

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, June 7, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Bill Miller  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker – left at 3:50 p.m.  
Jerry Petersen

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m.

**AGENDA** Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2018-5-1 “That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for June 7, 2018 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes -May 3, 2018 Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2018-5-2 “That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of May 3, 2018 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORTS**

Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service – Grant in Aid Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2018-5-3 “That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator’s May 23, 2018 memo titled “Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service – Grant in Aid.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion took place regarding the RDBN’s share of the operating cost for the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Services and the Province funding the capital costs for the service for a term of 5 years.

Chair Benedict spoke of the projected budget for operating expenditures for the year and the specific use of a grant in aid contribution. Melany

**REPORTS (CONT'D)**

de Weerd, CAO noted that the service is currently being funded by the municipalities within the region and that further information was needed by the electoral area directors to determine the use and ridership of rural residents. Further information to consider a potential service area was also discussed. Ms. de Weerd mentioned that the Regional Transit Committee consists of funding partners and a request will be forwarded to the Regional District of Fraser–Fort George, Electoral Area C Chilako River-Nechako.

Director Petersen expressed his opposition to utilizing grant in aid for the Regional Transit Service and requested clarification on the Transit Ridership Survey Residence Summary information. Ms. de Weerd provided an overview of the summary information.

Director Miller spoke to the ridership numbers and the use of the service and future consideration to establish a service area. Director Parker voiced his support for the Fraser Lake commuter bus.

Director Fisher requested information in regard to garbage pickup at bus stop locations. Ms. de Weerd noted that the RDBN does not own the land where the assets are located and that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure indicated the landowner (MoTI or municipality) is responsible.

Director Newell spoke of the need for a commuter system between Houston and Smithers.

Discussion took place in regard to Directors wanting to contribute grant in aid funds to the service. Staff will forward information to the Rural Directors Committee.

CICK 93.9 FM Smithers  
Community Radio Society  
– Request for Grant in Aid  
– Electoral Area “A”  
(Smithers Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2018-5-4

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that CICK 93.9 FM Smithers Community Radio Society be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with Board development and volunteer training.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Burns Lake Mountain Biking  
Association – Request for Grant  
in Aid – Electoral Area “B”  
(Burns Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2018-5-5

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Big Pig Mountain Biking Festival.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Lakes District Arts Council  
– Request for Grant in Aid  
– Electoral Area “B”  
(Burns Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2018-5-6

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Lakes District Arts Council be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) for costs associated with events during the 2018/19 season.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stuart Lake Sailing Club  
School – Request for Grant  
in Aid – Electoral Area “C”  
(Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2018-5-7

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Stuart Lake Sailing Club be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with sail camps on Stuart Lake.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Music on the Mountain Society  
– Request for Grant in Aid  
– Electoral Area “C”  
(Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2018-5-8

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Music on the Mountain Society be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the 2018 Music on the Mountain Festival.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fraser Lake Elementary  
Secondary School – Track  
Team – Request for Grant in  
Aid – Electoral Area “D”  
(Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2018-5-9

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School – Track Team be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Track Team attending Provincial Championships in Langley, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Fraser Lake Elementary  
Secondary School – Sr. Girls  
Soccer Team – Request for  
Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “D”  
(Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2018-5-10

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School – Sr. Girls Soccer Team be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with attending Provincial Championships in Penticton, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fraser Lake Elementary  
Secondary School – Golf  
Team – Request for Grant in  
Aid – Electoral Area “D”  
(Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2018-5-11

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School – Golf Team be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Golf Team attending Provincial Championships in Osoyoos, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

School District 91– Request  
for Grant in Aid  
– Electoral Area “E”  
(Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2018-5-12

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that School District 91 be given \$4,200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Southside (Area E) WOW Bus Service.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nechako Valley Search  
and Rescue Society  
– Request for Grant in Aid  
– Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof  
Rural)

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2018-5-13

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Nechako Valley Search and Rescue Society be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for its 3 bay heated garage project.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **Referrals**

Land Referral File No. 0272093 Moved by Director Petersen  
Brian Pollard – Electoral Area Seconded by Director Newell  
“F”

RDC.2018-5-14

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No.0272093” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Referral 0272093.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 6402533 Moved by Director Newell  
and 6402543 – Electoral Area Seconded by Director Miller  
“G”

RDC.2018-5-15

“That the comment sheet titled “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No.6402533 and 6402543” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Referral 6402533 and 6402543.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2018 Property Tax Notice

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer spoke to the letter from the Ministry of Finance in regard to the 2018 property tax notice in regard to a printing error that prevented some of the 2018 property tax notices in certain areas from being issued. The letter indicates that the province has extended the property tax due date to address the delay.

RBA (Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance)

Director Miller brought forward the RBA distribution model for discussion. He spoke of the deficits in the rural areas within the Regional District and requested that the Rural Directors Committee provide information to staff in regard to deficits within their electoral areas.

Buckflats Meeting with BC Community Forest and FLNRORD

Director Newell mentioned that on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 he attended a meeting with Buckflats residents, BC Community Forest and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development representatives to discuss the logging of the spruce beetle in the area. Discussion took place in regard to regulations in recreational areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2018-5-16

“That the meeting be adjourned 3:54 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Eileen Benedict, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant