

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 17

Thursday, November 29, 2018

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – arrived at 11:02 a.m.

Directors Absent Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Bev Playfair, District of Fort St. James

Alternate Directors Judy Greenaway, District of Fort St. James
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:24 a.m., left at 12:15 p.m., arrived at 12:50 p.m.
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator - left at 12:01 p.m.
Jordanna Evans, Regional Economic Development Assistant - left at 11:53 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Shari Janzen, Regional Economic Development Assistant – left at 11:53 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:50 a.m.
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:24 a.m., left at 12:15 p.m., arrived at 12:50 p.m.
Maria Sandberg, Planner – arrived at 12:40 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Mark Halwa, Sandbox Systems – left at 11:53 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services administered the Oath of Office to Rob Newell, Director, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural), Thomas Liversidge, Alternate Director, Village of Granisle and Judy Greenaway, Alternate Director, District of Fort St. James.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2018-17-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of November 29, 2018 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

2018-17-2

“That the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

SANDBOX SYSTEMS- Mark Halwa Re: Internet Connectivity Project – Final Report

Chair Thiessen welcomed Mark Halwa, Sandbox Systems.

Mr. Halwa provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Discussion took place in regard to RDBN steps moving forward concerning internet connectivity and the Regional Board determining its strategic priorities. The Investing in Canada Infrastructure program (ICIP) and its Rural & Northern Communities (RNC) funding opportunity and initial intake date of January 23, 2019 was discussed. The information required and needed for the ICIP and RNC opportunity can also be utilized for the CRTC – Closing the Broadband Gap Funding initiative possibly launching in late spring 2019. Discussion took place in regard to not submitting an application for ICIP funding and applying for the CRTC funding.

Director Riis-Christianson requested clarification in regard to open access versus free access for fiber. Mr. Halwa noted that open access for fiber is a corporation/company building fiber and providing access to other users at a prescribed price. Free access for fiber is the free access provided by coffee shops, libraries, etc.

Discussion took place in regard to the advantages and disadvantages of installing fiber optic cables underground and aerially.

Director Fisher brought forward for discussion the potential maintenance costs to repair and or replace fiber optic infrastructure and the need to have a detailed outline of potential costs. Discussion took place regarding repairs and replacement being budgeted over a 25 year period and the costs of network electronics and POP (Point of Presence) construction. Northern Development Initiative Trust Transport Infrastructure and Last Mile Infrastructure funding was discussed. Discussion took place in regard to partnering with companies to mitigate the cost to install the fiber optic infrastructure.

Director Liversidge spoke of internet and connectivity in relation to the Village of Granisle providing the service. He noted that there are a number of residents that conduct their business solely online within the community.

Ms. de Weerd commented that the Regional Board's 2014-2018 Strategic Priorities identified internet connectivity with low resource allocation. Discussion took place in regard to potentially increasing resource allocation through staff and or consultant works in the future and the potential implication to the tax base. Chair Thiessen noted that if the Regional Board determined internet connectivity as a 2018-2022 strategic priority it would need to review resource allocations and develop a committee or task force.

DELEGATION

SANDBOX SYSTEMS- Mark Halwa Re: Internet Connectivity Project – Final Report

Discussion took place in regard to the timeline for potential grant funding and the Regional Board determining its strategic plan. The need for adequate connectivity service levels within the region, economic benefits, cost implications and ensuring the product being installed is usable in the long-term was also discussed.

Director Bachrach spoke of the need to build a business plan. Director Fisher noted that there needs to be conversations with ISP's in regard to a potential project proposal and a funding breakdown including replacement and maintenance costs over a 25 year period.

Discussion took place in regard to potentially installing fiber between Vanderhoof and Prince George and potentially approaching the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George if it is determined that is a section of infrastructure that will be part of the project.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mr. Halwa for attending the meeting.

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
-November 15, 2018

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2018-17-3

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2018 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

2019 Minerals Roundup
Participation

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Layton

2018-17-4

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Director Newell's attendance at the 2019 Minerals Roundup January 28-31, 2019 at the Vancouver Convention Centre."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Economic Development for
Local Leaders

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Layton

2018-17-5

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

1. schedule a two day Economic Development for Local Leaders training event in 2019 at a cost of \$6,500; and,
2. that training be made available to local leaders and staff from all member municipalities."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Local Government Leadership Academy – 2019 Elected Officials Seminar – January 30 -February 1, 2019 – Prince George, B.C. Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Brienen

2018-17-6 “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of Fort Fraser Local Community Commissioners at the LGLA 2019 Elected Officials Seminar from January 30 to February 1, 2019 in Prince George, B.C.; and further, that costs to attend the Seminar be allocated to the unappropriated 2018 Fort Fraser Local Community Commission Election surplus.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Applications Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2018-17-7 1. “That the Fort St. James Secondary School Senior Girls Volleyball Team be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with attending Provincials in Nanaimo, B.C.
2. That BC Emergency Health Services -Fraser Lake be given \$500 from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with an Emergency Services Appreciation Banquet.
3. That the Nechako View Seniors Home Society be given \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) to support construction of Mardel Subdivision – Seniors Housing Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program -Rural and Northern Communities RDBN Connectivity Project Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2018-17-8 “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to allocate staff time to prepare an application for grant funding for Connectivity in the RDBN through the ICIP – Rural and Northern Communities Program including the Regional Board’s suggestions during Sandbox Systems presentation.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program -Rural and Northern Communities RDBN Connectivity Project Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2018-17-9 “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors commit to providing direction for project scope and budget prior to December 13, 2018.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Regional District Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Newell

2018-17-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s November 16, 2018 memo titled “Regional District Grant in Aid” and that,
“The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to include a Regional District Grant in Aid program in the 2019 budget at a tax rate of ½ cent per \$1,000 of assessment.”

Opposed: Director Fisher CARRIED
 Director Parker
 Director Petersen

(All/Directors/Majority)

Bulkley Valley Pool Advisory Committee

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Brien

2018-17-11

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s November 16, 2018 memo titled “Bulkley Valley Pool Advisory Committee”; and,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the appointment of Matthew Monkman, Greg Brown, Taylor Bachrach, Roger Ristsema and Mark Fisher to the Advisory Committee for the Bulkley Valley Regional Pool”; and further,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the appointment of Leroy Dekens, Casda Thomas, and Lorne Benson as alternate Advisory Committee members.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019 RDBN Appointments

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Brien

2018-17-12

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the 2019 RDBN Appointments.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Regional News – Fall/Winter 2018

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Newell

2018-17-13

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Fall/Winter 2018 edition of “*The Regional News*”.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electoral Area Allocation of
Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Third Quarter 2018

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2018-17-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Finance/Administration Coordinator’s November 12, 2018 memo titled “Electoral Area Allocation of Federal Gas Tax Funds – Third Quarter 2018.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break For Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

Memo

Coastal GasLink Burns Lake
Area Proposed Work Camp
Location

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2018-17-15

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planner 1’s November 15, 2018 memo titled “Coastal GasLink Burns Lake Area Proposed Work Camp Location.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Layton removed himself from the meeting at 12:41 p.m. due to a conflict of Interest in regard to his employment.

File #1207 (Rowsell)
Subdivision within the ALR
Electoral Area A

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2018-17-16

“That the Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1207 (Rowsell) be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for denial.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Layton returned at 12:46 p.m.

File #1208 (Buri)
Subdivision within the ALR
Electoral Area A

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

2018-17-17

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors not authorize the submission of Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1208 (Buri) to the Agricultural Land Commission.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors) (CONT'D)

Memo (Cont'd)

File #1209 (Woodmere)
Subdivision within the ALR
Electoral Area A

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2018-17-18

“That the Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1209 (Woodmere) be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS

Land Referral File No.
13880-02-309
(Thompson Creek Metals)
– Electoral Area “C”

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

2018-17-19

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Mines File No. 13880-02-309” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Mines File No. 13880-02-309.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
7410017 (Trepus)
– Electoral Area “C”

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Alternate Director Greenaway

2018-17-20

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7410017” be amended to include:
“That the Road be developed to a standard that motor vehicles up to 3 tonne have year round access prior to the issuance of a license and prior to the application for road closure”
and further, that the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Application File 7410017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Memo

Zoning Bylaw Review

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2018-17-21

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to undertake a referral and public consultation process for the draft zoning bylaw.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

North Road – Fort St. James

Director Greenaway voiced concerns regarding the condition of the North Road in the Fort St. James area. Due to the amount of industrial hauling on the road year round and the weather conditions the road is deteriorating significantly and becoming difficult to travel. Director Greenaway spoke of the importance of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure implementing seasonal road restrictions and limiting heavy industrial use during times when the road is unable to withstand the use.

Allegiance Coal Ltd. -Telkwa, B.C. – November 28 2018

Director Layton mentioned that Allegiance Coal Ltd. held its second public meeting in Telkwa. The company answered questions and communicated their plan.

Director Fisher attended the meeting along with RDBN Planning Staff and Allegiance Coal Ltd. has begun its Environmental Assessment process for Telkwa Metallurgical Coal.

Cheslatta – Green Energy Project

Director Lambert noted that he spoke with Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Advisory, Cheslatta Carrier Nation in regard to the Cheslatta Green Energy Project. Mr. Robertson mentioned that the project is not currently moving forward due to the lack of phase three power on the Southside of Francois Lake.

Chinook Emergency Response Society

Director Lambert reported that the Chinook Emergency Response Society is operational and is receiving donations from groups and businesses. The Society encompasses all of Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural).

Bank Closing in Fraser Lake

Director Parker mentioned that the bank in Fraser Lake will be closing in September, 2019. He noted that options will be investigated but it is challenging for the community.

Director Storey stated that she has been in discussions with other banks to find a possible solution for the future.

Village of Burns Lake Partnering with Fire Smart

Director Funk commented that the Village of Burns Lake is partnering with its Fire Smart Committee to submit an application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Fund for fire smart training for committee members and education for residents along with vegetation clearing funding.

Village of Burns Lake Manganese in Water Update

Director Funk mentioned that Health Canada announced that its guidelines are changing in regard to manganese in water due to new science available. The Village of Burns Lake is being proactive and applying for funding to upgrade its water system.

TransCanada

Directors Funk, Newell and Storey and Ms. de Weerdts recently spoke with Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs, BC Projects TransCanada in regard to the Unist’ot’en Camp and community/regional concerns and updates.

RDBN Updates

Director Fisher reported that he met with Village of Telkwa and Town of Smithers Council to provide an RDBN update.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Workshop: How can the Agricultural Sector Adapt to Climate Change?

Director Fisher attended the Workshop: "How can the Agricultural Sector Adapt to Climate Change?" on November 14, 2018. Topics centered on farming and threats to farming. He noted that a few topics that require further discussion are mitigation, adaptation, water and water storage and wildfire issues.

New Gold Blackwater Project

Director Petersen attended the New Gold public information session on November 26, 2018 and the New Gold Community Liaison meeting on November 27, 2018. The Blackwater Project continues to move forward at a slow pace. New Gold is continuing its Environmental Assessment process. Director Petersen spoke of the Caribou habitat issue in relation to the Blackwater Project.

Director Storey spoke of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's public comment period currently underway from November 14, 2018 to December 14, 2018 in regard to New Gold's Blackwater Project draft Environmental Assessment Report and potential environmental assessment conditions.

Supportive Housing Project -Town of Smithers

Director Bachrach spoke of the supportive housing project on Town of Smithers property that will be completed at the end of 2018. The housing will be available for homeless and individuals at risk of homelessness. Smithers Community Services Association and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing contributed to complete the great project.

CT Scanner Project at the Bulkley Valley Hospital

Director Bachrach provided an overview of the Town of Smithers Council decision at its meeting on November 27, 2018 in regard to the CT Scanner Project at the Bulkley Valley Hospital and the Town of Smithers Development Bylaw. He spoke of the challenges and is looking forward to a solution.

Premier's Award – Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan

Director Newell attended the Premier's Awards November 1, 2018 in Victoria, B.C. for the Premier's Award for the Highway 16 Transportation Action Plan. He mentioned the great response and appreciation to the Regional Board and staff of the RDBN. It was a good event.

Meeting with the Director of Mines and a Provincial Economist

Director Newell met with the Director of Mines and a Provincial Economist on November 27, 2018 and discussion took place in regard to the RBA and Rural BC Party.

Meeting with Community Futures

Director Storey met with Community Futures in regard to their "Ideas to Market" project currently underway. The project may assist in mitigating job losses in the community.

Seniors/Affordable Housing -Vanderhoof

Chair Thiessen mentioned that with the recent funding announcement for seniors & affordable housing the approval process is underway and final plans are being completed for the Nechako Valley Community Services, BC Housing, Northern Health and the District of Vanderhoof project.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Sturgeon Sighting

Chair Thiessen reported that he was contacted November 28, 2019 in regard to an apparent report of a sturgeon sighting near Williams Lake. It was determined by provincial representatives that the majority of the sturgeon from the Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre hatchery needed to be disposed of. Chair Thiessen has been concentrating his efforts to determine what has taken place and will be attending a meeting this afternoon in regard to the issue. He spoke of concerns that the science being used in regard to issues of sturgeon, caribou, etc. is not locally based. Chair Thiessen hopes that there will be an opportunity for local science to be utilized in the process.

RBA (Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance) -Update

Director Brienen provided a brief update in regard to the RBA. The RBA Political Committee met on November 23, 2018 and a consensus was garnered in regard to moving forward with the long term goal of the RBA.

New Gold Blackwater Representatives

Chair Thiessen brought forward the RDBN representation on the New Gold Community Liaison Group and Community Leaders Group for discussion.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2018-17-22

“That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Gold Blackwater Community Leaders and Community Liaison Groups

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

2018-17-23

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors appoint Director Parker and Melany de Weerd, CAO to the New Gold Blackwater Community Leaders Group and Director Petersen and Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator to the New Gold Blackwater Community Liaison Group.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence & Invitations

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Layton

2018-17-24

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

- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Response to RDBN Letter RE: Impact of 2018 Wildfires on Timber Supply
- BC Assessment – Congratulations to the newly Elected 2018 Regional District Board of Directors
- Canadian Red Cross – BC Fires Recovery Operation Update

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Canfor – News Release – Canfor to Acquire Elliot Sawmilling Co., Inc.
- Canfor – News Release – Canfor to Acquire Majority Interest in VIDA Group of Sweden
- Ministry of Finance – Letter to the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)
- New Gold Blackwater Project – Fall 2018 Newsletter
- Union of B.C. Municipalities – UBCM Notification of Executive Vacancies
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - Executive to Fill Vacancies
 - Provincial and Federal Housing Announcements
 - Evacuation Route Planning Grant
 - Budgeting for Increases to RCMP Compensation
 - UBCM Executive Meeting Highlights
 - Regional Pilot Focuses on Entrepreneur Immigration.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATIONS

Invitations

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2018-17-25

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following invitations:
 - Association for Mineral Exploration – January 28-31, 2019 – Vancouver, B.C.
 - Recycling Council of BC (RCBC) – 45th Conference on Circular Economy – Moving Beyond Waste – May 8-10, 2019 – Whistler, B.C.
 - 2019 COFI Convention – Registration Now Open-April 3-5, 2019 – Vancouver, B.C.; and further,
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Director Fisher’s attendance at the Recycling Council of BC’s Conference and Directors Layton and Greenaway’s attendance at the 2019 COFI Convention.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2018-17-26

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clean Energy Review

- November 18, 2018 – China is Serious
- November 13, 2018 – The New Climate Denial

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

- November 22, 2018 – Watch: CPC's Raitt Addresses FCM
- November 20, 2018 – Announcing Funding for 112 Municipalities / Online Tool for QC Climate Projects
- November 20, 2018 – FCM Advocacy Days – Taking our Message to parliament
- November 20, 2018 – Watch: NDP's Singh Addresses FCM
- November 16, 2018 – Connect - Enroll in an Asset Management Training Program
- November 16, 2018 – President's Corner – Bringing Your Voice to Parliament Hill
- November 16, 2018 – The Urban Project: A Forum for Canada's Big Cities
- November 13, 2018 – Voice - Toward Parity / Advocacy Days / Poverty and Homelessness
- ISACA BC Aware Campaign – Attention Mayor & Council – Proclamation Request – BC-AWARE Days 2019
- Northern BC Tourism – News from Northern BC Tourism
- Northern Health – Northern Health Story Summary November 17, 2018
- Resource Works -- November 15, 2018 – LNG's Big Economic Impact
- Rio Tinto Alcan – Nechako Reservoir Flow Facts:
 - November 10 to November 16, 2018
 - November 3 to November 9, 2018.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

Endako Hall Society
-Request for Grant in Aid
-Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Layton

2018-17-27

“That the Endako Hall Society be given \$1,050 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with the acquisition of the well and land on which the well is located that supplies water to the community.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Manson Creek Landfill Moved by Director Greenaway
-Operations Contract Extension Seconded by Director Newell

2018-17-28

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' November 26, 2018 memo titled "Manson Creek Landfill – Operations Contract Extension."
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors award a Contract extension for operation of the Manson Creek Landfill, which includes the additional requirements associated with the electrified fence and gates, to Lepka Holdings Ltd. with the payment terms as follows:

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako agrees to pay the Contractor during the term of the Contract the following amount:

- a. The lump sum amount of \$6,762.63 (excluding GST) for the term of the Contract from November 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 during which the work was satisfactorily performed. The Regional District shall pay 30 days following receipt of monthly invoices of \$1,127.12 from the Contractor. The calculated inflationary adjustment will be based upon the change in the British Columbia Consumer Price Index from January 1 to December 31 of the previous year."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Honourable Mike Moved by Director Fisher
Farnworth, Minister of Public Seconded by Alternate Director Greenaway
Safety and Solicitor General
Email Response to RDBN Letter
Re: Fire Safety Act

2018-17-29

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the email response from the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to the RDBN Letter Re: Fire Safety Act."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Memo: Blackwater Gold Moved by Director Layton
Environmental Assessment Seconded by Director Greenaway

2018-17-30

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to send the attached letter to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding the Blackwater Gold Project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence and Invitation Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Layton

2018-17-31

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

- Environmental Dynamics Inc. – Nechako Watershed Engagement Initiative Involvement
- Village of Burns Lake – Manganese in Water Update (Health Canada)
- British Columbia News – Wildfire Rehabilitation Efforts Benefit Communities

Invitation

-BC Chamber of Commerce – Premier & Cabinet Lunch – December 10, 2018 – Vancouver, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen mentioned that staff met with Environmental Dynamics Inc. in regard to Nechako Watershed Engagement Initiative Involvement. Ms. de Weerd provided an overview of the meeting and noted that staff clearly identified concerns in regard to input provided being used in a meaningful manner. Chair Thiessen commented that the District of Vanderhoof has provided benchmarks including First Nations engagement and involvement, and all information needing to be provided in writing. The District of Vanderhoof has requested that a letter be provided to the District that includes scope of the project and commitment level depending on community consensus in regard to reservoir management. He spoke of the need for the Province to conduct the Nechako Watershed engagement. Staff will draft a letter to be brought forward for the Regional Board’s review requesting information in regard to the scope of work, how far the engagement will lead towards a water use plan and what First Nation’s involvement there will be.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – Broadband and Connectivity in the RDBN Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brienen

2018-17-32

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve up to \$25,000 from the Special Projects Budget to be direct awarded to Sandbox Systems to complete a Broadband and Connectivity Strategic Plan to support internet infrastructure planning; and further, that the Strategic Plan be brought forward to the Regional Board for review.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2018-17-33

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:38 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant