

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 10**  
**VIRTUAL**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Bob Motion  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson

Directors Absent Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa  
Sarraah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Director Kim Watt-Senner, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:18 a.m., left at 11:26 a.m.  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 11:16 a.m.  
Maria Sandberg, Parks and Recreation Coordinator – left at 11:16 a.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-10-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of July 15, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Alternate Director Watt-Senner

2021-10-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)**

**Bylaw for Adoption**

OCP Amendment & Rezoning Application RZ B-01-21 Adoption OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2021 and Rezoning Bylaw 1946, 2021 Electoral Area "B" Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-10-3

1. "That Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2021 be adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1946, 2021 be adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Crown Land Referral No. 7410186 – Electoral Area "C" Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-10-4

"That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Referral No. 7410186 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell removed himself from the meeting at 11:14 a.m. due to a conflict of interest as an employee of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation regarding Mines Application Referral No. 134236784-007.

Mines Application Referral No. 134236784-007 Electoral Area "C" Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-10-5

"That the Comment Sheet for Mines Application Referral No. 134236784-007 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell returned at 11:16 a.m.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Budget Adjustment (re-allocation) Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Brien

2021-10-6

"That the Board approve the Environmental Services 2021 capital budget re-allocation included in the Director of Environmental Services' Budget Adjustment (re-allocation) memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Bulkley Valley Regional Pool  
and Racquet Courts  
User Fee Bylaw

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-10-7

“That Bulkley Valley Regional Pool and Racquet Courts User Fee Bylaw No. 1954, 2021 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, and further,

That Bulkley Valley Regional Pool and Racquet Courts User Fee Repeal Bylaw No. 1955, 2021 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency  
Response Contribution Local  
Service Establishment  
Repeal Bylaw No. 1944, 2021

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-10-8

“That Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1944, 2021 be adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stuart-Nechako Economic  
Development Service  
Establishment Repeal  
Bylaw No. 1940, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-10-9

“That Stuart-Nechako Economic Development Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1940, 2021 be adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sponsorship for 2022 Regional  
Business Forum in Telkwa

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-10-10

“That the Board pre-approve \$10,000 in the 2022 Regional Economic Development Budget for payment to the Village of Telkwa for costs associated with facilitating and hosting the 2022 Regional Business Forum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

COVID-19 Relief Funds

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-10-11

"That the Board approve the following COVID-19 Relief Funds Applications:

**Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)**

-The Link (COVID-10 Support Committee) – Community Support (deliveries) - \$454.05

**Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)**

-Granisle and District Seniors Assoc. – Facility Insurance - \$5,500.00."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Comfor Limited  
Appointment of Directors  
and AGM

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-10-12

"That the Board of the Regional District, a shareholder of Chinook Comfor Limited, appoint Mr. Miles Fuller and Ms. Cindy Shelford to the Chinook Comfor Limited Board of Directors.

And that the Director for Electoral Area E and Electoral Area B to be designated proxies to attend the Annual General Meetings of Chinook Comfor Limited and that the Chief Financial Officer be designated as proxy for Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

Endako Weir Project

Director Riis-Christianson mentioned that the Endako Weir Project engagement process was conducted virtually and the Consultants for the project will also conduct in person public meetings July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Emergency Operations Centre

Director Riis-Christianson thanked RDBN staff for their work in the Emergency Operations Centre addressing the wildfires in the region.

Director Parker noted he had discussions with a number of constituents in regard to the current wildfire activity in the region. He spoke of the improvements made in the RDBN EOC Operations that were learned from 2018. He recognized the good job being done by staff and Chair Thiessen.

Director McGuire thanked RDBN staff for their communication regarding wildfire updates.

Chinook Emergency Response  
Society Community Meeting

Director Lambert commented that he will be attending a meeting this evening hosted by the Chinook Emergency Response Society at 6:00 p.m. on the Southside of Francois Lake to discuss wildfires in the region. Concerns have been raised by Electoral Area "E" residents in regard to the wildfire behavior of the Chief Louie Lake Fire.

**VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)**

<u>Northern Solid Waste Forum</u>	Director Fisher mentioned that the Northern Solid Waste Working Group that he is a participant is scheduling a solid waste forum in the north mid October 2021. The working group includes staff and elected officials from northern B.C. regional districts and has provided an opportunity for collaboration moving forward.
<u>Yekooche First Nations</u>	Director Greenaway spoke of the RDBN and Yekooche Evacuation Order for the Camsell Lake Wildfire.
<u>Town of Smithers Canada Day, Day of Reflection</u>	Director Atrill commented that the Town of Smithers held a Canada Day, Day of Reflection event.
<u>2021 Bulkley Valley Exhibition</u>	Director Atrill announced that the 2021 Bulkley Valley Exhibition will be moving forward August 26-29, 2021.
<u>Town of Smithers Official Community Plan (OCP)</u>	Director Atrill mentioned that the Town of Smithers is working on its Official Community Plan and is looking for volunteers to participate on the Committee.
<u>Tent Camp/Homeless Camp -Town of Smithers</u>	Director Atrill reported that the tent camp/homeless camp in Smithers has been moved to the Town of Smithers Municipal Office. She spoke of support for those in need of support as well as supporting the entire community.
<u>Village of Granisle In-Person Council Meetings</u>	Director McGuire mentioned that the Village of Granisle held its Council Meeting in-person and thanked RDBN staff for attending virtually to discuss the Regional Broadband Service.
<u>Village of Granisle Canada Day Celebration</u>	Director McGuire announced that the Village of Granisle will be hosting a modified Canada Day Celebration in adherence with COVID-19 Provincial guidelines. Granisle is also moving forward with planning for its August 14, 2021 Granisle Day.
<u>Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)</u>	Director Brienon commented that the RBA has a meeting scheduled July 26 <sup>th</sup> with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Honourable Selena Robinson, Minister of Finance.
<u>Bulkley Nechako Emergency Alert System</u>	Director Funk spoke of the Bulkley Nechako Emergency Alert System. Discussion took place regarding the delivery of timely messaging and the process to implement Evacuation Alerts and Orders in partnership with First Nations Governments and other government agencies.
<u>Evacuation Alert/Order Mapping and Wildfire Mapping</u>	Director Petersen spoke of Evacuation Alert and Order mapping as well as the BC Wildfire Service mapping of the wildfires. Staff noted that the RDBN includes links to the BC Wildfire Service for up-to-date information regarding BC Wildfire's fire mapping.
<u>Village of Fraser Lake Events</u>	Alternate Director Watt-Senner mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake held its Indigenous Day on June 21, 2021 and Canada Day Event on July 1, 2021. Fraser Lake will also be hosting its first Baseball Tournament since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Connectivity – Village of Fraser Lake Alternate Director Watt-Senner noted that the Village of Fraser Lake continues to work on connectivity issues and is completing its bandwidth study.

Six Nations of Burns Lake - Every Child Matters - July 9, 2021 Chair Thiessen attended the Six Nations of Burns Lake - Every Child Matters gathering on July 9, 2021 in memory of the 215 children discovered at the Kamloops Residential School.

Meeting with Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo-Prince George Chair Thiessen and Connectivity Committee Chair Riis-Christianson met with Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo-Prince George regarding bandwidth and connectivity issues.

RDBN Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) Chair Thiessen commented that he has been working with CAO Helgesen and Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services regarding the RDBN EOC and spoke of the good communications and partnering with First Nations communities during the wildfire event.

Chair Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof airport has been utilized by aircraft working on the wildfires in the area. He expressed his appreciation for the upgrades to the airport that has allowed for them to support firefighting efforts.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Funk  
Seconded by Alternate Director Watt-Senner

2021-10-13 "That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Citizens' Services -Funding to Support Cellular Service along Highway 16, within the RDBN Moved by Director Brienen  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-10-14 "That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Ministry of Citizens' Services – Funding to Support Cellular Service along Highway 16, within the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

Letter of Support Request – Village of Telkwa for NDIT Application and Canada Community Revitalization Fund Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Brienen

2021-10-15 "That the Board write a letter of support for the Village of Telkwa's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Barbeque Grounds Bleacher project."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

Artemis Gold

Chair Thiessen commented that Artemis Gold announced today that it has received Provincial Government approval for its Early Works Permit for its Blackwater Project.

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-10-16

"In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Sections 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations, must be closed to the public, therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Funk  
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-10-17

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:02 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant