

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2015

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
Darcy Repen, Village of Telkwa

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA & AGENDA**

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2015-4-1

"That the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting; and further, that the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for April 16, 2015 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee
Meeting Minutes
-March 12 2015

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2015-4-2

"That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of March 12, 2015 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Requests for Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2015-4-3

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the following grant in aid applications:

- Grassy Plains Community Hall be given up to \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to cover the cost of booking bands for the Annual Summer Festival;
- Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society be given \$3,550 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to purchase equipment to test the water of Tchesinkut Lake. Further, that the Society be requested to provide the results of the water testing to the Regional District;
- Spirit’s Mission Rescue Society be given \$1,200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with a dog and cat spay, neuter and animal wellness clinic at Saik’uz First Nation.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Spinal Cord Injury BC **-Request for Grant in Aid**

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-4-4

“That the Rural Directors Committee receive Spinal Cord Injury BC’s Request for Grant in Aid.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to providing support to Spinal Cord Injury BC through the RDBN Grant Writer. A number of grant opportunities have provided funding to improve accessibility and there is a national database of funding opportunities that organizations can be on the contact list for funding initiatives.

Electoral Area Allocations of **Federal Gas Tax Funds** **-First Quarter 2015**

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2015-4-5

“That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Finance/Administration Coordinator’s April 2, 2015 memo titled “Electoral Area Allocations of Federal Gas Tax Funds – First Quarter 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REFERRALS (All Directors)

Land Referral File No. 6408787 Moved by Director Miller
(Telus Communications Inc.) Seconded by Director Newell
Electoral Area "B"

RDC.2015-4-6

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408787" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408787."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 6408791 Moved by Director Miller
and 6408797 (BC Hydro) Seconded by Director Newell
Electoral Area "B"

RDC.2015-4-7

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408791 and 6408797" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408791 & 6408797."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
7409772 Edward Klassen
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-4-8

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409772" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 7409772."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Skeena Regional Cattlemen's
Association-Letter to Ministry
of Forests, Lands, and Natural
Resource Operations RE: Elk Herd
Expansion

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2015-4-9

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the correspondence titled "Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association – Letter to Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations RE: Elk Herd Expansion."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Concerns were brought forward regarding the impact and costs associated with migrating Elk to ranch and farm lands in the region. The Elk are also impacting the Francois Lake area.

Discussion took place regarding predator control and ministry staffing to address the issue. The Peace River Regional District has implemented a program to address predator control but concerns were brought forward in regard to current oversight of the program.

Letter to Regional Cattleman's Associations RE: Further Information Regarding Impact of Elk Herds to Farm/Ranch Lands Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-4-10

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association and the Nechako Regional Cattleman's Association to request further documentation regarding Elk Herd Expansion in the region; and further, that requests for support be outlined and provided to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REFERRALS

Land Referral File No. 6408812 Moved by Director Newell
Telus Communications Inc. Seconded by Director Parker
Electoral Area "G"

RDC.2015-4-11

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408812" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408812."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mines File No. 13990-04-434 Moved by Director Miller
Robert Miller Seconded by Director Fisher
Electoral Area "C"

RDC.2015-4-12

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Mines File No. 13990-04-434" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Mines File No. 13990-04-434 (Miller)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations
Letter to Skeena Regional
Cattlemen's Association RE:
Bulkley Valley Elk Issue

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2015-4-13

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association RE: Bulkley Valley Elk Issue."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

BC Broadband Conference
2015 – April 28-29, 2015
-Richmond, B.C.

Director Newell will be attending the BC Broadband Conference 2015 on April 28-29, 2015 in Richmond, B.C. If Directors wish to have issues or concerns brought forward they can forward them to Director Newell.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2015-4-14

"That the meeting be adjourned 2:57 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant