

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Chris Beach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen

Directors Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle
Absent Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Director

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Proposal Writer – arrived at 11:08 a.m., left at 11:10 a.m.
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services – left at 11:08 a.m.
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 10:44 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Media Flavio Nienow, Lakes District News – arrived at 11:02 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

C.W.2018-1-1

“That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of January 11, 2018 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – November 9, 2017

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2018-1-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of November 9, 2017 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Service 2300 Stuart Nechako
Economic Development

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2018-1-3

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s January 11, 2018 memo titled “Request for Direction – Service 2300 Stuart Nechako Economic Development”; and further, that the service area Directors: Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, and Electoral Areas “C” (Fort St. James Rural), “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) and “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) meet to discuss options to bring forward at a future RDBN Board Meeting.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Houston Smithers
Rebroadcasting Society

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

C.W.2018-1-4

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s January 11, 2018 memo titled “Houston Smithers Rebroadcasting Society”; and,

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to bring forward to the RDBN Board of Directors a draft amendment bylaw to “Smithers/Houston/Telkwa Television Rebroadcasting Local Service Establishment Bylaw 630, 1990” to increase the maximum taxation by 25%; and further, that the annual grant for the Houston-Smithers Rebroadcast Society be increased by 20% and that this amount be included in the 2018 RDBN Budget.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Draft 2018 Budget

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2018-1-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s January 11, 2018 memo titled “Draft 2018 Budget” as amended to include the updated Schedule 9; and January 7, 2018 Supplementary memo titled “Initial 2018 Change in Assessments.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the Draft 2018 RDBN Budget.

Discussion took place in regard to Environmental Services proposed purchase of a lowbed. Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services noted that staff researched the need to purchase a lowbed for landfill equipment to mitigate costs to the RDBN to complete such works as the clean out of the Burns Lake Transfer Station septage receiving beds and the moving of the wood waste piles.

Director McGuire brought forward the RDBN – 2018 Budget Initiative for the Northwest BC Resource Benefit Alliance (RBA). Chair Miller mentioned that the funding is to be used in moving forward in negotiations with the province. The RBA is requesting capacity funding from the province to offset the cost of negotiations.

Discussion took place in regard to the addition of staff and increase of CPI (Consumer Price Index) impacts to the budget.

Director Fisher requested that a responsive analysis be developed in order for the Regional Board to determine the cumulative changes from decisions made to add, adjust initiatives and/or implement new initiatives in the budget.

Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Funding Program

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2018-1-6

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Proposal Writer’s January 2, 2018 memo titled “Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative Funding Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Spruce Beetle Omineca PAC -December, 2017

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2018-1-7

“That the Committee of the Whole receive correspondence from the Spruce Beetle Omineca PAC re: December 2017 Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATION

UNBC Cumulative Impacts
Research Consortium - 2018
CIRC Forum – Jan 18-19, 2018
-Prince George, B.C.

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

C.W.2018-1-8

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors authorize Director Fisher’s attendance at the UNBC Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium re: 2018 CIRC Forum on January 18-19, 2018 in Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

INVITATIONS

Northern Development Initiative
Trust - #TrueNorth Business
Forum – Jan 16, 2018
-Prince George, B.C.

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Beach

C.W.2018-1-9

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors authorize Chair Miller and Director Newell’s attendance at Northern Development Initiative Trust’s #TrueNorth Business Forum on January 16, 2018 in Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BC Chamber of Commerce
-Cabinet Ministers Breakfast
Series presents: The
Honourable Melanie Mark
– Jan 30, 2018 -Vancouver, B.C.

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director MacDougall

C.W.2018-1-10

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the invitation from the BC Chamber of Commerce re: Cabinet Ministers Breakfast Series presents: The Honourable Melanie Mark on January 30, 2018 in Vancouver, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

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Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2018-1-11

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Director Fisher’s attendance at the BC Chamber of Commerce re: Cabinet Ministers Breakfast Series presents: The Honourable Melanie Mark on January 30, 2018 in Vancouver, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Car Pooling Incentive/
Initiative

Director Bachrach noted that discussion had taken place at a past RDBN Meeting in regard to staff researching carpooling incentives and/or initiatives. Ms. de Weerdts mentioned that staff have conducted some research and discovered that there are no local governments or other levels of government in the province that provide a car pooling incentive. Ms. de Weerdts mentioned that staff intend to bring forward further information in regard to car pooling during the RDBN Remuneration Bylaw review to potentially begin in April, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Beach

C.W.2018-1-12

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:21 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant