# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

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# Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Memo Board Agenda – May 24, 2018

To:

Chair Miller and Board of Directors

From:

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer

Date:

May 23, 2018

Re:

Burns Lake Public Library Insurance Request

The Burns Lake Public Library Association has requested to the Regional District that the Board consider their request to have the RDBN include the association as an associate on the RDBN's Municipal Insurance Association's policy. This letter is included on page 283 of the regular agenda.

The cost for this associate member would be \$250/year.

As for all associate members, the Regional District must assume some of the risks associated with this insurance as claims against the associate members may count against the Regional Districts claim rating and may involve payment of the Regional District's deductible. Other current members are: Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society; Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department; Southside Volunteer Fire Department Society; Topley Fire Protection Society; and Gale Jones: with respect to the provision of fee-for-service, for swimming instruction, in accordance with the Bulkley Valley Regional Pool and Recreation Centres "Facility Use for "Fee-for-Service" Policy.

This route would save the Library approximately \$750 per year.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

#### Recommendation:

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako receive the Chief Financial Officer's memo dated May 23, 2018 titled "Burns Lake Public Library Insurance Request" and further that

"The RDBN include the Burns Lake Public Library Association as an Associate Member on its Municipal Insurance Policy and that the cost for this inclusion be charged to the Burns Lake and Area Library Grant local service.





May 17, 2018

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#### VIA EMAIL

Bill Miller Chair bill.miller@rdbn.bc.ca bmiller.pbm@gmail.com

Melany de Weerdt Chief Administrative Officer melany.deweerdt@rdbn.bc.ca

Regional District Bulkley Nechako 37 3rd Avenue PO Box 820 Burns Lake BC V0J 1E0

Dear Bill Miller and Melany de Weerdt:

Re: Progress of Negotiations towards Settlement and Reconciliation with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Province of British Columbia (BC) and the Cheslatta Carrier Nation (Cheslatta) are working together on the negotiation of a Settlement Agreement and an Interim Reconciliation Agreement. The purpose of these agreements is to resolve long-standing issues relating to impacts from the creation and operation of the Nechako Reservoir on the Cheslatta people and territory, and to advance the cultural, social and economic well-being of Cheslatta.

Negotiations between BC and Cheslatta began in May 2016, and a <u>Framework Agreement</u> was signed in September 2016 as an initial step towards settlement and reconciliation. This work also reflects BC's more recent commitment to implement the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Enclosed with this letter is a background document that provides some context for the negotiations and links for more information.

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The proposed Settlement Agreement being negotiated includes a land package and financial compensation. The proposed Interim Reconciliation Agreement addresses collaborative management of protected areas, fish and wildlife, and community-led cultural, heritage and training initiatives such as language revitalization.

In collaboration with Cheslatta, BC, is inviting you to an open house to share information about the progress of negotiations to date. The open house will be held in Burns Lake on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, between the hours of 3:30 and 7:30 pm, at the Burns Lake Band Gathering Place, 675 Highway 16 West. The open house is an opportunity to learn more about the goals and objectives of these negotiations, including areas under discussion in the land package, and to provide input into how further engagement is carried out.

We recognize that the Regional District Bulkley Nechako may have specific interests in the region and your engagement will be important to inform negotiations between BC and Cheslatta. To this end, representatives from BC and Cheslatta will be making a presentation to the Board of the Regional District on May 24, 2018. Please let us know if you are interested in meeting directly with the BC negotiating team and we can schedule a date in late May or June.

If you have comments or questions, please direct your enquiries to Lisa Ambus, Project Leader, (<u>lisa.ambus@gov.bc.ca</u> / 250 847-7821) or Colleen Gellein, Senior Resource Coordination Officer, (<u>colleen.gellein@gov.bc.ca</u> / 250 847-7514), Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Yours truly,

Lisa Ambus Project Leader

**Enclosure: Information Sheet** 

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# INFORMATION SHEET: Negotiations towards Settlement and Reconciliation

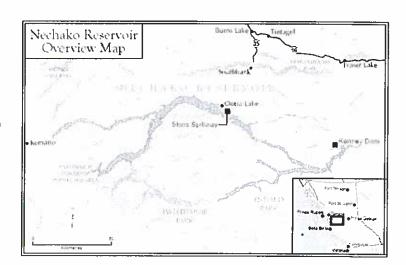


#### Introduction

The Province of British Columbia (B.C.) and the Cheslatta Carrier Nation (Cheslatta) are negotiating two agreements to address long standing injustices related to the Kenney Dam and Nechako Reservoir. These agreements will support Cheslatta's social and economic well-being and cultural revitalization, and advance reconciliation consistent with B.C.'s commitment to implement the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

#### Kenney Dam & Nechako Reservoir

Located in northwest B.C., the Nechako Reservoir was formed in the early 1950s by construction of the Kenney Dam and nine smaller dams in order to generate power for Alcan's (now Rio Tinto Alcan's) aluminum smelter in Kitimat. To create the reservoir, approximately 485 square kilometres of land was flooded or damaged by flooding. The Nechako Reservoir covers 910 square kilometres and spans a distance of 230 kilometres.



#### **Proposed Agreements**

B.C. and Cheslatta are negotiating a Settlement Agreement and an Interim Reconciliation Agreement. The proposed Settlement Agreement would provide land and financial compensation to Cheslatta for impacts from the creation and ongoing operation of the Nechako Reservoir. The proposed Interim Reconciliation Agreement would strengthen the collaborative government-to-government relationship between B.C. and Cheslatta.

#### **Progress to Date**

Negotiations between B.C. and Cheslatta began in May 2016. A Framework Agreement designed to guide the negotiations was signed and celebrated on the shores of Cheslatta Lake in September 2016. Using benefits provided under the Framework Agreement, Cheslatta has created education and training opportunities for their members, and launched a Cheslatta-owned guide outfitter business and fish guiding operation within the territory. Currently, B.C. and Cheslatta are negotiating details of the proposed Settlement Agreement and Interim Reconciliation Agreement.

#### **Target Timelines**

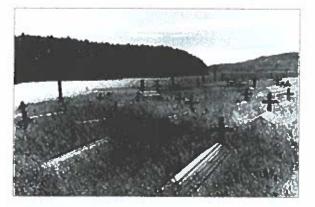
B.C. and Cheslatta hope to finalize the agreements before the end of 2018. The timeline to conclude negotiations on the land package will be longer, targeting mid-2019, to allow sufficient time for B.C. to consult with other First Nations and to engage the public and stakeholders.

#### Perspective of the Cheslatta t'en

The heart of the territory traditionally used and occupied by the Cheslatta t'en from time immemorial was flooded by the creation of the Nechako Reservoir. These lands remain submerged and they continue in the memory and being of the Cheslatta t'en.

After the flooding began, the Cheslatta t'en were involuntarily relocated outside the traditional territory. The flooding desecrated Cheslatta cemeteries, destroyed vegetation, drowned wildlife, and inundated villages, campsites, archaeological and spiritual sites, traplines, and trails.

The creation of the Reservoir adversely affected the Cheslatta t'en's ability to access lands, water and resources, and the ability to carry out sustenance activities. The operation of the Reservoir results in ongoing periodic water releases at the Skins Lake Spillway that cause damage, exposing buried remains of Cheslatta t'en. To this day, the social and cultural impacts of the flooding and relocation are felt by the Cheslatta t'en.



The proposed Settlement
Agreement is consistent with Article
28 of the *United Nations Declaration*on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
(UNDRIP). It is intended to provide
redress to Cheslatta for the
significant impacts the Nechako
Reservoir had on Cheslatta land and
people.

#### **UNDRIP Article 28:**

- 1) Indigenous peoples have the right to redress, by means that can include restitution or, when this is not possible, just, fair and equitable compensation, for the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned or otherwise occupied or used, and which have been confiscated, taken, occupied, used or damaged without their free, prior and informed consent.
- Unless otherwise freely agreed upon by the peoples concerned, compensation shall take the form of lands, territories and resources equal in quality, size and legal status or of monetary compensation or other appropriate redress.

#### For More Information

Find information online:

- o Framework for Negotiation of the Reconciliation and Settlement Agreement<sup>1</sup>
- govTogetherBC/Cheslatta<sup>2</sup>

Contact representatives from BC and Cheslatta:

- Lisa Ambus, Project Leader, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (lisa.ambus@gov.bc.ca / 250-847-7821)
- o Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation (mrobertson@cheslatta.com / 250-694-3334)

http://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/Cheslatta/

<sup>1</sup> https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/cheslatta framework public version 20160805.pdf



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release 2018FLNR0124-000930 May 15, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development BC Wildfire Service

#### **Burn prohibition expanded in Prince George Fire Centre**

PRINCE GEORGE – Effective at noon on Thursday, May 17, 2018, an existing Category 2 open burning prohibition in parts of the Prince George Fire Centre will be expanded to include the entire fire centre, to reduce wildfire risks and protect public safety.

A Category 2 open burning prohibition came into effect in the Fort Nelson and Peace Natural Resource Districts on May 3, 2018. The additional prohibition will include the Mackenzie, Fort St. James, Vanderhoof and Prince George districts.

A map of the area affected by the Category 2 open burning prohibition is available online at: http://ow.ly/Ztlq30k19Pu

Specifically, a Category 2 prohibition applies to:

- the open burning of any material (piled or unpiled) smaller than two metres high and three metres wide
- the use of burning barrels
- the use of burn cages
- · the use of air curtain burners
- the use of exploding binary targets
- the use of sky lanterns
- the use of fireworks
- stubble or grass fires over an area smaller than 2,000 square metres

The BC Wildfire Service is implementing this prohibition to help prevent wildfires sparked by Category 2 burns, due to dry and windy conditions in the weather forecast. This prohibition will remain in place until the public is otherwise notified.

However, this prohibition does not apply to Category 3 fires or campfires that are a half-metre high by a half-metre wide or smaller, or to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes. A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online at: http://ow.ly/znny309kJv5

Anyone lighting a campfire must maintain a fireguard by removing flammable debris from around the campfire area, and they must have a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available nearby to properly extinguish the fire.

This prohibition applies to all public and private land unless specified otherwise, for example in a local government bylaw. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

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Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

The Prince George Fire Centre extends from the Yukon and Northwest Territories in the north to Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, the Cottonwood River and Robson Valley in the south, and from the Alberta border in the east to the Skeena Mountains in the west.

Report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation by calling 1 800 663-5555 toll-free, or \*5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: <a href="http://www.bcwildfire.ca">http://www.bcwildfire.ca</a>

You can also follow the latest wildfire news:

On Twitter: <a href="http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo">http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo</a>

On Facebook: <a href="http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo">http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo</a>

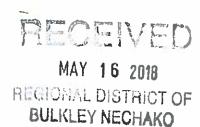
#### **Contact:**

Amanda Reynolds Fire Information Officer BC Wildfire Service Prince George Fire Centre 778 693-2880

Connect with the Province of B.C. at: news.gov.bc.ca/connect







Dear Mayor and Council:

#### RE: Access Awareness Day — June 2, 2018

June 2, 2018 is Access Awareness Day! Access Awareness Day provides each of us with an opportunity to look at our communities and to think about what we can do to make them more accessible and inclusive for everyone! Access Awareness Day is part of National AccessAbility Week which takes place from May 27 to June 2, 2018.

As part of National AccessAbility Week, the goal is to recognize the efforts of individuals and communities who are actively removing barriers to give Canadians of all abilities a better chance to succeed! The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is "Building Community & Accessibility Together." As part of this year's planning, our goal is to draw attention to the different ways that communities come together to promote greater accessibility and inclusion.

Each year, as part of our annual Access Awareness Day campaign we reach out to local community partners to learn more about the work that they are doing to ensure that all citizens are able to share their talents, experiences and abilities and are fully included in all aspects of community life. Please find enclosed posters and materials that have been developed to help build increased public awareness and support around accessibility and to recognize the importance of working together to ensure that everyone is included.

I am also pleased to announce that this year, the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction has made \$500 in funding available to municipalities and community-based disability groups who are holding local accessibility events. If you are planning an event, please do not hesitate to reach out to share your ideas and to request this funding. We know that by building accessibility we are creating stronger and healthier communities.

We are creating a leadership page on our website that shows promising accessibility initiatives and practices from across B.C. Please take a few minutes to share your stories with us about the different ways that your community has had success in promoting greater accessibility! If you have any questions, or would like to request additional materials or posters, please do not hesitate to reach out to Alfiya Battalova, our Acting Manager of Accessibility Initiatives (email: abattalova@sparc.bc.ca).

Thank you for the part you play in helping to make our communities more accessible and inclusive!

Corraine Copas

Sincerely

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Executive Director, SPARC BC







Best regards,



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Re:Tchesinkut Lake Work Camp Summary Report.

Dear Jennifer.

On behalf of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project, thank you for sharing the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako's summary report on the Tchesinkut Lake Open House held on May 1<sup>st</sup> in Burns Lake. The report matches Coastal GasLink's internal review, and as a result, we have decided to review alternate options for camp locations. We will not be using the currently proposed site at 14147 Hwy 35 adjacent to Tchesinkut Lake for our construction camp. The new proposed locations will consider the public feedback received at the Open House.

We will share our alternative potential locations as soon as our internal review is complete. Thanks very much for your interest in Coastal GasLink.

Sincerely,

**Kiel Giddens** 

Regional Manager, Public Affairs Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project

### Jennifer MacIntyre

From:

Stevenson, John J AGRI:EX < John.J.Stevenson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent:

May 23, 2018 1:36 PM

To: Subject:

Jennifer MacIntyre

ALR 1204 - Bryant

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for the comprehensive referral package dated April 13, 2018 for a proposed ALR exclusion application submitted on behalf of James Bryant.

It was interesting to see the Arability Report prepared (2002) by David Yole, P.Ag as an integral part of the subdivision application for DL6666, Range 5. Application (No. 961 - RDBN) was unanimously approved in 2002 thus creating Lot A, DL 6666 Range 5 (the subject parcel for this exclusion application). I note that it is mentioned in the consultant's report (Yole, 2002) "(the applicant) does not have any intention to remove the property from the ALR despite its non-arable nature".

Reading through the agent's application on behalf of the applicant, I note that the non-arable characteristics of the subject parcel are repeatedly mentioned and that Lot A "cannot be farmed". Certainly the subject parcel is not tabletop flat prime agriculture land / soil for field-based mechanically assisted field crops and Mr. Yole well identified poor arability over most of DL 6666, Range 5. That said, the bench-like topography and plentiful availability of water would be conducive to intensive agriculture endeavours such as greenhouse operations, poultry barn, orchard, market garden etc. all of which are commonly found in the Bulkley Valley.

Proposing to removing the subject parcel from the ALR because it is "not farmable" is extreme in my opinion. If this exclusion were approved solely based on this assertion in the application provided, I wonder how many other subject parcels would be submitted to the RDBN because the landowners are not happy with topography and stony soils also found on their agriculture land? Determining what is and what is not within the ALR is a process best led by the Agriculture Land Commission along with the Regional District (Bulkley Nechako) by means of a ALR boundary review, not by piecemeal subdivision and exclusion applications.

From over 40 years of experience, our Ministry staff and Agriculture Land Commission staff know that creating a fragmented parcel landbase (in this case by proposed exclusion) surrounded by intact large agriculture parcels in the ALR, whether currently farmed or not, eventually can lead to land owner conflict as the number of competing nonagriculture land uses are introduced that are known to negatively impact agriculture endeavours via complaints of noise, odour, and dust to name a few. Mr. Yole's report was prepared 25 years ago; since then a lot has changed with respect to the reality of growing populations, food security, climate change, and other pressures facing agriculture land (both prime land and marginal).

Reiseter Creek and the steep canyon passing through DL 6666 (the parent parcel) was / is a significant barrier that would have also been considered in 2002 as a factor for approval of the subdivision given that movement between the north and south portions of the DL 6666, Range 5 would have been challenging with or without agriculture equipment; notwithstanding soil capability and arability.

I do not support this ALR exclusion application. If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to call me.

Regards,

John Stevenson, Regional Agrologist, Highway 16 West



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## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Regional District Board

From: Ja

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning

Date:

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Re:

Zoning Bylaw Changes to Address Cannabis Legalization

#### **PURPOSE**

Federal legislation legalizing recreational use of cannabis, Bill C-65, the *Cannabis Act*, is anticipated to come into effect as early as August 2018. Also, the Province has recently announced its plans for regulating the sale and use of cannabis. This report provides an overview of the proposed federal and provincial regulatory changes relating to cannabis, and proposes changes to "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw. No. 700, 1993" to accommodate the legalized land uses.

#### **BACKGROUND**

# · Distribution of Responsibilities

The distribution of responsibilities relating to cannabis are outlined below.

4BE4 05 BE000	LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE			
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	Federal	Provincial	Regional District	Municipal
Production	X			
Possession limits	x (30 grams)	x (30 grams)		
Advertising	X	3		i
Minimum age limits	x (18)	x (19)		
Personal cultivation	Х	X		
Medical cannabis regime	X			
Product testing	Х	X		
Distribution framework		X		
Workplace safety		X		,
Location of production	Х		Х	Х
Location of wholesale outlets		X	X	X
Location of retail outlets		x	X	X
Public consumption		х	Х	X
Business licensing				
Public health		х		
Enforcement	Х	Х	Х	X



#### The Provincial Distribution Framework

The wholesale distribution of cannabis will be undertaken by the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB). The provincial strategy is to allow the sale of cannabis in privately run retail stores operated by the LDB and government operated retail stores licensed by the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB). It appears that the operation of the public and private cannabis retail stores will be similar to liquor stores.

The Province has indicated that the LCLB will not issue retail sales licenses without the support of local governments. Also, it has been indicated that local governments will be sent referrals regarding retail sales licenses and will be required to implement public consultation as part of the referral process.

This referral process is anticipated to be similar to the process that the LCLB uses to consult with local governments regarding the issuance of certain types of liquor licenses. Local governments, including the RDBN, have developed Liquor Licensing Policy which outlines the process for the proponent to make application for a local government resolution supporting the proposed liquor license change. A similar process exists for the establishment of a rural agency store. It is required that local governments obtain and consider public comment as part of the process to evaluate the liquor license application.

In urban areas cannabis retail stores cannot operate in conjunction with stores selling liquor, tobacco, food, gas, lottery tickets, or clothing. However, the Province is considering a relaxation of this restriction for rural areas. It is possible that cannabis may be allowed to be sold in conjunction with rural agency stores (rural liquor stores).

Businesses established for the purpose of on-site purchase and consumption of cannabis are not permitted.

#### **Public Use**

It is anticipated that Provincial legislation will be developed to allow cannabis to be used in public spaces where tobacco smoking and vaping are permitted. However, its use will be banned in vehicles and public spaces frequented by children (parks, playgrounds). Local governments can establish additional restrictions on the use of cannabis, as they can for tobacco use. Staff are not proposing any regulations regarding the public use of cannabis.

RDBN staff are not considering recommending that the Board establish restrictions on the public use of cannabis.

#### **Personal Cultivation**

The federal legislation allows adults to grow up to four cannabis plants per household. The Province has indicated that it will align it's regulations with the

federal regulations. There is no indication that local governments will be required to play a role in regulating personal cultivation. Home cultivation of non-medical cannabis will be banned by the Province in dwellings used as daycares. In addition, landlords and strata councils will be able restrict or prohibit home cultivation.

#### **Agricultural Land Reserve**

The ALR has implemented regulations allowing the growing and processing of medical marihuana as a protected farm use in the ALR. The use may be regulated but must not be prohibited by a local government bylaw. The ALC has not indicated if their regulations will be amended to include the growing and processing of recreational cannabis as a protected farm use.

### LAND USE ISSUES AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING

Land Use: Growing, Processing, and Warehousing Cannabis

In early 2014 the RDBN amended "Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993" (the Zoning Bylaw) to establish where and how medical marihuana (cannabis) can be grown.

Medical Marihuana Production Facilities are permitted in the Ag1 (Agriculture), RR1 (Rural Resource), and M1A (Special Light Industrial - Agricultural) zones as part of the Intensive Agriculture use. Intensive Agriculture uses must be located 60 metres from a parcel line and 30 metres from a well, spring, lake or watercourse. The Ag1 zone is typically applied to lands that are located in the ALR and intended to be used for agriculture and other compatible uses. The RR1 zone is applied to lands characterized by a lack of settlement and a larger parcel size. The M1A Zone is applied to lands appropriate for a mix of light industrial and agricultural uses.

Bylaw No. 1836 amends the Zoning Bylaw to allow the production and associated processing of medical and non-medical cannabis in the same manner as medical marihuana, in the Ag1, RR1, and M1A zones.

The distribution of recreational cannabis is to be controlled by the LDB. It is not expected that warehousing facilities will be located in the RDBN rural area. However, this use would be permitted on lands zoned M1 (Light Industrial), M1A, and M1B (Light Industrial – Contracting) zones. Staff do not recommend amending the Zoning Bylaw to prohibit the warehousing of cannabis in these zones.

Bylaw No. 1836 also amends the Zoning Bylaw to confirm that cannabis production cannot occur as part of a home occupation or under the horticulture use (which is permitted in many small lot residential areas).

Land Use: Retail

As noted, it is proposed that recreational cannabis be sold from LDB operated retail stores and privately operated retail stores licensed by the LCLB. The Province has indicated that cannabis retail stores will not be licensed without the support of local governments, following mandatory public consultation as part of the referral process.

As noted, in urban areas, cannabis retail stores must operate separate from stores selling liquor, tobacco, food, gas, lottery tickets, or clothing. However, in rural areas, cannabis may be allowed to be sold in dedicated cannabis retail stores or in conjunction with rural agency stores (rural liquor stores).

The RDBN Zoning Bylaw does not define the sale of cannabis as a use that is separate from a retail store in the C1 (General Commercial) zone, or a convenience store in the C2 (Highway Commercial), C3 (Tourist Commercial), and C5 (Resort Commercial) zones. The key question is whether the RDBN Board is satisfied relying on the LCLB licensing process, and the associated local government referral process, to control where the retail sale of cannabis may occur. The details of this referral process are not available, and the process can potentially be changed at the discretion of the Province. However, staff are adequately confident that the Province would not change their proposed process without adequate consultation with local governments. If the Board wishes to ensure it has ultimate control over the location of cannabis retail outlets, beyond limiting the use to locations where retail is permitted, the Zoning Bylaw must be amended to separate the retail sale of cannabis from the retail store or convenience store uses and define where the retail sale of cannabis may occur.

Staff are recommending that the Zoning Bylaw not be amended to separate the retail sale of cannabis from the retail store or convenience store uses, and that the RDBN rely on the LCLB referral process to evaluate where the retail sale of cannabis may occur. This is similar to the manner in which the Zoning Bylaw deals with the retail sale of alcohol.

Staff's intention is to hold a single public hearing in the Burns Lake area chaired by the Board Chairperson.

### **Recommendation:**

- That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1836, 2018" be given first and second reading and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
- 2. That the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1836, 2018" be delegated to the Chair or the RDBN Board or Vice Chair.

Development Services -- Directors / Majority

Jason Llewellyn Director of Planning



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO BYLAW NO.1836

A Bylaw to Amend "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993"

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

 That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993" be amended such that the definitions of Agriculture, Intensive Agriculture, and Horticulture in Section 2.02 Definitions are deleted and replaced with the following definitions.

AGRICULTURE means the use of land, Buildings and Structures for one or more of the following: horticulture; growing, cultivating, harvesting and storage of plants and crops in fields, nurseries and greenhouses; the rearing of Livestock and Poultry; the selling of plants and crops harvested and livestock and Poultry reared on the same Parcel; the slaughter of up to ten Animal Units annually, where the Livestock or Poultry slaughtered are reared on the same parcel. This use does not include Intensive Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE, INTENSIVE means the use of land, Buildings and Structures for one or more of the following: the auction of agricultural products; a feedlot; the growing of mushrooms; the slaughter of up to ten Animal Units annually; Cannabis Production.

**HORTICULTURE** means the commercial practice of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants. This use does not include Cannabis Production.

2. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993" be amended such that the Medical Marihuana Production Facility definition is deleted and that the following definition for Cannabis Production is added to Section 2.02 definitions.

**CANNABIS PRODUCTION** means the use of land, buildings or structures for the propagation, production, cultivation, or harvesting of cannabis or any part of a cannabis plant as permitted by the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations* (*ACMPR*) and *Bill C-45* (the *Cannabis Act*), and any subsequent regulations or acts which may be enacted henceforth, but excludes the growing of cannabis by an individual for their personal use and consumption. This use includes the processing, packaging, storage, or distribution of cannabis produced and harvested on the same property.

That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993" be amended such that the text of Section 4.03 (vi) Home Occupations is deleted and replaced with the following wording:
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(vi) a home occu	ipation does not include	Cannabis Production.
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This bylaw may be cited as the "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1836, 2018".

READ A FIRST TIME this day of , 2018

READ A SECOND TIME this day of , 2018

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this day of , 2018

READ A THIRD TIME this day of , 2018

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1836, 2018".

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this day of

Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this day of , 2018

Chairperson Corporate Administrator

Advisory PI	anning Commission Meeting Minutes for Area E, 2018 ~ Location:	
Attendance £	☐ Chris Lovas ☐ Glen Stewart ☐ JASON LLEWELLYN ☐ Norbert Mund ☐ Russel Skillen ☐ Vicky Hill	
Meeting called to order @:	5:47 PM MAY 15/18	
Chairperson:	NORBERT HUND.	
Secretary:	VICKIE HILL	
New Business:		
Applications:	E-01-12	
Application Number:		
Resolution:	MOTION TO APROVE AS INFO PROVIDE NO PROSITION.	10
Comments:	MAKES SENSE PRO PROPERTY ALREADY SUBDIVIDED BY GOVT OWNED RIGHT AWAY	
	Meeting Adjourned @ 6.00 pr	n

# **Local Government Program Services**

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May 14, 2018

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF

BULKLEY NECHAKO

Chair Miller and Board Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Box 820 Burns Lake, BC, V0J 1E0

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Re: 2017 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation
Planning program - Approval of Application Revision

Dear Chair Miller and Board,

Thank you for submitting a revision to your application under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the 2017 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping & Flood Mitigation Planning program.

I am pleased to inform you that the EMBC has approved increasing the funding for your project, Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping, Flood Mitigation Planning: Ebenezer Flats, from the amount of \$101,000 to \$121,000 to enable new LiDAR data collection.

A payment in the amount of \$50,500 has already been provided to you by electronic funds transfer. The balance of funding will be available after a satisfactory final report and financial summary has been submitted to UBCM and reviewed by Emergency Management BC.

The Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions for this grant are attached. In addition, in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, we have the following requirements:

- (1) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above named project and for the expenses itemized in the <u>revised</u>, <u>May 11, 2018 budget</u> that was approved as part of your application;
- (2) All project activities must be completed within 12 months and no later than <u>December 31, 2018;</u>
- (3) The final report is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of project completion and no later than <u>January 31</u>, 2019;
- (4) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date;
- (5) Where applicable, projects must be completed to acceptable provincial standards, including the Provincial Flood Hazard Area Land Use Management Guidelines.



Administration provided by UBCM

Funding provided by Province of B.C.



For program information, visit the Funding Programs section at:

www.ubcm.ca

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Local Government House 525 Government Street Victoria, BC, V8V 0A8

E-mail: lgps@ubcm.ca Phone: (250) 356-2947 Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, and all final report materials will be made available to the provincial government.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for responding to this opportunity to develop strategies to mitigate and prepare for flood events.

If you have any questions, please contact Local Government Program Services at (250) 387-4470 or by email at cepf@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Bishop Program Officer

cc: Jason Lewellyn, Director of Planning

Enclosure