In accordance with Section 90 (1)(c) of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that matters pertaining to labour relations (Agriculture Coordinator) or other employee relations and 90 (1)(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* be held in confidence, and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-9-2

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of June 22, 2017 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
-May 25, 2017

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Alternate Director Stoltenberg

2017-9-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2017 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Board Meeting
Minutes June 8, 2017

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Newell

2017-9-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2017 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee
Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-9-5

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

- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - June 8, 2017 (Unapproved);
- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - April 20, 2017;
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - June 8, 2017 (Unapproved);
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - May 11, 2017;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - May 11, 2017 (Unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - May 11, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Northern Development Proposal for Agriculture Coordinator

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-9-6

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

1. Support a 2 year pilot project for an Agriculture Coordinator reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer with the option to renew if successful;
2. Approve submitting an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for consideration by their Board, outside of NDIT policy, for 2/3 of the budget;
3. Approve 1/3 of the funds to come from the RDBN budget; and,
4. Authorize entering into an agreement with Northern Development if funding is approved by NDIT.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting Recommendations -June 8, 2017

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Alternate Director Stoltenberg

2017-9-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendations 1 through 6 as written

Agriculture Committee Meeting – June 8, 2017

Recommendation 1:

Re: Agriculture Coordinator Position

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to investigate potential funding sources and research an Agriculture Coordinator Position; and further, that an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) be drafted including comments from the RDBN Board of Directors in regard to the Agriculture Coordinator position; and further that the draft NDIT application be brought forward to a future RDBN Board meeting for consideration.”

Recommendation 2:

Re: UBCM Agriculture Session Proposal - 2018

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors submit an Agriculture Session Proposal for the 2018 Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention.”

Rural Directors Committee Meeting – June 8, 2017

Recommendation 3:

Re: Northern Society for Domestic Peace -Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

“That the Northern Society for Domestic Peace be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with providing training for Bulkley Valley Critical Incident Response Team Volunteers.”

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural Directors Committee Meeting – June 8, 2017 (Cont'd)

Recommendation 4:

Re: Bulkley Valley Christian School -Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

"That the Bulkley Valley Christian School be given \$200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) towards the Litter-a-Thon."

Recommendation 5:

Re: Fort St. James Humane Society-Request for Grant in Aid-Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

"That the Fort St. James Humane Society be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the travelling spay and neuter clinic."

Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 8, 2017

Recommendation 6:

Re: Investment Policy Statement Revision

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors adopt Policy F-5 – Investment Policy Statement revision."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Executive Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-June 8, 2017

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-9-8

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

Executive Committee Meeting – June 8, 2017

Recommendation 1:

"That the CAO job description prepared May 2017 be adopted as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Truth and Reconciliation
Calls to Action Workshop

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2017-9-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Administrative Officer’s June 15, 2017 memo titled “Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Workshop;” and,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct Staff to accept the generous offer of Corinne George, Regional Principal, College of New Caledonia-Lakes District Campus to provide a Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Workshop to the Board for ½ day session and approve reimbursement of the necessary travel costs for the facilitators.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was suggested that the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Workshop be held in August, 2017.

Chinook Comfor Limited
-March 30, 2017 Shareholders’
Resolution

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-9-10

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s March 30, 2017 memo titled “Chinook Comfor Limited March 30, 2017 Shareholders’ Resolution.”
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako authorize Chair Miller and Director Benedict to sign the Chinook Comfor Limited Shareholders’ Resolution effective March 30, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Comfor Limited
Partnership Special
Resolution

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-9-11

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s June 2, 2017 memo titled “Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership Special Resolution.”
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako authorize Chair Miller and Director Benedict to sign the Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership Special Resolution, to change the partnership’s year end, effective March 31, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial Information Act
Statements

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2017-9-12

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Financial Assistant’s May 18, 2017 memo titled “Financial Information Act Statements” and approve the Financial Information Act Statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2017-9-13

“That the Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with a Regional Training Centre.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Rob Newell, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

Moved by Alternate Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Benedict

2017-9-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive Director Rob Newell, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) following reports:

- BC Broadband Conference 2017;
- Minerals North 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell mentioned the Federal Government’s extension of its Mineral Exploration Tax Credit. Taxpayers who conduct exploration in BC are eligible for a 20% tax credit and RDBN taxpayers, being in a pine-infected area, are eligible for a 30% tax credit. He spoke to having the information on the RDBN website.

Director Newell noted that he spoke to Joel McKay, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Development Initiative Trust in regard to backbone and last mile and he will forward information to him.

DISCUSSION ITEM

North Central Local Government Association-Official Statement

Discussion took place regarding the backlash from NCLGA member municipalities and Regional Districts in regard to the letter sent to the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia from Shaely Wilbur, President, North Central Local Government Association dated June 2, 2017. Director Brienen indicated that NCLGA representatives across the region were disappointed in the letter that was sent without being reviewed by the NCLGA Board of Directors. The NCLGA Board of Directors expressed displeasure that the letter did not follow NCLGA’s non-partisan position as an organization. There has been positive feedback since the official letter of apology was sent by the NCLGA Board of Directors to all NCLGA local government members, all leaders of political parties in the BC Legislature and to her Honour, Lt. Governor Guichon.

Director Repen mentioned the need for NCLGA to review its policies and work on what is important for the entire region. He noted the opportunity for the NCLGA to assist in promoting the Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) agreement.

DISCUSSION ITEM (CONT'D)

Discussion took place in regard to the need to restructure the NCLGA and for it to do what the organization is meant to do and speak for everyone in the region in a non-partisan voice.

Concerns were voiced in regard to the NCLGA Board of Directors having to re-establish credibility with government ministries and higher levels of government. The importance of the organization being able to work to find a solution to regional issues and concerns that may arise was discussed. Director Benedict noted the need to move forward in a positive manner and that in the past NCLGA has been very supportive of issues and concerns of the region. She spoke to the need to repair the relationship between the NCLGA and the provincial government. Director Benedict suggested writing a letter to NCLGA outlining the RDBN's concerns. NCLGA needs to determine the issues and concerns facing its member communities and provide assistance and support where needed. Discussion took place regarding the role of the NCLGA staff in regard to sending the June 2, 2017 letter.

Director Bachrach spoke of the benefits of local government working together to come to a consensus and solving issues that arise throughout the region in a non-partisan way and the need for NCLGA to take a similar approach.

Chair Miller spoke of the importance of being supportive of NCLGA as being an organization that works together to bring forward issues and concerns in a unified voice that is mutually beneficial for the entire region. Director Brienen, the RDBN representative for the NCLGA Board of Directors will continue to bring forward the message of the RDBN Board of Directors.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR APPLICATIONS

ALR Application No. 1191
(Enns) Non-Farm Use within
the ALR, Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

2017-9-15

1. "That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1191 be recommended for approval to the Agricultural Land Commission subject to the following condition:
2. That the area designated for non-farm use does not expand its current area."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEMO

CN Radio Communication
Tower

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2017-9-16

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Supplementary Agenda correspondence from CN RE: CN Radio Communication Tower; and direct staff to send a letter to CN stating that the RDBN has no objection to the proposed communication tower locations."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws for First and Second Reading (Cont'd)

Rezoning File No.A-05-17
Bylaw No. 1804 Maria
Kolnberger, Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Alternate Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-9-20

1. "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1804, 2017" be given first and second reading this 22nd day of June, 2017."
2. That the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1804, 2017" be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

Rezoning File No. A-02-17
Bylaw No. 1797 & 1798
Public Hearing Report
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Alternate Director Stoltenberg

2017-9-21

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Public Hearing Report for Rezoning File No. A-02-17, Bylaw No. 1797 & 1798, Electoral Area "A"."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Bachrach spoke to the change for some property owners from H2 zoning to R8 zoning designation, and the concerns that have been raised by those property owners. He also had questions in regard to the changes to the Gross Floor Area and proposed secondary buildings.

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning noted that the maximum gross floor area permitted for a seasonal dwelling in the Hudson Bay Mountain Recreational Residential Zone (R8) is 110 square metres (1184 ft²). There are some exemptions included in the gross floor area such as: stairwells, mechanical rooms, snowmobile storage areas etc. In some instances this has allowed people to build very large buildings and exempted areas may then be converted into livable areas. In reviewing the issue a total floor area of 1800 ft² with no exemptions would clarify the issue and allow a building size that is similar to the intended building size.

Mr. Llewellyn mentioned that staff are drafting a staff report to address the 4 lots being considered for R8 zoning, eliminate the allowance for a 2nd dwelling, and propose size limits for accessory buildings to address the potential for an accessory building becoming a secondary building..

OTHER (Planning Reports)

Planning Department Reports and Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Alternate Director Stoltenberg

2017-9-22

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

Protective Services

-Emergency Services Manager’s June 12, 2017 memo titled “June 1, 2017 Snow Survey and Water Supply bulletin;”

Planning Department Reports:

-Planning Department Enquiries Report – May 2017;
-Building Inspector’s Report -May, 2017;
-Action List – May, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Bulkley Nechako Regional Transit – First Trip

Director Newell mentioned that he was the first person to ride the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit 162 Bus – Burns Lake to Smithers. He noted the bus was clean and in good shape and the stops were convenient.

Director Bachrach thanked staff for their work to assist in the launch of the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit system.

Portland Loo in Smithers

Director Bachrach mentioned that the Portland Loo has been delivered and is being installed on Second Avenue in Smithers. A downtown public washroom facility was identified as a need for the community for more than twenty years and he spoke of being innovative in moving forward and purchasing the Portland Loo. The Portland Loo is a sturdy, flush-toilet kiosk built from stainless steel that is easy to maintain and has a small footprint. It is also designed to deter vandalism and inappropriate activity.

Breweries in Smithers

Director Bachrach reported that three breweries are going through the process to open a business in Smithers.

Girl Guides to Visit Smithers for S.O.A.R

Director Bacrach commented that approximately 2,500 Girl Guides from around North America will be visiting Smithers this summer for S.O.A.R., Spirit of Adventure Rendezvous that will be held at the Smithers Fall Fair Grounds. They will be arriving via 747 airplanes at the Smithers Regional Airport.

Vanderhoof Search and Rescue

Director Petersen met with Vanderhoof Search and Rescue on June 6, 2017 and was given an update in regard to their operations and calls in and out of their jurisdiction. Director Petersen spoke of the incredible service that is provided by the organization. They have recently moved into a new building but are needing a building to store their rescue vehicle along with using it for training purposes. He noted the costs associated with building a structure. They are also in need of a new command vehicle. He will meet with Vanderhoof SAR to discuss possible assistance.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Grocery Store for Houston and other Businesses Reopen

Director Brienens mentioned that Houston will be getting a new grocery store in the near future. He also commented that the pub is reopening under new ownership and a restaurant on main street.

Director Brienens reported that the District of Houston is still transitioning through the timber swap between West Fraser Ltd. and Canfor but Houston is experiencing more positive initiatives and is becoming more stable. They have also noted a relocation of individuals from the lower mainland into the area.

Community to Community Forum – District of Fort St. James and Nak'azdli First Nation

Director MacDougall noted that the District of Fort St. James and Nak'azdli First Nation held a Community to Community Forum on June 14, 2017. Discussion took place regarding local challenges. Nak'azdli provided an update regarding a transition house that they have established south of Fort St. James to assist incarcerated individuals transitioning back into the community. Nak'azdli has also received a transfer of their reserve lands from the Federal Government. They have developed and adopted a land code and will provide an update to the District of Fort St. James at its next Council Meeting.

Work Camp Study

Director MacDougall stated that the Lake Babine Nation and Nak'azdli First Nation have completed a study and report on the impacts of work camps to vulnerable individuals in the communities. Director MacDougall will provide a website link to the report.

Geoscience BC Presentation

Director MacDougall commented that Geoscience BC provided a presentation at the District of Fort St. James June 21, 2017 Council Meeting. They have completed Phase 1 and 2 studies in the Smithers region and will be moving forward with a Phase 3 study of the Kemess Mine area. They indicated that they are also considering completing a study of the region (gap) between Mt. Milligan Mine and Mount Polley Mine.

District of Vanderhoof Projects

Director Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof is busy working on the Vanderhoof Swimming Pool and its water tower infrastructure project.

Vanderhoof Tourist Information Centre and Chamber of Commerce

Director Thiessen reported that the District of Vanderhoof has also brought the Vanderhoof Tourist Information Centre and Chamber of Commerce under its responsibility. The OK Café is operating and the kitchen is currently being renovated.

Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition – Keeping It Rural 2017 Conference

Director Thiessen noted that along with Director Illes he attended the Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition keeping it Rural 2017 Conference on June 20-21, 2017 in Kelowna, B.C. He mentioned that the conference was one of the best he has attended in his 9 years as an elected official. He mentioned that many of the communities that have been through a revitalization included a new brewery. Director Thiessen commented that after the two days at the conference it was very clear that building relationships is what is important, not policies and

programs. He mentioned that one of the speakers spoke of a success story of a bakery three hours from its closest town in

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

New Zealand that assisted in revitalizing a community by expanding and employing 170 people. It was also discussed that leaders in organized organizations are most often men but most leaders that change a community are women. Director Thiessen highly recommended that in the future if Directors have an opportunity to attend this conference they should do so.

Director Illes mentioned that the presentation from the Intervale Centre based in Burlington, Vermont in regard to Expanding the Rural Agriculture Sector was very informative. He commented that the Vermont Land Trust (similar to BC's Agricultural Land Reserve) has the first right of refusal to purchase agriculture land at agriculture land market value prices when lands are being sold. Another requirement is when purchasing a farm 50% of income must come from that farm.

Director Illes commented that all the presentations from the Keeping it Rural 2017 Conference will be on their website www.bcruralcentre.org.

Director Illes spoke of the community of Kaslo developing the Kaslo Community Investment Cooperation where individuals can invest RRSP's and cash free savings investments in an investment portfolio to create economic development and growth in their community.

New Bakery in Fraser Lake But No New Grocery Store

Director Parker mentioned that a new bakery has opened in Fraser Lake but unlike Houston a grocery store has not been secured for the larger location where the past grocery store was located. Fraser Lake currently has two smaller grocery stores filling the void of the closure of Super Value.

Fort Fraser Infrastructure Improvement Project

Director Parker reported that the survey crews have completed their preliminary works and collected data to proceed with TRUE Consulting moving forward with the Fort Fraser Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Electric Car Club Contacted Village of Burns Lake

Director Illes mentioned that representatives from the Electric Car Club in Prince George had contacted the Village of Burns Lake to determine the availability of electric vehicle charging stations to drive a Tesla car from Vancouver to Prince Rupert.

Colleymount Road Users Meeting

Director Benedict attended a meeting with stakeholders and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in regard to Colleymount Road on June 2, 2017. Director Benedict mentioned that some works had been completed in 2016. Concerns were raised that the work being considered to widen the road at the 46 km will only be a temporary fix and not provide the long term solution of straightening the s-corner at that location. Director Benedict spoke to resources extracted from the region and voiced concerns that funds are not returned to the area to mitigate the impacts to the infrastructure.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Manson Creek/Germansen Landing Road Washout

Director Greenaway commented that a road wash out occurred on June 12, 2017 on the Manson Forest Service Road leading to Manson Creek and Germansen Landing. There was no access in or out of Manson Creek/Germansen Landing for two days until the road could be repaired.

Fraser Basin Council Meeting

Director Greenaway attended the Fraser Basin Council meeting last week and one of the main topics of discussion was electric cars. He had the opportunity to drive an electric car but raised concerns in regard to heating an electric car in northern climates but suggested it may be a very good second car.

Granisle Father's Day Fishing Derby

Director Liversidge mentioned that the annual Granisle Father's Day Fishing Derby was a great success. The nine year child that won first place in the children's category intends to take his family to the PNE in Vancouver with his winnings.

Village of Granisle Community Bus

Director Liversidge noted that the Village of Granisle has purchased a Community Bus but has yet to receive the funds from the Province and are anxiously waiting to move forward with its bus program.

Village of Telkwa Town Hall Meeting

Director Repen stated that the Village of Telkwa will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Saturday June 24, 2017. He mentioned he has had a number of questions from residents in regard to the Provincial Government and what is occurring since the election of May 9, 2017. Director Repen also noted that the Village of Telkwa is completing an extensive review of its zoning bylaw and is working on developing promotional and marketing media of the community. They are also working on the geological and architectural studies for the water tower project. He spoke of the opportunities in regard to access to high-speed internet and is optimistic of the possible economic growth that could occur in the community.

BC Transit Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Launch

Chair Miller attended the BC Transit launch of the Bulkley-Nechako Transit system and rode the bus on a tour. He noted speakers included Chief Dan George, Burns Lake Band and Mayor Chris Beach, Village of Burns Lake. He noted the role of the Bulkley-Nechako Transit system in regard to being an economic driver throughout the region moving forward. Chair Miller commended RDBN staff and thanked the RDBN Board of Directors for their work and support in moving forward the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit System.

Meetings – Softwood Lumber Agreement

Chair Miller has been in discussions since the dissolving of the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition, along with Directors Thiessen and Brien and Prince George Mayor Lyn Hall and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Chair Art Kaehn in regard to important issues facing the region such as the Softwood Lumber Agreement and the market adjustment that will occur. Mayor Hall has indicated that City of Prince George Administration staff will be able to assist. Chair Miller spoke of the importance of having a strong voice for all northern communities.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)

Chair Miller has an RBA meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017 to strategize next steps moving forward. Chair Miller has been invited to the Smithers Chamber of Commerce summer barbeque in July to speak to the RBA and they have indicated their desire to assist moving forward.

Community to Community Forum – July 28, 2017

Chair Miller provided an update in regard to the Community to Community Forum being hosted by the RDBN at Nadleh Whut'en First Nations on June 28, 2017. The agenda will be provided shortly.

Changes to the Building Codes

Chair Miller mentioned that he has been receiving concerns from residents in Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) regarding wanting to build a house but the challenges they are facing due to the changes to the Building codes and regulations has discouraged them from doing so. He mentioned the impacts and ramifications to residents wanting to build a home.

New Ponsse Harvester

Chair Miller reported that he and his business partners have purchased a Ponsse Harvester which is a cross of a logging harvester and processor and it will be arriving via container ship in the near future.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Alternate Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Brien

2017-9-23

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch 12:22 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Stoltenberg.
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-9-24

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

- John Fisher - Request to Consider Restoration of Land Value Tax;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities - 2016 Resolutions;
- Auditor General for Local Government Annual Report - 2016/2017;
- Cathy Peters - Prevention of Youth/Child Sexual Exploitation;
- Canadian Wood Council - Call for Nominations for the 2017 Community Recognition Awards;
- Climate and Energy Action News - Apply Now for a Climate & Energy Action Award;
- FCM News - May 26, 2017 - Mayors Call for Action on the Opioid Crisis;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

-Union of B.C. Municipalities

- Analysis of Marijuana Survey
- Resolutions Deadline June 30
- Oceans Protection Plan Initiatives Announced
- BC MLAs Bring Local Government Experience
- Tanker Ban Legislation Introduced;

INVITATIONS

-BC Assessment - UBCM 2017 Convention - BC Assessment Meeting Invitation.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts
-May 2017

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Alternate Director Stoltenberg

2017-9-25

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid May, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LISTS

Action Lists

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Alternate Director Stoltenberg

2017-9-26

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Action Lists:
-In Progress from 2016;
-January, 2017;
-February and March, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Alternate Director Stoltenberg

2017-9-27

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

- BC Chamber of Commerce - BC Chamber Buckles Down on Energy Policy & Clean Tech;
- Canada Wood Group - Canada Wood Global Markets Newsletter, May 2017;
- Canadian HR Reporter - RCMP Harassment/National HR Awards/Last Year's Winners;
- Clean Energy Review
 - Federal Carbon Pricing Plan Unveiled
 - The Job Numbers are Out
 - Trump. Paris. What's it Mean for Canada;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - President's Corner - June 2017
 - FCM Green Update - June 5, 2017;
- Northern BC Tourism - May 2017 News & Updates;
- Northern Health - June 2017 Healthier Northern Communities Ebrief;
- Pellet Fuels Institute - PFI Annual Conference - Stowe, Vermont - July 23-25, 2017;
- Resource Works
 - News: BC's New Political Landscape
 - DAY OF ACTION: Standing Up for National Well Being
 - Newsletter: New Resource Reality for BC?
- Rio Tinto Alcan - Nechako Reservoir Updates
 - 13 May to 19 May 2017
 - 20 May to 26 May 2017
 - 27 May to 2 June 2017;
- Smithers Exploration Group - Golf with SEG September 15;
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Bulkley-Stikine District - Load Restrictions in the Bulkley Nass Service Area 25
 - June 14, 2017
 - June 15, 2017;
- Wilderness Committee - Time's Up for the Tar Sands.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Change in CRA Policy for Elected Officials Allowances

Moved by Alternate Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2017-9-28

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Receive the Chief Administrative Officer’s June 21, 2017 memo titled “Change in CRA Policy for Elected Officials Allowances.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the potential impact to elected officials in regard to the “Change in CRA Policy for Elected Officials Allowances.” The discrepancy between Provincial and Federal elected officials remuneration and local governments was also discussed. Conversation took place in regard to discussing the issue with Garth Frizzell, Third Vice-President, Federation of Municipalities and Councillor for the City of Prince George to bring forward to FCM.

Director Benedict spoke of submitting a resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for consideration (UBCM). A resolution needs to be submitted by June 30, 2017. Discussion took place in regard to working with UBCM to develop a resolution in regard to the issue. Director Benedict spoke to drafting a resolution requesting that no changes be made to the CRA Policy for Elected Officials Allowances.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

The salary paid versus the large amount of time required as an elected local government official was discussed.

Discussion took place in regard to the deadline for change being 2019 and the possibility of amending the RDBN Remuneration Policy to broaden the scope of allowable reimbursements. Director Repen mentioned that some communities can't increase their compensations schemes to adjust for the change in CRA Policy for Elected Officials Allowances.

Director Thiessen suggested that staff provide information to the RDBN Executive for discussion and to be brought forward at a future RDBN Board Meeting.

Groundbreakers Agricultural Association – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Moved by Alternate Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-9-29

“That the Groundbreakers Agricultural Association be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with its Young Agrarian Youth Employment Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Health Authority Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

2017-9-30

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence from the Northern Health Authority:

- RE: Rezoning & OCP Amendment C-01-17 (Hoy), Electoral Area “C”;
- RE: Rezoning C-02-17 (Blue Jay Farms), electoral Area “C”.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes named Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Director Thiessen mentioned that John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes was named the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations by the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier in the minority elected liberal provincial government.

Rio Tinto hires a Community Liaison for Vanderhoof from Saskatchewan

Director Thiessen commented that Rio Tinto has hired a new Community Liaison for Vanderhoof that is relocating from Saskatchewan.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding the lack of notice received for invitations to meetings planned by Rio Tinto. Director Thiessen spoke to concerns regarding the health of the Nechako River and the amount of sediment that is now in the river. Chair Miller mentioned that at the recent meeting with Rio Tinto the message was clearly provided that more notice was required to allow for attendance at meetings. Chair Miller commented that attendees clearly outlined that irrespective of what Rio Tinto views as their responsibilities they have a responsibility downstream of the Nechako River irrespective of their contract with the province.

Grassy Plains Music Festival
Northern Development
Initiative Trust Application

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-9-31

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the Grassy Plains Music Festival for its funding application of \$2,500 to Northern Development Initiative Trust.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alternate Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2017-9-32

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:51 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant