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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**AGENDA**

Thursday, January 12, 2017

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	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	Receive
	<u>AGENDA</u> – January 12, 2017	Approve
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
3-10	Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2017	Receive
	<u>REPORTS</u>	
11-34	Laura O'Meara, Senior Financial Assistant - 2017 Draft Budget	Direction
35-47	Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – Connecting Consumers and Producers Project Report	Receive
	<u>PRESENTATION</u>	
	Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – Visit Bulkley Nechako Video Vignettes	Receive
	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> (All grey highlighted items may be received as a block)	
48-50	Germansen Landing – Request for Letter of Support for Post Office	Direction (Letter of Support)
51	Minister of Natural Resources – Response to Request for Funding to Undergo Regional Trials and Assessment of Crops and Agricultural Lands	Receive
52-53	Federation of Canadian Municipalities - CRTC Decision on Broadband Internet	Receive
54	Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway #16 & BC Yellowhead #5 Advocacy Update	Receive

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55	Village of Granisle – Resolution re: Support for Adoption of “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016	Receive
56	City of Prince George – Support for Contribution Toward Highway 16 Transit Service	Receive
57	Town of Smithers – Smithers Support for Highway 16 Inter-Community Transit Plan	Receive
58	Village of Burne Lake – Northern BC Transit Initiative Funding Approval	Receive
59	Regional District of Fraser-Fort George - RDFFG Grant In Aid for Regional Transit	Receive
60-61	BC Transit – Smithers-Morlicetown Transit Service Update	Receive

INVITATION

62-64	The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC – February 4, 2017 - Prince George, B.C.	Receive
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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING****Thursday, November 3, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
John Illes  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob MacDougall  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Eileen Benedict, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Alternate Director Tom Shelford, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services  
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer  
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Larry Hewitt, Smithers – left at 11:07 a.m.  
Martin Littlejohn, Executive Director, Western Canada Mountain  
Bike Tourism Association – via Teleconference 11:05 a.m. to  
11:14 a.m.  
Josette Wier, Smithers – left at 11:07 a.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – arrived at 10:50 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

**AGENDA &  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Repen**C.W.2016-9-1**"That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Committee of the Whole meeting of November 3, 2016 be  
approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be  
received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## MINUTES

Committee of the Whole  
Minutes – September 8, 2016

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2016-9-2

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of  
September 8, 2016 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## DELEGATIONS

### Josette Wier – RE: Genetically Modified Organism's (GMO's)

Chair Miller welcomed Josette Wier.

Ms. Wier has been addressing the issue of Genetically Modified Organism's (GMO's) in the Smithers area for the past three years and spoke to the following:

- Presented a petition with 511 signatures from residents in the Bulkley Valley against the use of GMO's in the valley;
  - o People spoken with were unaware of the use of GMO usage;
- The Ministry of Agriculture had conducted three GMO trial studies in the Bulkley Valley;
  - o requested information through a Freedom of Information and Privacy request;
- Resolution passed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors in April, 2013 in regard to GMO's.
- Recently presented to the Town of Smithers in regard to her issue;
- An overview of her experience in regard to a resident that purchased property neighbouring Ms. Wier's and planted GMO canola;
- Farming Industry Review Board and her request to have a four metre buffer and a one hour notice prior to the spraying of the canola crops with pesticides;
- Ms. Wier's personal condition that makes her susceptible to chemicals;
- She is a farmer as well and only wants responsible farming;
- Studies of pesticides (herbicide/insecticide/fungicide) has shown that overspray has been found up to 500 metres away from the area being sprayed;
- Growing GMO crops require the spraying of pesticides and has also created chemical resistant crops;
- She has attempted to investigate the exact chemicals being utilized but has not been provided the information;
- Two regulating bodies for pesticides but monitoring is very limited:
  - o Provincial legislation – investigates the proper storage of pesticides and reacts to complaints to wrongful use in ditches and riparian areas;
  - o Health Canada Pesticides and Pest Management - Pest Monitoring Regulator Agency;
- pesticide health risks to humans;
- How to coexist:
  - o An organic farm next to a farm using GMO's must have a minimum eight metre cultivated land buffer between the properties in order for the organic property to maintain organic status;
  - o Only coexist with proper rules and guidelines;
  - o The ability to communicate and discuss issues;
- The impact to beekeepers in the region due to the use of GMO's;
- Encourage the RDBN to implement rules and guidelines;
- 18 jurisdictions in the province that have resolutions against GMO's, most recently the City of Victoria.

**DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)**

**Josette Wier – RE: Genetically Modified Organism's (GMO's) (Cont'd)**

Ms. Wier made three requests of the Regional Board:

1. Reaffirm the April, 2013 Regional Board resolution regarding GMO's;
2. Allow concerned citizens to attend the RDBN hosted Agriculture Forum to discuss GMO's;
3. Invite the RDBN to initiate meetings with the farming community and agencies addressing GMO's.

Director Parker brought forward the eight metre cultivated land buffer between farms in order for an organic farm to maintain its organic status and the potential ability to split the eight metres between the two farms. Ms. Wier indicated that could be a possibility but both farmers needs to be receptive.

Director Fisher stated his willingness to participate in discussion regarding GMO's in the farming industry in the Bulkley Valley and co-existing but spoke to the need for patience in the process moving forward. He noted the need to have discussions with all stakeholders to address the issue.

Chair Miller mentioned that the RDBN does not have the legislative authority to ban Genetically Modified Organisms but can potentially have discussions with agencies that do have legislative oversight of GMO usage.

The Bulkley Valley Dairyman's Association has submitted a letter titled "Genetically Modified Organisms" as well to the RDBN that is on the November 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole Supplementary Agenda. Director Fisher noted that there may be an opportunity to meet in the future to discuss the issue and he felt that it may have a greater impact in the Bulkley Valley area rather than the Nechako area of the RDBN.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Wier for attending the meeting.

**DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

**WESTERN CANADA MOUNTAIN BIKE TOURISM ASSOCIATION – Martin Littlejohn, Executive Director RE: Update – Mountain Biking Trail Maps, Northern BC Brand and Logo –via Teleconference – 11:05 a.m.-11:14 a.m.**

Chair Miller welcomed Martin Littlejohn, Executive Director, Western Canada Mountain Bike Tourism Association via teleconference.

Mr. Littlejohn provided an update in regard to the Western Canada Mountain Bike Tourism Association's Mountain Biking Trail Maps and Northern BC Brand and Logo application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). He mentioned that there are currently four communities involved in the Destination BC Co-op Marketing program: Prince George, Burns Lake, Smithers and Terrace. The trail maps, Northern BC brand and logo were originally outlined in the Northern BC Mountain Bike Recreation Tourism Strategy in 2014/2015. There was a need identified to create a brand to represent the region that would also allow other communities once ready to join would be supported in the branding. The communities have made funding contributions with matching funds being provided by Destination BC. The funding request to NDIT is for additional financial resources to include additional branding components to promote mountain biking.

The goal is to have the maps completed by January, 2017 to utilize at the outdoor travel tradeshows to promote mountain biking. They will also be utilized by Travel Information Centres and the Mountain Bike Clubs to showcase opportunities in northern B.C.

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## **DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

### **WESTERN CANADA MOUNTAIN BIKE TOURISM ASSOCIATION – Martin Littlejohn, Executive Director RE: Update – Mountain Biking Trail Maps, Northern BC Brand and Logo –via Teleconference – 11:05 a.m.-**

Discussion took place regarding methodologies to determine if the marketing is working and assisting to increase mountain biking awareness and tourism in Northern BC. Mr. Littlejohn mentioned that communities have recognized an increase in mountain bike tourism in that trail counters available have shown an increase and campsites are full with riders. Mr. Littlejohn mentioned that a survey has been recently conducted with partner communities in the province in regard to what methodologies and key performance indicators being utilized to provide an overall picture for the province.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Littlejohn for attending the meeting via teleconference.

## **PRE-BUDGET PLANNING SESSION**

### **Chair Bill Miller, Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)**

Chair Miller mentioned that this pre-budget planning session is the first step towards developing the 2017 budget. It also allows for the review of works/projects completed in 2016 and the projected works/projects needing to be completed in 2017.

### **Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer**

Ms. de Weerd commented that she has reviewed the budget process completed in past years and is receptive to suggestions by the Regional Board to any changes they may wish to implement.

## **Regional Board Recommendations and Priorities**

### **Environmental Services**

- Salvaging metal and wood at RDBN Solid Waste Management Facilities;
- Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIA) for Risk Management grant funding regarding metal and wood salvaging at RDBN Solid Waste Management Facilities;
- Make salvaging safe and functional as soon as possible and not just a part of the Solid Waste Management Plan review in 2017-2018;
- Fort St. James – C-Can for end of life electronics;

Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services

- Salvaging and reuse will be explored in detail in the Solid Waste Management Plan review in 2017.

### **Bylaw Enforcement Function**

- Be progressive in regard to individuals requesting permits after the fact to create a culture of compliance;
- Review other jurisdictions to determine possible solutions.

### **Administration**

- Review the RDBN Strategic Priorities in reviewing the budget for 2017;
  - o Need to adjust the priorities to be more in line with the future:
    - E.g. focus on Agriculture, salvaging solutions etc.
    - Opportunity to assess energy efficiencies: eg. Bulkley Valley Pool;
  - o Review the RDBN Strategic Priority – legacy proposal;
  - o Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance moving forward and remain on the RDBN Strategic Priorities;

## **PRE-BUDGET PLANNING SESSION (CONT'D)**

### **Economic Development/Administration**

- Promotion items – support local businesses utilizing a “buy local policy”.

### **Economic Development**

- Complete study on Rural Connectivity in the Region and ensure the implementation of rural connectivity;
  - o Possible to work collaboratively with other Regional Districts to ensure connectivity throughout the northwest;

### **Budget Presentations**

- Significant changes in the budget to be highlighted;
- Present on PowerPoint to have an interactive responsive budget schedule to show case the implications of adjustments and changes;

### **Building Inspection Function**

- Closer oversight of contractors building in the region;

## **REPORT**

### **Canada-British Columbia Clean Water Wastewater Fund -Application**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2016-9-3

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Environmental Services and the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s October 24, 2016 memo titled “Canada-British Columbia Clean Water and Wastewater Fund – Application.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion took place in regard to the inability to utilize Federal Gas Tax funding.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Mark Fisher, Director - Zero Waste Advocacy to the Province**

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Repen

C.W.2016-9-4

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors become a member of the National Zero Waste Council (\$0 membership fee) and Zero Waste Canada; and further approve the membership fee for Zero Waste Canada in the amount of \$125.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action**

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2016-9-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence titled “Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Illes

C.W.2016-9-6

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to explore opportunities to move forward in regard to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action recommendations for the RDBN 2017 Budget year."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INVITATION**

Local Government Leadership  
Academy – 2016 Chief  
Elected Officials Forum  
-December 6-7, 2016  
-Metro Vancouver

Moved by Director Bacharach  
Seconded by Director Illes

C.W.2016-9-7

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Chair/Director Miller's attendance at the Local Government Leadership Academy re: 2016 Chief Elected Officials Forum – December 6-7, 2016, Metro Vancouver."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion took place in regard to encouraging the Local Government Leadership Academy to host the Chief Elected Officials Forum in Northern B.C.

The University of Northern  
B.C. and Dr. Kathy Lewis, Chair,  
Ecosystem Science &  
Management Program – Doug Little  
Memorial Dinner and Lecture  
– November 24, 2016  
– Prince George Campus

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

C.W.2016-9-8

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the invitation from the University of Northern British Columbia and Dr. Kathy Lewis, Chair, Ecosystem Science & Management Program – Doug Little Memorial Dinner and Lecture – November 24, 2016 – Prince George Campus."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

### DISCUSSION ITEM

#### National Zero Waste Council

##### National Zero Waste Council

Moved by Director Illes  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

##### C.W.2016-9-9

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from the National Zero Waste Council."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Northern Health – Influenza Season and Flu Clinics Media Teleconference -November 7, 2016

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Petersen

##### C.W.2016-9-10

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from Northern Health re: Influenza Season and Flu Clinics Media Teleconference – November 7, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### Bulkley Valley Dairymen's Association – Genetically Modified Organisms

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

##### C.W.2016-9-11

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from the Bulkley Valley Dairymen's Association in regard to Genetically Modified Organisms."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the resolution passed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors in April, 2013 in regard to Genetically Modified Organisms. Staff will forward the resolution to the Regional Board.

### NEW BUSINESS

##### Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC)

Director Newell brought forward the issue of OBAC no longer receiving provincial funding after March, 2017. Chair Miller mentioned that OBAC will be forwarding a funding request in the future to the RDBN for consideration. Other funding options are being considered and reviewed.

##### Passing of William (Bill) Serle – Past RDBN Director

Director Parker mentioned that Bill Serle, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) from 1978 to 1979 passed away at the age of 90.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

**Agriculture Forum – Update**

Director Parker provided an update in regard to the RDBN hosted Agriculture Forum scheduled for November 9, 2016 in Burns Lake. He mentioned that response to the forum has been positive and there are various stakeholders attending along with representatives of the Agricultural Land Commission, Ministry of Agriculture and BC Agriculture Council. Director Parker thanked Director Fisher and staff for their assistance in regard to the planning of the forum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Illes

**C.W.2016-9-12**

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:04 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Bill Miller, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Memo – Committee of the Whole Agenda January 12, 2017

**To:** Chair Miller and the Committee of the Whole  
**From:** Laura O'Meara, Senior Financial Assistant  
**Date:** January 4, 2017  
**Re:** 2017 Draft Budget

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The first draft of the 2017 budget for regional services is complete. As usual, the budgets for local services will be prepared after discussion with the Directors that participate in each local service.

### **Underlying Basis**

The first draft of the 2017 budget is based on the proposed projects and work plans that were reviewed with the Board during the Pre-Budget discussions that took place during the November 9<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **Major Components of Taxation in 2017**

Schedule 1 is a graphic representation of the major components of taxation. It shows the percentage of our tax requisition that is taken up by each service in 2017. There is a separate chart for Region-wide Services and for Regional Rural Services. From this, it is easy to see how large an impact each service has relative to the other services.

### **Tax Rate Trend**

Schedule 2 includes bar graphs showing our tax rates from 2013 to 2017 and the projected tax rate for 2017. The trend is measured separately for rural and municipal taxpayers because the number of regional services affecting rural taxpayers is greater than those affecting municipal taxpayers.

### **Projected Tax Rates for 2017**

Schedule 3 summarizes projected 2017 taxation and projected residential tax rates for each region-wide and regional rural service, compared with 2016. The schedule shows a decrease for Region-wide Services of 1% and an increase of 1.4% for Regional Rural Services.

### **2017 Initiatives**

Schedule 4 is a listing of proposed initiatives included in the 2017 budget, costing \$1,165,819 in total.



### **Surplus from Prior Years**

Schedule 5 is a comparison of the surplus from prior years for each Region-wide service and each Regional Rural service.

### **Comments on Specific Services**

#### **a) General Government**

Taken as a whole, taxation for General Government, Rural Planning and Development Services combined is about \$233,000 less than last year. A \$165,000 decrease in salaries and \$120,000 increase in the surplus in general government brings the largest portion of the tax decrease. Planning taxation is decreased by \$6,692 and Building Inspection has a small increase of \$1215.

#### **b) Environmental Services**

A \$36,000 tax increase is budgeted for Environmental Services. The major components of the overall increase are a \$25,000 reduction in scrap metal revenue due to metal price declines, a \$21,000 increase in construction and demolition waste revenue, \$30,000 decrease in administration contingency, \$30,000 increase in the Solid Waste Management Plan update, \$19,000 reduction in landfill closure costs and \$14,000 increase in recycling expenditures. These items are partially offset by an increase in the surplus from the prior year. Details are provided in Schedule 14.

#### **c) 9-1-1 Service**

Taxation is projected to increase by \$135,000 due to a \$107,000 decrease in the surplus from last year. Telus user fees are also expected to decline by \$28,000 as less land lines are being used.

### **Projected Tax Changes for each Service**

Schedules 6 through 17 highlight the major items affecting the projected tax change in each region-wide service and each regional rural service. The reasons behind these projected changes will be reviewed during the meeting.

### **2017 Taxation by Property Class**

Schedule 18 includes pie charts showing the percentage of taxation paid by each class of property for Region-wide services and Regional Rural services. Schedule 19 includes details for each service.

### **Property Assessments**

Schedule 20 is a breakdown of property assessments by property class for each jurisdiction in the RDBN. In schedule 21, assessment data is converted to reflect



property class multipliers. Converted assessments is the basis on which Regional District property taxes are apportioned where there is more than one participant in a service. 2017 assessment data has not yet been released and will be available in early January. These schedules use the 2016 revised roll.

**Detailed Service Budgets**

If Directors would like copies of the detailed budgets for each service, these are available on request.

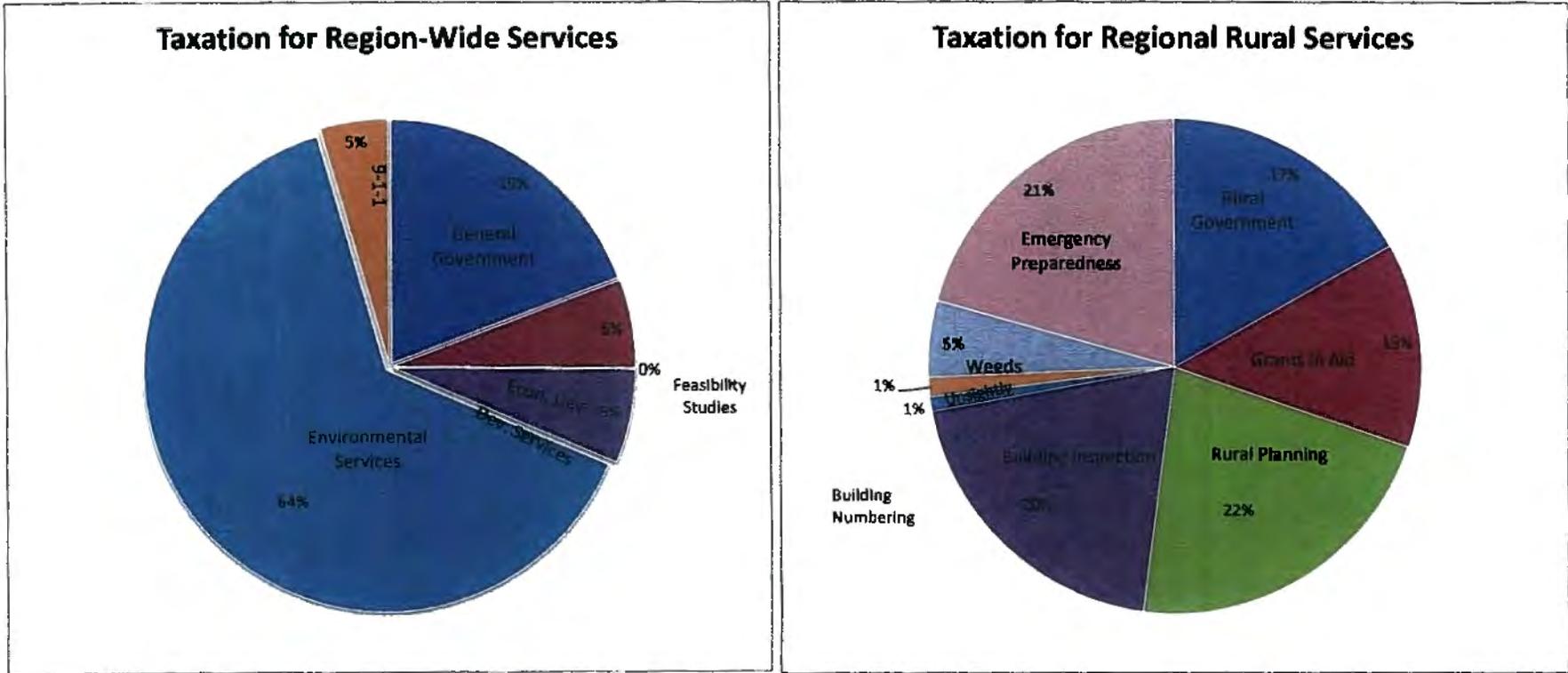
I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

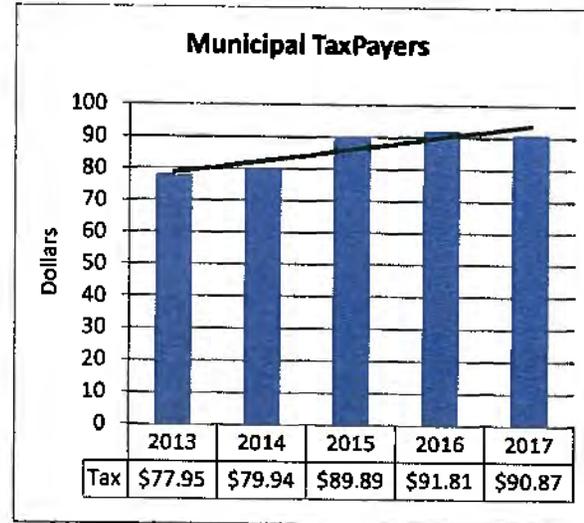
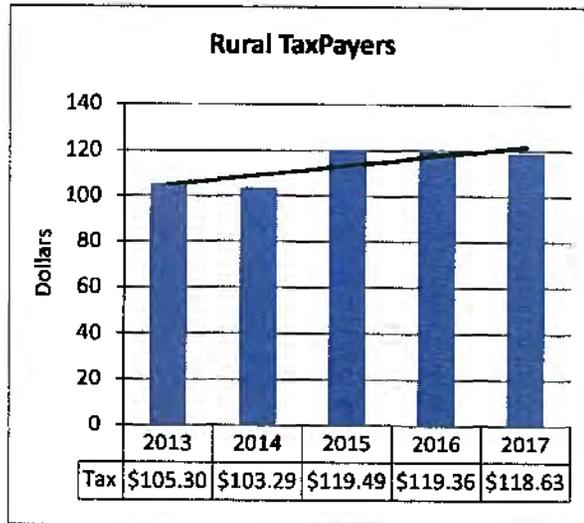
That the Board of Directors receive the Senior Financial Assistant's January 4, 2017 memo titled "2017 Draft Budget" and provide direction regarding any changes to the draft budget.

**RDBN - 2017 Budget**  
**Major Components of Region-wide and Regional Rural Taxation**



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## RDBN 2017 Budget - Tax on a \$100,000 Property (excludes local services)



- Includes:**
- General Government
  - Regional Economic Development
  - Feasibility Studies
  - Planning
  - Development Services
  - Environmental Services
  - 9-1-1 Service
  - Rural Government
  - Rural Grants in Aid
  - Building Inspection
  - Building Numbering
  - Unightly Premises
  - Noxious Weed Control
  - Emergency Preparedness

- General Government
- Regional Economic Development
- Feasibility Studies
- Planning
- Development Services
- Environmental Services
- 9-1-1 Service

**RDBN - 2017 Budget**  
**Projected Tax Rates for Regional Services**  
**(excludes local services)**

Dept	Service	Taxation			Converted Assessments		Tax on a \$100,000 Residential Property					
		2016 Tax	2017 Tax	2016 vs 2017	2016 Revised Roll	2016 Revised Roll	Rural Taxpayers			Municipal Taxpayers		
							2016	2017	2017 vs 2016	2016	2016	2017 vs 2016
<b>Region-Wide Services</b>												
1201	General Govt - Legislative	281,931	284,022	2,091	551,179,049	551,179,049	5.12	5.15	0.04	5.12	5.15	0.04
1202	General Govt - Administration	593,980	376,664	(217,316)	551,179,049	551,179,049	10.78	6.83	(3.94)	10.78	6.83	(3.94)
1203	General Govt - Finance	327,857	279,432	(48,425)	551,179,049	551,179,049	5.95	5.07	(0.88)	5.95	5.07	(0.88)
		1,203,768	940,118	(263,650)	551,179,049	551,179,049	21.84	17.06	(4.78)	21.84	17.06	(4.78)
1301	Feasibility Studies	-	-	-	551,179,049	551,179,049	-	-	-	-	-	-
2500	Regional Economic Development	274,274	282,312	8,038	551,179,049	551,179,049	4.98	5.12	0.15	4.98	5.12	0.15
4301	Development Serv	265,293	302,328	37,035	551,179,049	551,179,049	4.81	5.49	0.67	4.81	5.49	0.67
5000	Environmental Serv.	3,079,881	3,115,693	36,012	551,179,049	551,179,049	55.87	56.53	0.65	55.87	56.53	0.65
7501	9-1-1 Service	84,932	220,047	135,115	551,179,049	551,179,049	1.54	3.99	2.45	1.54	3.99	2.45
	<b>Total Region-Wide Services</b>	4,907,948	4,860,499	(47,449)	551,179,049	551,179,049	89.04	88.18	(0.86)	89.04	88.18	(0.86)
<b>Regional Rural Services</b>												
1101	Rural Govt - Legislative	84,955	81,776	(3,179)	275,372,034	275,372,034	3.09	2.97	(0.12)			
1102	Rural Govt - Administration	56,359	61,624	5,265	275,372,034	275,372,034	2.05	2.24	0.19			
		141,314	143,400	2,086	275,372,034	275,372,034	5.13	5.21	0.08			
1103	Rural Grant in Aid	102,519	112,519	10,000	275,372,034	275,372,034	3.72	4.09	0.36			
4101	Rural Planning	192,153	185,461	(6,692)	551,179,049	551,179,049	4.18	4.03	(0.15)	2.77	2.69	(0.08)
4201	Building Inspection	168,887	170,102	1,215	165,105,643	165,105,643	10.23	10.30	0.07			
4401	Building Numbering	6,716	7,790	1,074	275,372,034	275,372,034	0.24	0.28	0.04			
4501	Unightly Premises	29,505	10,697	(18,808)	255,031,890	255,031,890	1.18	0.42	(0.74)			
5901	Weed Control	30,812	41,938	11,126	275,372,034	275,372,034	1.12	1.52	0.40			
7601	Emergency Preparedness	120,599	118,821	(1,779)	275,372,034	275,372,034	4.38	4.31	(0.08)			
7602	Emergency Response	4,085	7,646	3,561	275,372,034	275,372,034	0.15	0.28	0.13			
7603	Rural Fire Dept Training & Eval & Compliance	39,259	49,215	9,956	275,372,034	275,372,034	1.43	1.79	0.36			
		163,943	175,682	11,739								
	<b>Total Regional Rural Services</b>	835,849	847,589	11,740			30.31	30.44	0.13			
	<b>Total Combined Services</b>	5,743,797	5,708,088	(35,709)			119.36	118.63	(0.73)	91.81	90.87	(0.94)

Percentage Change - Region-wide Services	-1.0%
Percentage Change - Regional Rural Services	1.4%
Percentage Change - Total	-0.6%

<b>Tax Rate</b>	1.19	1.19	(0.01)	0.92	0.91	(0.01)
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**RDBN - 2017 Budget**  
**Initiatives for 2017**

**Administration & Finance**

Forestry Strategy	10,000
Northwest Resource Benefit Alliance	50,000
Education Strategy	5,000
Transportation Strategy	5,000
Agricultural Strategy	10,000
Asset Management Software	30,000
New Server Installation	8,900
	<u>118,900</u>

**Regional Economic Development**

Business Forum (Funded 67% by sponsorship & registration)	32,220
Tourism Research (Profiles/Values of Tourism) - Funded 78% with grants	21,274
Investment Readiness Action Plan (funded 56% with grants)	40,000
Regional Skills Gap Analysis Implementation (Funded 99% with grants)	122,000
Completion of Professional Photography Purchase (Funded 98% with grants)	19,175
	<u>234,669</u>

**Planning**

Plotter Purchase (Funding from Capital Reserve)	34,000
Property Database (funded from contingency built up in previous years)	50,000
	<u>84,000</u>

**Environmental Services**

Increase contingency for carbon emission reduction initiatives	13,250
Update the Solid Waste Management Plan (\$100,000 over 2 years)	80,000
Final Closure at Fraser Lake Landfill (Topsoil and seed funded by capital reserve)	15,000
Post Closure activities at Former Smithers/Telkwa Landfill (Funded by capital reserve)	50,000
Environmental Services Vehicle Purchase (funded by capital reserve)	45,000
Dump Truck for Clearview Landfill	80,000
Knockholt Phase Development (funded by capital reserve)	350,000
Knockholt Scale Upgrade (funded by capital reserve)	20,000
Knockholt Wood Waste/Metal/ODS Area Upgrades	25,000
Clearview Landfill Scale Upgrade (funded by capital reserve)	25,000
Area "D" Transfer Station Recycling Area Upgrades	15,000
Well Remediation at Vanderhoof Transfer Station (funded by capital reserve)	10,000
	<u>728,250</u>
	<u>1,165,819</u>

Surplus Comparison

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Surplus from Prior Year</u>		
		2016	2017	2016 vs 2017
<b><u>Region-Wide Services</u></b>				
1201	General Govt - Legislative	55,347	58,498	3,151
1202	General Govt - Administration	131,075	224,955	93,880
1203	General Govt - Finance	46,734	69,593	22,859
		233,156	353,046	119,890
1301	Feasibility Studies	8,217	2,557	(5,660)
2500	Regional Economic Development	97,747	124,651	26,904
4301	Development Serv	79,845	56,208	(23,637)
5000	Environmental Serv.	1,105,451	1,146,601	41,150
7501	9-1-1 Service	114,829	8,461	(106,368)
	<b>Total Region-Wide Services</b>	<b>1,639,245</b>	<b>1,691,524</b>	<b>52,279</b>
<b><u>Regional Rural Services</u></b>				
1101	Rural Govt - Legislative	51,511	51,937	426
1102	Rural Govt - Administration	9,311	3,681	(5,630)
		60,822	55,618	(5,204)
1103	Rural Grant in Aid	213,347	210,236	(3,112)
4101	Rural Planning	62,818	44,334	(18,484)
4201	Building Inspection	4,517	9,432	4,915
4401	Building Numbering	1,973	2,188	215
4501	Unightly Premises	14,548	10,424	(4,124)
5901	Weed Control	18,697	7,761	(10,936)
7601	Emergency Preparedness	49,116	28,383	(20,733)
7602	Emergency Response	-	-	-
7603	Rural Fire Dept Traing & Eval & Compliance	-	5,074	5,074
		49,116	33,457	(15,659)
	<b>Total Regional Rural Services</b>	<b>425,838</b>	<b>373,450</b>	<b>(52,389)</b>
		<b>2,065,083</b>	<b>2,064,973</b>	<b>(109)</b>

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Rural Government**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	141
2017 Taxation	143
Increase (Decrease)	<u>2</u>

Item	(\$000's)		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Grant in lieu of Alcan taxes	31	32	(1)
Surplus from Prior Year	61	56	<u>5</u>
			<u>4</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Directors remuneration	83	81	(2)
Directors travel	61	59	(2)
Liability Insurance	11	11	-
Other			<u>2</u>
			<u>(2)</u>
			<u>2</u>

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**General Government**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	1,204
2017 Taxation	940
Increase (Decrease)	(264)

	(\$000's)		
Item	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Revenue</b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	233	353	(120)
Investment Income	12	12	-
Other Grant Revenue	-	5	(5)
Transfer from Capital Reserve (Includes new phone system)	27	-	27
Transfer from Vehicle Reserve	-	-	-
Grant in lieu of Alcan taxes	134	139	(5)
Administration Recovery - SNRHD	15	15	-
			(103)
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Directors remuneration	268	274	6
Directors Travel	86	87	1
Salaries & Benefits	983	818	(165)
Staff Education	18	24	6
Staff Travel	8	10	2
Consulting Fees	5	20	15
Allocated Building Occupancy Costs	43	49	6
Communications (Includes new phone system)	23	24	1
Sponsorship	3	-	(3)
Liability Insurance	11	11	-
Supplies	17	16	(1)
Special Projects	159	164	5
Capital Expenditures	57	21	(36)
Interest Expense	8	8	-
Other			2
			(161)
			(264)

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Feasibility Studies**

			(\$000s)
2016 Taxation			-
2017 Taxation			-
Increase (Decrease)			-
<u>Item</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>

Feasibility Studies

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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Regional Economic Development**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	274
2017 Taxation	282
Increase (Decrease)	8

	(\$000's)		
<u>Item</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	98	125	(27)
Grants in Lieu of Alcan Taxes	31	32	(1)
Business Forum Registration	-	5	(5)
Project Grants	247	194	53
			<u>20</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	239	259	20
Allocated Building Occupancy Costs	22	25	3
			<u>23</u>
<b><u>Projects</u></b>			
- Tourism	108	74	(34)
- Bulkley Nechako Directory	8	7	(1)
- Opportunities Website	6	5	(1)
- Agriculture Project	28	29	1
- Marketing Initiatives	6	8	2
- Business Forum	5	32	27
- Business Contest	4	11	7
- Economic Development Workshops	8	8	-
- Regional Skills Gap Analysis	142	122	(20)
- Action Plan	46	46	-
- Minerals North & Roundup	8	3	(5)
- Grant Search Engine	4	2	(2)
- Image Bank	34	24	(10)
			<u>(36)</u>
Other			1
Total Expenditures			<u>(12)</u>
			<u>8</u>

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Rural Planning**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	192
2017 Taxation	185
Increase (Decrease)	(7)

Item	(\$000's)		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Grants in lieu of Alcan taxes	26	27	(1)
Surplus from Prior Year	63	44	19
			18
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	187	178	(9)
Staff Education	7	4	(3)
Hiring Expense	5	1	(4)
Building Occupancy Costs	17	17	-
Computer Systems	6	4	(2)
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-
Other			(7)
			(25)
			(7)

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Building Inspection**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	169
2017 Taxation	170
Increase (Decrease)	<u>1</u>

	(\$000's)		
<u>Item</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	5	9	(4)
Transfer from Vehicle Reserve	62	-	62
Building Permit Fees	60	55	5
Cost Sharing by Municipalities	103	109	(6)
			<u>57</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	225	237	12
Staff Education	8	6	(2)
Staff Travel	19	15	(4)
Computer Systems	4	3	(1)
Capital Expenditures - Vehicle	62	-	(62)
Other			1
			<u>(56)</u>
			<u>1</u>

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Development Services**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	265
2017 Taxation	302
Increase (Decrease)	37

Item	(\$000's)		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	79	56	23
Grants in Lieu of Alcan Taxes	30	31	(1)
			22
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	252	265	13
Hiring Expense	4	1	(3)
Allocated Building Occupancy Costs	24	26	2
Legal	3	5	2
Other			1
			15
			37

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Unightly Premises Regulatory Control**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	30
2017 Taxation	11
Increase (Decrease)	(19)

Item	(\$000's)		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Grants in Lieu of Alcan Taxes	4	4	-
Surplus from Prior Year	15	10	5
			5
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	29	10	(19)
Staff Travel	3	2	(1)
Hiring Expense	2	1	(1)
Building Occupancy Costs	3	1	1
Other			(4)
			(24)
			(19)

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Environmental Services**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	3,080
2017 Taxation	3,116
Increase (Decrease)	<u>36</u>

Item	(\$000's)		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	1,105	1,147	(42)
Transfer from Vehicle Reserve	-	45	(45)
Transfer from Landfill Closure Reserve	420	400	20
Transfer from Capital Reserve	125	109	16
Grants in lieu of Alcan Taxes	341	355	(14)
Paint & Solvent Recovery	10	7	3
Ozone Fees	12	18	(6)
Metal Recycling Revenues	25	-	25
Construction & Demolition Waste	219	240	(21)
Bobcat Trade In Revenue	20	-	20
			<u>(44)</u>
<b><u>Administration Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	496	510	14
Vehicle Insurance	4	6	2
Contingency	50	20	(30)
Update of SWMP	50	80	30
Carbon Emission Reduction Initiatives	53	66	13
Allocated Building Occupancy Costs	36	37	1
Other			2
			<u>32</u>
<b><u>Operations</u></b>			
- Landfills	657	655	(2)
- Transfer Stations	1,630	1,660	30
- Operating Contingencies	28	23	(5)
- Landfill Closure Costs	138	119	(19)
- Recycling Expenditures	922	936	14
- Capital Expenditures	540	570	30
- Contributions to Reserves	159	160	1
- Other			(1)
			<u>48</u>
			<u>80</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<u><u>36</u></u>

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Weed Control**

	<u>(\$000s)</u>
2016 Taxation	31
2017 Taxation	42
Increase (Decrease)	<u>11</u>

<u>Item</u>	<u>(\$000's)</u>		
	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	19	8	11
Grant in Lieu of Alcan Taxes	7	7	-
			<u>11</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	10	10	-
Other			-
			<u>11</u>

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**9-1-1 Service**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	85
2017 Taxation	220
Increase (Decrease)	135

Item	(\$000's)		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	115	8	107
Grants in Lieu of Alcan Taxes	8	8	-
User Fees - Telus Land Lines	138	110	28
			135
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	41	37	(4)
Repairs & Maintenance	54	52	(2)
Kindergarten/Grade 1 Program	4	1	(3)
PSAP Costs	50	53	3
FOCC Operating Costs	145	150	5
Other			1
			-
			135

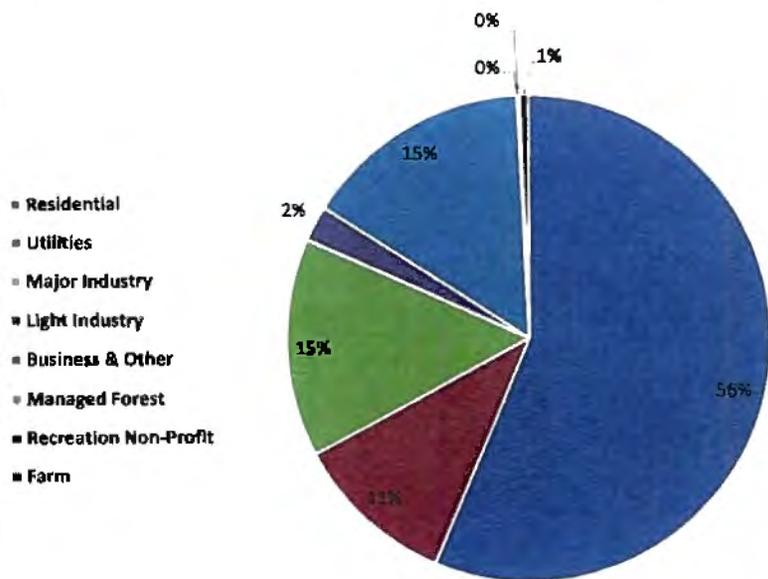
**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**  
**Details of Projected Tax Changes**  
**Emergency Preparedness Planning**

	(\$000s)
2016 Taxation	164
2017 Taxation	176
Increase (Decrease)	<u>12</u>

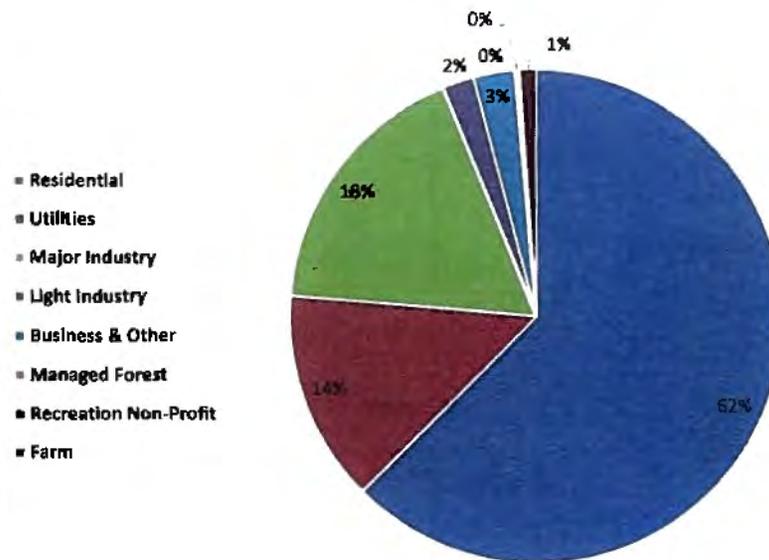
Item	(\$000's)		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Surplus from Prior Year	55	33	22
Grants in Lieu of Alcan Taxes	37	38	(1)
Other Grant Revenue	150	-	150
Misc Revenue	-	-	-
			<u>171</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Salaries & Benefits	184	173	(11)
Hiring Expense	4	1	(3)
Staff Education	11	13	2
Computer Systems	4	-	(4)
Consulting Fees - GIS Study	150	-	(150)
Supplies	5	5	-
Prior Year Deficit	-	4	4
Other			3
			<u>(159)</u>
			<u>12</u>

**2017 Taxation by Property Class**

**2017 Region-wide Tax by Property Class**



**2017 Regional Rural Tax by Property Class**



**Taxation for Regional Services  
By Property Class**

Dept	Service	2017 Tax	Class 1	Class 2	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9
			Residential	Utilities	Major Industry	Light Industry	Business & Other	Managed Forest	Recreation Non-Profit	Farm
<b>Region-Wide Services</b>										
1201	General Govt - Legislative	264,022	160,187	30,768	40,912	6,752	43,288	22	517	1,577
1202	General Govt - Administration	376,664	212,436	40,802	54,257	8,955	57,408	30	686	2,092
1203	General Govt - Finance	279,432	157,598	30,269	40,251	6,643	42,589	22	509	1,552
		940,118	530,220	101,837	135,420	22,350	143,285	74	1,712	5,220
1301	Feasibility Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2500	Regional Economic Development	282,312	159,222	30,581	40,666	6,711	43,028	22	514	1,568
4301	Development Serv	302,328	170,511	32,749	43,549	7,187	46,078	24	550	1,679
5000	Environmental Serv.	3,115,693	1,757,229	337,504	448,802	74,070	474,868	246	5,673	17,301
7501	9-1-1 Service	220,047	124,105	23,836	31,697	5,231	33,538	17	401	1,222
	<b>Total Region-Wide Services</b>	<b>4,860,499</b>	<b>2,741,287</b>	<b>526,508</b>	<b>700,134</b>	<b>115,550</b>	<b>740,797</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>8,849</b>	<b>26,990</b>
<b>Regional Rural Services</b>										
1101	Rural Govt - Legislative	81,776	51,139	11,240	14,364	1,690	2,231	13	214	885
1102	Rural Govt - Administration	61,624	38,537	8,470	10,824	1,273	1,682	10	162	667
		143,400	89,676	19,710	25,188	2,963	3,913	23	376	1,552
1103	Rural Grant in Aid	112,519	70,364	15,466	19,763	2,325	3,070	18	295	1,218
4101	Rural Planning	185,461	115,978	25,491	32,575	3,832	5,061	29	486	2,007
4201	Building Inspection	170,102	108,374	23,380	29,878	3,515	4,642	27	446	1,841
4401	Building Numbering	7,790	4,872	1,071	1,368	161	213	1	20	84
4501	Unsanitary Premises	10,697	6,689	1,470	1,879	221	292	2	28	116
5901	Weed Control	41,938	26,228	5,764	7,366	867	1,144	7	110	454
7601	Emergency Preparedness	118,821	74,305	16,332	20,870	2,455	3,242	19	311	1,286
7602	Emergency Response	7,646	4,761	1,051	1,343	158	209	1	20	83
7603	Rural Fire Dept Training & Eval & Comp	49,215	30,777	6,765	8,644	1,017	1,343	8	129	533
		175,682	109,863	24,147	30,858	3,630	4,794	28	460	1,901
	<b>Total Regional Rural Services</b>	<b>847,589</b>	<b>530,043</b>	<b>116,501</b>	<b>148,875</b>	<b>17,515</b>	<b>23,128</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>9,172</b>
		<b>5,708,088</b>	<b>3,271,330</b>	<b>643,009</b>	<b>849,009</b>	<b>133,065</b>	<b>763,925</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>11,071</b>	<b>36,161</b>

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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
2016 Completed Roll  
Total Assessments**

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Total
	Residential	Utilities	Major Industry	Light Industry	Business & Other	Managed Forest	Recreation Non-Profit	Farm	
Houston	156,059,520	6,113,093	21,725,170	8,412,212	21,322,081	-	313,100	470,450	214,415,626
Smithers	510,861,300	12,408,851	12,673,344	6,117,668	86,306,081	-	856,900	-	629,224,144
Burns Lake	72,582,700	3,228,173	-	1,268,826	17,432,039	-	359,900	-	94,871,637
Fort St. James	100,603,700	32,012,250	14,810,903	682,387	13,526,994	-	181,100	-	161,797,333
Fraser lake	47,006,900	13,005,433	24,737,244	-	2,580,399	-	133,800	-	87,463,776
Granisle	12,680,900	470,523	-	189,006	380,559	-	-	-	13,720,987
Telkwa	120,146,800	1,576,372	-	86,469	2,585,936	-	-	6,660	124,402,237
Vanderhoof	366,620,630	7,681,832	31,545,506	8,447,123	43,271,182	-	993,600	331,640	458,891,513
	1,386,562,450	76,496,525	105,492,167	25,203,690	187,405,270		2,818,400	808,750	1,784,787,252
Percentage	77.7%	4.3%	5.9%	1.4%	10.5%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	100.0%
Area "A"	635,398,470	27,759,284	-	1,353,214	5,273,647	-	1,018,700	7,158,180	677,961,495
Area "B"	150,268,400	28,969,707	3,408,119	10,894,260	1,810,129	-	445,500	853,090	196,649,204
Area "C"	194,687,110	18,183,239	140,460,358	2,434,652	4,424,563	-	1,198,800	1,002,660	362,391,381
Area "D"	168,103,300	21,262,658	4,331,532	572,567	2,013,062	18,000	1,177,100	3,466,570	200,944,788
Area "E"	138,162,370	1,223,583	15,288,562	1,021,673	2,054,278	-	1,220,700	4,166,330	163,137,496
Area "F"	358,399,990	22,475,198	-	1,024,910	1,077,965	99,090	418,600	11,635,250	395,331,022
Area "G"	77,028,930	12,600,301	962,139	2,046,236	1,756,074	13,590	1,737,500	1,315,350	97,460,120
	1,722,048,570	132,473,968	164,450,710	19,347,510	18,409,739	130,680	7,216,900	29,797,430	2,093,875,506
Percentage	82.2%	6.3%	7.9%	0.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.3%	1.4%	100.0%
Total	3,108,611,020	208,970,493	269,942,878	44,551,200	205,815,009	130,680	10,035,300	30,606,180	3,878,662,758
Percentage	80.1%	5.4%	7.0%	1.1%	5.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	100.0%

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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
2016 Completed Roll  
Converted Assessments**

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	
	Residential	Utilities	Major Industry	Light Industry	Business & Other	Managed Forest	Recreation Non-Profit	Farm	Total
Houston	15,605,952	1,746,598	6,389,756	2,474,180	8,702,890		31,310	47,045	34,997,731
Smithers	51,086,130	3,545,386	3,727,454	1,799,314	35,226,972		85,690		95,470,946
Burns Lake	7,258,270	922,335		373,184	7,115,118		35,990		15,704,897
Fort St. James	10,060,370	9,146,357	4,356,148	200,702	5,521,222		16,110		29,300,909
Fraser lake	4,700,690	3,715,838	7,275,660		1,053,224		13,380		16,758,792
Granisle	1,268,090	134,435		55,590	155,330				1,813,445
Telkwa	12,014,680	450,392		25,432	1,055,484			666	13,546,654
Vanderhoof	36,662,063	2,194,809	9,278,090	2,484,448	17,661,707		99,360	33,164	68,413,641
	138,656,245	21,856,150	31,027,108	7,412,850	76,491,947		281,840	80,875	275,807,015
Percentage	50.3%	7.9%	11.2%	2.7%	27.7%		0.1%	0.0%	100.0%
Area "A"	63,539,847	7,931,224		398,004	2,152,509		101,870	715,818	74,839,272
Area "B"	15,026,840	8,277,059	1,002,388	3,204,194	738,828		44,550	65,309	28,379,168
Area "C"	19,468,711	5,195,211	41,311,870	716,074	1,805,944		119,880	100,266	68,717,956
Area "D"	16,810,330	6,075,045	1,273,980	168,402	821,658	8,000	117,710	346,857	25,619,782
Area "E"	13,816,237	349,595	4,496,636	300,492	838,481		122,070	416,633	20,340,144
Area "F"	35,839,999	6,421,485		301,444	439,994	33,030	41,860	1,163,525	44,261,337
Area "G"	7,702,893	3,600,086	282,982	601,834	716,765	4,530	173,750	131,535	13,214,375
	172,204,857	37,849,705	48,367,856	5,690,444	7,514,179	43,560	721,690	2,979,743	275,372,034
Percentage	62.5%	13.7%	17.6%	2.1%	2.7%	0.0%	0.3%	1.1%	100.0%
Total	310,861,102	59,705,855	79,394,964	13,103,294	84,006,126	43,560	1,003,530	3,060,618	551,179,049
Percentage	56.4%	10.8%	14.4%	2.4%	15.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%	100.0%

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Committee of the Whole  
January 12, 2017

To: Chair Miller and the Board of Directors  
From: Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
Date: January 4, 2017  
Regarding: Connecting Consumers and Producers Project Report

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Please find attached the 2016 Final Report for the Connecting Consumers and Producers Project.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

*CSwenson*

Recommendation:	(All/Directors/Majority)
Receive.	



# Connecting Consumers and Producers

2016 Final Report



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Regional Economic Development Department  
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## Introduction

Agriculture continues to play an important role in the region's economy. Due to increased globalization of the agriculture industry and increased health regulations, the agriculture sector has been identified by the RDBN as an area of focus. The 2012 RDBN Agriculture Plan addressed the need to create a marketing campaign for locally produced food. Section 3.5.1 of the RDBN Agriculture Plan states:

*"The RDBN should undertake a long-term low level marketing campaign to maintain public awareness of the benefits of purchasing local food products. This may include the development of information posters and brochures, the purchase of local food products for events, and the inclusion of reminders notes in newsletters and other promotional materials"*

The Connecting Consumers & Producers project was developed to address this direct action. This marketing project supports local agriculture by connecting consumers with producers in the eight municipalities and seven rural areas within the RDBN.

In the first year of the project (2014) three activities were completed; purchase of agriculture resources for libraries, sponsorship of community events, and development of an agriculture brochure. The second and third year of the project (2015, 2016) saw the completion of community event sponsorships and updates and reprinting of the agriculture brochure.



Project Inputs <i>Human and physical resources</i>	Project Activities <i>The things you "do" with your inputs – the actions</i>	Project Outputs <i>Product or service stemming from a completed group of activities</i>	OUTCOMES		
			Short-term <i>Results emerging from the outputs that often represent a change in knowledge or skill</i>	Medium-term <i>Results emerging from immediate outcomes that usually represent a change in behavior or practice</i>	Long-term <i>Results emerging from the intermediate outcomes that the project is working towards</i>
<b>Agriculture</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Economic Development Action Plan (2014)</li> <li>Regional Economic Development Staff</li> <li>RDBN Agriculture Plan (2012)</li> <li>Funding Sources</li> <li>Agriculture resource and producer lists</li> <li>Beyond the Market Project</li> <li>Nechako Valley Food Network</li> <li>Smithers Farmers' Institute</li> <li>Agriculture producers</li> <li>RDBN Residents</li> <li>Connecting Consumers &amp; Producers Community Event Partners</li> <li>Regional Image Bank</li> <li>Economic Developers</li> <li>Web Master</li> <li>Facebook</li> </ul>	<b>Beyond the Market Advisory Committee</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased consumer awareness about local producers in region</li> <li>Increased consumer knowledge about eating locally produced food year round</li> <li>Increased short-term producer sales</li> <li>Promotion of region's producers</li> <li>Promotion of community events</li> <li>Increased attendance by RDBN Board of Directors</li> <li>Increase engagement with online community</li> <li>Increase marketing of producers businesses on social media</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased knowledge about the benefits of eating locally produced food</li> <li>Increased number of consumers purchasing locally produced food</li> <li>Increased short-term and long-term producer sales</li> <li>Increased number of producers listed in regional directories</li> <li>Increased and strengthened relationships with stakeholders</li> <li>Increased resident awareness in RDBN's commitment to the agriculture industry</li> <li>Increased social media presence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have producers who know how to grow and promote their products</li> <li>To create a culture of people who value locally produced food</li> <li>Increased agriculture revenue</li> <li>The agriculture sector is supported to grow and prosper in the RDBN</li> <li>Increased number of producers</li> <li>Increased agriculture production</li> <li>To have an engaged social media network</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate on conference calls</li> <li>Provide \$5,000 sponsorship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input on the Beyond the Market project</li> </ul>			
	<b>Connecting Consumers and Producers Events</b>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create application process for community events</li> <li>Evaluate and approve applications</li> <li>Establish partnerships</li> <li>Assist partners with development of event</li> <li>Promote events</li> <li>Prepare and distribute event kits</li> <li>Connecting Consumers &amp; Producers Community Events take place</li> <li>Receive and evaluate final report</li> <li>Provide funding for community events</li> <li>Project reporting and distribution</li> <li>Invite RDBN Board of Directors to community events in their area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community event guide and application package</li> <li>Connecting Consumers &amp; Producers community event partnerships (8)</li> <li>Event kits (750)</li> <li>Attendees at Connecting Consumers &amp; Producers</li> <li>Community events (750)</li> <li>Invitations to RDBN Board of Directors</li> </ul>			
	<b>Connecting Consumers and Producers Brochure</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with project partners including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nechako Valley Food Network</li> <li>Beyond the Market</li> <li>Smithers Farmers Institute</li> </ul> </li> <li>Research agriculture content for brochure</li> <li>Review Regional Image Bank for brochure images</li> <li>Design agriculture brochure</li> <li>Brochure content reviewed by agricultural community</li> <li>Print brochures</li> <li>Distribute brochures at community events</li> <li>Display brochure on website</li> <li>Survey producers to measure impact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture brochure (1000)</li> <li>Number of producers listed in directory (100)</li> </ul>				
<b>Facebook</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Facebook page to promote program</li> <li>Promote Facebook page on Community Facebook pages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likes on page (200)</li> <li>Post three times weekly</li> <li>Share other pages posts on page</li> </ul>				

## Connecting Consumers & Producers Agriculture Brochure

This project activity involved research, updates, printing, and distribution of the Agriculture Brochure designed by the Regional Economic Development Department in 2014. The intent of the brochure is to provide a resource for consumers that encourages preservation of food as a means to eat local all year round and provide a directory of local producers inclusive of all communities in the RDBN.

In 2016, research and update of the brochure was done "in house" by RDBN staff. Content was reviewed by Nechako Valley Food Network, Lakes District 4-H Senior Council, and the Smithers Farmers Institute. The brochure was distributed at 10 Connecting Consumers and Producers Community Events throughout the region. The brochure is also available on the project website. Feedback from community groups on the design and relevance of information in the brochure was very positive.



"What an amazing idea. I had no idea so many producers has such a variety of available products and meats from the Bulkley Valley!" Lisa Rees, Village of Granisle 2016



Contact is made with each producer listed in the directory during the design phase of the brochure to ensure accuracy. In 2016 producers were contacted by phone in May with follow-up emails. Producer lists were reviewed for omissions. Any producers not listed were asked to contact the Regional Economic Development Department if they wished to be listed in the directory.

Interest in listing in the directory continues to increase among producers in the region. Requests have been made by five additional producers at end of season for a listing in the 2017 brochure.

See Attachment A: Financials  
Attachment C: Statistics

## Connecting Consumers & Producers Community Events

This project activity involved a funding application process for community groups to host events in their communities that facilitated connecting consumers with the producers. This activity identifies sponsorship monies in 15 areas in the region (8 municipalities and 7 electoral areas). In 2016 a total of 10 applications were received from host partners and events included partnerships between 30 additional organizations. Events included agricultural education, harvest celebrations, and extended farmers' markets.

The community events provide opportunity for "face-to-face" exposure with producers and as a long term outcome they will increase producer's long-term sales. Short-term sales were increased through the products purchased to host the events. There was an increase in community spirit for those participating in the Connecting Producers & Consumers Community Events. By providing opportunities for producers and consumers to meet, the project supported the long-term viability of the local agriculture industry. Promotional items for events were purchased from two local producers; Sweet Nechako Honey provided honey samples and The Sausage Factory provided beef jerky. Spin-offs from this project will support the food producers and will encourage others to sell their locally produced products.



*"There is a growing energy of residents in Vanderhoof not only buying local food, but wanting to learn from producers, be it recipes for the food they are buying, or how to grow it themselves at home. It is a wonderful feeling of sharing and growth for our community"*

Michelle Roberge, Bioscape Farm

Community events exposed producers to a large number of consumers. Consumer demand for local food products is on the rise, however, many consumers do not know where to purchase locally produced goods. This project was designed to make initial contacts to be followed by continued consumer purchases.

The challenge in 2016 was with community event participation in multiple areas of the region. Electoral Area 'D' (Fraser Lake Rural), Fort St. James, Electoral Area 'C' (Fort St. James Rural), Telkwa, and Electoral Area 'G' (Houston Rural) did not host events. The Nechako Valley Exhibition was funded to host a Farmers' Market Promotion event but due to challenges securing food producers the event was not funded.

See Attachment A: Financials  
Attachment B: Community Events

## Connecting Consumers & Producers Social Media

A Facebook Page was added to the project for 2016. The short-term goal of the page was to engage with an online community to achieve 200 likes by September. The page achieved 114 likes to date and engagement with posts continues to improve.



Posts were focused on connecting consumers with producers in the region. They included posts about the following:

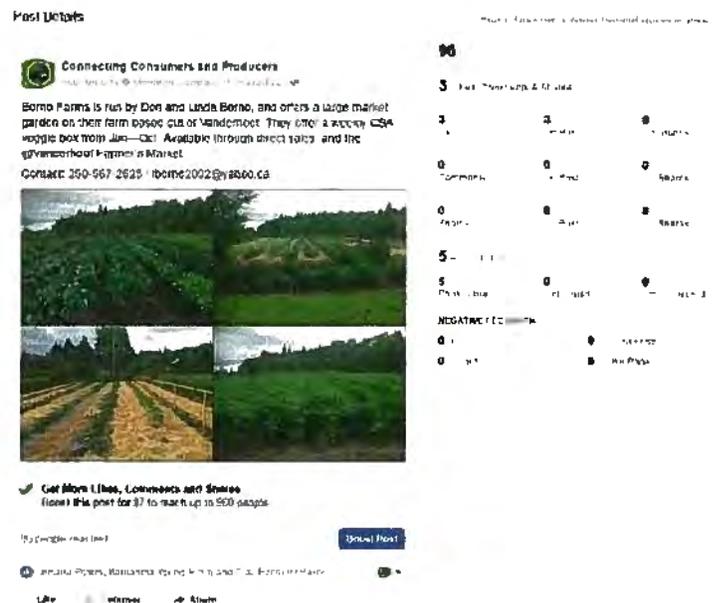
- Agricultural event information
- Interesting facts about agriculture in the region
- Promotion of local producers
- Farmers' Market information
- Tips on preserving locally produced food

Producers were contacted by phone/email and asked if they wanted to be featured on the page through promotional posts. Of the 80 producers contacted in July, 24 use Facebook. Interest in providing information for promotional posts was low with 2 businesses indicating they were interested.

All of the Farmers' Markets in the region use Facebook and posts were shared weekly on the Connecting Consumers and Producers page. Agricultural events and workshops shared from other Facebook pages received the most engagement.

Through the winter months the Connecting Consumers and Producers page will continue to share posts of interest and promote our local producers.

See: Attachment C: Statistics



## Results of the Connecting Consumers and Producers Project

The Connecting Consumers and Producers project has been an initiative of the Regional Economic Development Department for three years. The project has promoted the regions producers and increased awareness of locally produced food.

There was a decrease in short-term producer sales at community events by \$828 from 2015 but an increase in the total percentage of the community event budgets going to local producers. The number of producers involved in providing food for community events increased from 60 in 2015 to 62 in 2016.

A program evaluation survey was emailed to 48 producers in December. Of the producers asked to participate, 5 responded to the survey. Feedback from producers indicates a need to increase marketing of the program to have more of an impact on their business. Suggestions from producers on Facebook content include weekly farmers' market posts, producer profiles, and more sharing from producer Facebook pages. Low participation in the survey may be due to timing as the survey was sent out during the holiday season. Another contributing factor may be that there are 32 producers that were not contacted because they do not use email.

A lack of engagement by producers continues to be a challenge in the administration of the Connecting Consumers and Producers program. In 2016 staff contacted all producers by phone 2 times and many efforts were made to contact through email. Overall, engagement is growing but it has been difficult to receive participation from the regions producers.

By assisting marketing of small scale agriculture in the region through the Agriculture Brochure, the project increased consumer knowledge about eating locally produced food year round. The three year total for Agriculture Brochures distribution is 2,790.

There were positive supports and feedback for the Connecting Consumers and Producers project in 2016. Community groups hosting events continue to be appreciative and feel the project makes a positive impact on increasing consumer's awareness of purchasing locally produced food. The Agriculture Forum assisted with increasing awareness of the project's benefits to producers. The Facebook page created a following on social media that will further engage producers and make connections with consumers.

The RDBN's commitment to the agriculture sector is evident through the success of the Connecting Consumers & Producers Project. Continued support of the agriculture industry will increase public awareness of the benefits of purchasing locally produced food.

*"At the end of any event the staff of Houston Link to Learning always de-brief and talk about what worked and what didn't so we can make improvements. When we sat down to talk about this event we could not come up with anything that didn't work!!! It was a fabulous event with more than 300 people attending on a very cold day. Vendors reported that they did very well and participants sat in the cold to watch and cheer for the entertainment. HLL had so much positive feedback on this event and participants said that they did not realize how many local vendors there were!"*

Marian Ells, Houston Link to Learning

**Financials**

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual Project Costs</b>
Agriculture Brochure	5,110	4,772
Community Events	16,500	8,395
Promotional Items	1,000	1,023
	<b>\$22,610</b>	<b>\$14,190</b>

## Connecting Consumers and Producers Community Events

## Attachment B

Name of Event	Partners	Area	Description	Attendees	\$ to Producers
BVX-Bulkley Acres Farm	<b>Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association*</b> Town of Smithers Interior News, Moose-FM, CFW-FM BV Cattleman, BV Dairy Association BV 4-H District, Daybreak Farms	Smithers Telkwa Electoral Area A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An interactive farm area gives children the opportunity to learn about where food comes from</li> <li>Produce and eggs were purchased from local producers and the addition of an orchard and herb garden was made this year</li> </ul>	17,200	\$884
Houston Harvest Festival	<b>Houston Link to Learning</b> District of Houston Northwest Community College ACT Committee, Houston Public Library Houston Farmers Market	Houston Electoral Area G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A festival to celebrate the end of the season for the Community Garden &amp; Farmers' Market.</li> <li>21 vendors promoted their products</li> <li>A canning demonstration was done using locally produced food</li> </ul>	300	\$733
Taste the Local Harvest	<b>Lakes District Fall Fair Association</b> Burns Lake Community Garden	Burns Lake Electoral Area B Electoral Area E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Products were purchased from local producers. Samples of products were provided to attendees at the Lakes District Fall Fair</li> </ul>	250	\$636
Granisle Fall Festival	<b>Village of Granisle</b> Babine Elementary Secondary School Granisle Seniors Association	Granisle Electoral Area G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A free community lunch was provided.</li> <li>Food was purchased from local producers</li> </ul>	100	\$517
Harvest Supper	<b>Grassy Plains Hall Society</b>	Electoral Area E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harvest dinner celebrating local food and farming.</li> <li>Producers were provided a space to advertise products</li> </ul>	55	\$850
Harvest Market	<b>Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce</b> Lakes District News	Burns Lake Electoral Area B Electoral Area E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final market of the season included door prizes using locally produced food packages.</li> <li>Coupons were handed out to attendees for use at the market</li> </ul>	90	\$375
Harvest Celebration and Market	<b>Nechako Valley Food Network</b> Nechako Healthy Community Alliance Farm 2 School District of Vanderhoof Vanderhoof Farmers' Market Association	Vanderhoof Electoral Area F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A free dinner promoting local food was provided for the community</li> <li>Vendors set up booth to sell products</li> <li>Musicians added entertainment</li> </ul>	210	\$1,912
Volunteer Appreciation	<b>Smithers Community Radio</b> Bulkley Valley Concert Association Bulkley Valley Arts Council Bulkley Valley Farmers' Market	Smithers Telkwa Electoral Area A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local dinner radio podcast was created from the event showcasing local producers</li> <li>A volunteer appreciation dinner was served using locally produced food</li> </ul>	30	\$713
Free Lunch at the Community Garden	<b>Fraser Lake Community Garden</b> Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Autumn Services, Food Share Program Village of Fraser Lake Community Adult Literacy Program	Fraser Lake Electoral Area D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A free community lunch was provided</li> <li>Food was purchased from local producers</li> </ul>	41	\$150
Nechako Valley Exhibition Farmers' Market Promotion – Not Funded	<b>Nechako Valley Exhibition Society</b> Vanderhoof Farmers' Market	Vanderhoof Electoral Area F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A farmers market area was to be set up as part of the Vendor Program at the Nechako Valley Exhibition</li> </ul>	6000	\$0
<b>10 Events</b>				<b>24,276</b>	<b>\$6,565</b>

\*Host partner in bold

## Statistics

### Agriculture Resource Purchase (2014)

Short-term outcomes: Increase in the number of resources available to producers  
 Increase in libraries knowledge of the available agriculture resources  
 Strengthened relationship with local libraries and agricultural community.

<b>Agriculture Resource Lending Numbers</b>		
Location	2015	2016
Vanderhoof Public Library	74	93
Houston Public Library	71	74
Telkwa Reading Centre	n/a	n/a
Burns Lake Public Library	121	121
Fraser Lake Public Library	n/a	42
Granisle Public Library	n/a	5
Smithers Public Library	199	35
Fort St. James Public Library	30	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>407</b>

### Agriculture Brochure

Short-term outcomes: Agriculture brochure created and distributed  
 Increase in consumer awareness about local producers in region  
 Increase in consumer knowledge about eating locally produced food year round

Year	Distribution	Producers Listed
2014	920	70
2015	950	82
2016	920	80

Directory Listings	2014	2015	2016
Electoral Area 'A' Smithers Rural	38	37	32
Electoral Area 'B' Burns Lake Rural	4	4	5
Electoral Area 'C' Fort St. James Rural	2	3	3
Electoral Area 'D' Fraser Lake Rural	7	6	6
Electoral Area 'E' Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural	3	6	8
Electoral Area 'F' Vanderhoof Rural	15	24	23
Electoral Area 'G' Houston Rural	1	2	3
<b>Total Producers</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>

**Community Events**

Short-term outcomes: Increase in short-term producer sales  
 Promotion of regions producers  
 Increase in resident awareness of RDBN

Year	Local Food Purchased	Attendance	Participating Producers
2014	\$6,486	1,694	not available
2015	\$7,393	20,182	60
2016	\$6,565	24,276	62

**Webpage**

Year	Hits on Agriculture Page	Hits on C&P Page
2014	109	25
2015	636	339
2016	442	220

**Facebook**

Year	Likes	Total Reach	Total Impressions
2016	114	8,476	23,293

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Direction  
(letter of support)

**Cheryl Anderson**

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**From:** Melany Deweerdt  
**Sent:** January-03-17 8:48 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Anderson  
**Cc:** Tom Greenaway  
**Subject:** Request from Germansen Landing

Good morning Cheryl,

I received a request from the Michaud's in Germansen Landing for a letter of support from the Board to Canada Post for keeping their post office open, and for any signatures to the e-petition. Link to petition is <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/keep-the-post-office-in-germansen-landing-bc-canada.html>

Please place the request for a letter of support on the COW agenda for a recommendation, along with a copy of the petition purpose from the link.

Thank-you,

**Melany A. de Weerd**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
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We do not feel it is right for this service to discontinue and have some of our residents travel up to 60km to get their mail and/or parcels if we were to lose it.

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge Canada Post to keep the Post Office open and continue mail and parcel delivery in Germansen Landing, BC.

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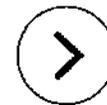
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Dear Mr. Miller:

My colleague, the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, forwarded to me your correspondence of July 29, 2016, about your request for funding to undergo regional trials and assessment of crops and agricultural lands using mountain pine beetle funding. As Canada's Minister responsible for forests, I am concerned about the spread of this beetle through Canada's boreal forests.

The Government of Canada recognizes that the forest industry is an important economic driver and has fully spent all program funding committed to combatting this beetle. These funds were used to respond directly to this unprecedented insect outbreak by assisting British Columbia with science-based risk assessments, recovering value from beetle-killed trees, reducing post-beetle wildfire threats to public safety and investing in transportation infrastructure and community economic diversification. My Department is continuing to conduct research that contributes to beetle control and spread mitigation efforts by provincial and territorial land managers.

I wish you all the best in seeking funding for your project and I applaud your efforts at enhancing agriculture and economic development in your region.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.

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**From:** FCM Communiqué <communiqué@fcm.ca>  
**Sent:** December 22, 2016 10:36 AM  
**To:** inquiries  
**Subject:** CRTC Decision on Broadband Internet

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Communiqué

Yesterday, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) Chair Jean-Pierre Blais announced their decision in the Review of Basic Telecommunications Services.

The Review examined what telecommunications services should be deemed essential for Canadians to participate in the digital economy and the CRTC's decision responds directly to FCM's call for universal access to reliable broadband services across Canada. FCM issued this statement in reaction to the decision, which we encourage you to share on social media.

The CRTC's decision lays the groundwork for improved access to high-speed broadband across rural and northern Canada by establishing:

- **a new universal service objective so Canadians**, in urban areas as well as in rural and remote areas, have access to voice and broadband Internet access services, on both fixed and mobile wireless networks;
- **a fixed broadband Internet service criteria for all Canadian households and businesses**, with an updated speed target of 50 mbps for downloads and 10 mbps for uploads and an unlimited data option, to better reflect technological advancements and changes in user needs. Fixed broadband Internet access service at these speeds should be available in 90% of Canadian homes and businesses by the end of 2021 and in the remaining 10% within 10-15 years;
- **a new application-based funding mechanism for basic broadband access**, with \$750 million in funding over the first five years and 10% of funding allocated to satellite-dependent communities in these first five years. The CRTC will initiate follow-up proceedings in early 2017 to examine design considerations for this new funding mechanism.

FCM has long advocated for increased federal involvement in developing the telecommunications infrastructure that is critical to the social and economic vibrancy of rural and northern Canada and has participated in every phase of this consultation, including the public hearing in May 2016. FCM's final submission to the Review called for universal access to affordable and reliable high-speed Internet and highlighted the significant barriers faced in both rural and northern communities.

The CRTC's decision was issued less than a week after Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada launched the federal government's *Connect to Innovate* program. First announced in Budget 2016, the new program will increase dedicated funding for high-speed broadband in rural and northern communities by investing \$500 million over five years. *Connect to Innovate* responds directly to FCM's advocacy by helping to reduce the traditional lag-time in improving broadband service in high-cost areas, while allowing for targeted investments to advance broadband access. FCM will continue to work with the federal government to confirm additional details for this program, including the process for project selection.

Broadband Internet access has become fundamental to modern life, and has the power to transform rural and northern Canada. Unfortunately, the "broadband gap" remains a reality in these rural and northern communities, as some are without broadband coverage while others remain underserved by bandwidth and network capacity that is insufficient to meet user demands. These steps provide a historic opportunity to continue developing a comprehensive, long-term plan for universal access to high-speed broadband. To realize this vision, **we believe that all orders of government must work together**. FCM is ready to partner with the CRTC and the federal government to turn this bold vision into meaningful action. In particular, we look forward to working with our federal partners to implement the positive changes announced in the decision and in particular on the design and roll-out of the CRTC's new funding mechanism and to ensure broadband services are affordable for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

Clark Somerville  
FCM President

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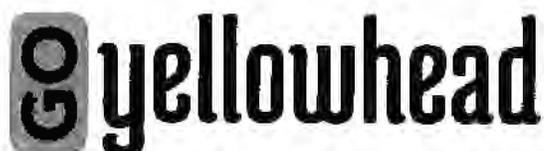


## **TRANS CANADA TELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY #16 & BC YELLOWHEAD #5 ADVOCACY UPDATE**

Following are some announcements from Provincial / Federal Governments on areas the TCYHA has been advocating on your behalf:

- ❑ From Gov of BC: Pre-construction work has begun between Barriere and Little Fort in preparation for more new passing lanes along Highway 5 near Darfield.
- ❑ From Gov of BC: Construction is nearing completion on the Vinsulla passing lanes project south of McLure (north of Kamloops). The Vinsulla project includes a 2.2 km northbound passing lane and a commercial vehicle pullout.
- ❑ From Gov of Saskatchewan: An estimated \$52.4 million Highway 16 project east of Saskatoon that will improve safety and support the economy is targeted to open to traffic one year early.
- ❑ From Gov of Saskatchewan: New Highway 16 Twinning Project East of Saskatoon near completion.
- ❑ From Gov of Canada Senate: Senator Black welcomes opportunity to discuss the role that Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway #16 can play in the Senate's "Tear Down These Walls" initiative.
- ❑ From Gov of Alberta: Alberta Government confirms it would cover its share of the cost of upgrading Yellowhead Trail in Edmonton.
- ❑ From Gov of Manitoba: Completion of paving 34 kms of passing lanes west of Neepawa.
- ❑ From Gov of BC: Free, public Wi-Fi will soon be installed at the Highway 16 Mt. Terry Fox rest area six kilometres east of Tete Jaune.
- ❑ From Gov of Alberta: Studies have been approved to look at construction of a pass-holder's lane at Jasper Gate.
- ❑ From Gov of Alberta: Completed a functional planning study for twinning from Hinton to Jasper National Park boundary.
- ❑ From Gov of Manitoba: MIT confirms that renewing #16 through Neepawa remains one of MIT's priorities in the area.

By leveraging this collective voice, known as the TCYHA, we continue to influence Federal & Provincial governments to bring about needed highway infrastructure improvements.



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At its Regular Meeting of Council held December 21, 2016, Mayor and Council for the Village of Granisle unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

Motion #2016/226  
RDBN Public Transit  
Para-Transit Service

Moved by Councillor Tom Liversidge, Seconded by Councillor Zarna A. Dilley  
That Council for the Village of Granisle supports the adoption of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lorna Burkett, Administrative Assistant

Certified a true copy of Motion #2016/226

  
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December 20, 2016

Transmitted by Email: [kathleen.soltis@princegeorge.ca](mailto:kathleen.soltis@princegeorge.ca)

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager  
City of Prince George

At the City of Prince George regular Council meeting held December 19, 2016, Council gave consideration to the report dated December 12, 2016 from Mayor Lyn Hall requesting Council's approval to include financial support of the proposed Highway 16 Inter-Community Transit Service in the 2017 Operating Budget. The following is a certified copy of the section of minutes pertaining to this item:

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**Regular Council Minutes – December 19, 2016**

**Agenda Item F.1 | Highway 16 Inter-Community Transit**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Councillor Krause, seconded by Councillor Everitt, that the City of Prince George CONTRIBUTES up to \$50,000 in 2017 as its share of the proposed Highway 16 Inter-Community Transit Service.

Carried Unanimously

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The undersigned hereby certifies the above resolution to be a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Council of the City of Prince George on December 19, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Connelly".

Maureen Connelly  
Deputy Corporate Officer

cc: Kris Dalio, Director of Finance



November 24, 2016

Mr. Bill Miller, Chair  
Regional District of Bulkley Nechako

Via email

Dear Chair Miller and board members:

**RE: Smithers Support for Highway 16 Inter-community Transit Plan**

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The Town of Smithers is supportive of the Highway 16 Inter-community regional transit system under consideration and expresses appreciation to the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako for their leadership in assuming responsibility for a transit committee to assist this project.

The Town of Smithers Council has committed to an annual financial contribution towards this effort with the resolution as follows:

**Council supports Option 2B of the BC Transit Highway 16 Inter-Community Transit Service Options from Burns Lake to Smithers up to a maximum of amount of \$24,660.**

We look forward to the implementation of this service.

Sincerely,

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Anne Yanciw  
Chief Administrative Officer

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To whom it may concern:

**Re: Northern BC Transit Initiative Funding Approval**

Please accept this resolution, carried unanimously at the December 1, 2016 meeting of Council, as proof of Council's conditional support for the Northern BC Transit Initiative:

**THAT the Village of Burns Lake commit to a maximum contribution of \$12,500 to the Northern BC Transit Initiative year over year ongoing, on the condition that:**

- **The downtown portion of the bus path be rerouted to Government and Gilgan Drive;**
- **a joint bus stop and train shelter be installed on Gilgan Drive; and**
- **That the Project Coordinator position be funded by the Provincial Government for a minimum of two years.**

Should you require any further information in regards to this resolution, please contact me at [chart@burnslake.ca](mailto:chart@burnslake.ca) or by phone at 250-692-7587.

Sincerely,



Cameron Hart  
City Clerk - Village of Burns Lake

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## Cheryl Anderson

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**From:** Melany Deweerdt  
**Sent:** December-21-16 3:43 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Anderson  
**Subject:** FW: Regional Transit Funding

Another one for the transit agenda, thx

### **Melany A. de Weerd**

Chief Administrative Officer  
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**From:** Jim Martin [mailto:jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** December 19, 2016 1:08 PM  
**To:** Melany Deweerdt <Melany.Deweerdt@rdbn.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Regional Transit Funding

Hi Melany,

A heads up that there will be a Community Grant-in-Aid for \$1,000 from Lara Beckett's Electoral Area. Check will be in the mail!

Do you have any sense about how the contributions will play out in the sense if the system is not operational for a full 12 months? I.e. prorated rate for subsequent years.

Merry Christmas and all the best over the holidays!

Jim

Jim Martin  
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**Cheryl Anderson**

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**Subject:** FW: Smithers-Moricetown Transit Service Update

**From:** "Boyd, Matthew" <Matthew\_Boyd@BCTransit.Com>  
**Date:** December 9, 2016 at 11:12:06 AM PST  
**To:** Leslie Ford <lford@smithers.ca>, Anne Yanciw <ayanciw@smithers.ca>, Lucy Gagnon <lucy.gagnon@moriketown.ca>, Diane Mattson <diane.mattson@kyahwes.ca>, "Norma Stumborg" <ecdev@mbed.ca> <ecdev@mbed.ca>  
**Cc:** "Fudge, Chris" <Chris\_Fudge@BCTransit.Com>  
**Subject:** Smithers-Moricetown Transit Service Update

Hello all,

Please see below the final draft schedule for the Smithers-Moricetown transit service. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Note that there will be other opportunities to refine the schedules in 2017, therefore we will be monitoring the service closely post-implementation and make adjustments as required.

Smithers to Moricetown				
Monday to Friday				
To Moricetown			To Smithers	
Smithers	Moricetown		Moricetown	Smithers
7:30	8:02		8:05	8:37
<b>5:30</b>	<b>6:02</b>		<b>6:05</b>	<b>6:37</b>
Saturday				
9:23	9:55		9:55	10:27
<b>3:13</b>	<b>3:45</b>		<b>3:45</b>	<b>4:17</b>

With regards to bus stops, for implementation on January 23<sup>rd</sup> we will not be introducing any new official bus stops (poles and signs) on the route beyond what already exists. However, customers are able to "flag the bus" down along the route so long as it is operationally safe to do so. This policy already exists for the Smithers Transit system and the info that is included in the Riders' Guide is below. The plan for the New Year is to work with the local partners to identify possible locations for new physical bus stops along this route (as discussed at last week's meeting). Once identified, we will make the necessary arrangements to make them official.

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### **Flagging the Bus**

**Some rural community systems do not have physical bus stops. In these communities, customers “wave” a bus down on designated roads.**

**When you want to flag the bus, find a safe location along the route and wave at the bus. A safe location is one where visibility is good and where the bus can easily pull off the road, such as a driveway.**

**The driver may not be able to safely stop for you if the posted speed limit exceeds 60 km/hr.**

Finally, we are continuing to work with the Hazeltons’ Transit system to make the necessary fare adjustments for customers in Moricetown to ensure that they are always paying the same rate. We will keep this group updated on progress.

Thanks again to everyone for all your efforts to get this service up and running. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,  
Matt

**Matthew D. Boyd MCIP, RPP**  
**Senior Planner – Regional Work Lead**  
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**Subject:** The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC  
**Attachments:** Unsung-Heroes-Poster (1).jpg; Invitation.pptx

Good Evening Everyone,

Hope you all have a Great Christmas & Happy New Year 2017.

Just to update:

1. Nominations for "The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC", have been extended until Friday 14th January 2017.
2. Very excited about that Mayor Lyn Hall is going to be the Guest of honor and also going to MC of the event.
3. The judges of our unsung heroes will be recognized from the nominees are: Bobby Deepak, Councillor Terri McConnachie, Charles Scott, Scott McWalter, Councillor Garth Frizzell, Mayor Bob Simpson, Lisa Redpath, Ken Solonas, Mayor Gerry Thiessen.
4. I BIG request to everyone please encourage including yourself, friends, relatives, people in your community from all over Northern BC to do online nomination and become an inspiration to others and our younger generation. The Unsung Heroes can be in any areas include forestry, sports, education, business, medical, engineering, mankind, art, culture, army, RCMP, fighting with the illness and come back strongly, thinking out of box ..... etc, and any age group, there are no rules. ONLY - who have made a difference in the communities and have made Northern BC proud. Please, don't miss the opportunity.
5. I do hope that you will be able to confirm your attendance by January 14, 2017 to this invitation and make this event grand and successful.
6. The ceremony will be at the Coast Inn Of the North in Prince George BC, on February 4, 2017, and will include a Dinner Buffet, Classic instrumentation music. Tickets are \$75.00.
7. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-981-3107 or email me at [ravi.saxena@draako.com](mailto:ravi.saxena@draako.com) with any questions. In the meantime, please visit our website at: [theunsungheroes.ca](http://theunsungheroes.ca) for more information.

# UNSUNG HEROES

## OF NORTHERN BC

### *Inspirational Stories* OF REAL LIFE HEROES

Image courtesy of K.C. Gauthier

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

5:30 PM AT THE COAST INN OF THE NORTH  
DINNER BUFFET | TICKETS \$75

The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC event is about regular citizens who have accomplished something extraordinary. Heroes of Northern BC, who live for others and do something inspirational, bold, and unselfish. These are the citizens who have made a difference in their communities and have made Northern BC proud. The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC will showcase all the remarkable contributions and the journeys of extraordinary people as they help society improve and they themselves become an inspiration to others. Our Goal is to find real life heroes and encourage others to follow in their footsteps. It gives us a medium to honour individuals of the North and display appreciation & recognition to them for their inspirational work and wholehearted kindness.

### **CELEBRATE AN UNSUNG HERO!**

Do you know an Unsung Hero? Now is your chance to nominate them! Our independent judges will review and verify every nomination.

Nominate an Unsung Hero at  
[theunsungheroes.ca](http://theunsungheroes.ca)

**Nominations open**  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Nominations close**  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016

Nominate a hero online at [theunsungheroes.ca](http://theunsungheroes.ca)

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THE UNSUNG HEROES OF NORTHERN BC -2017

Dear,

**Subject: Invitation - The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC.**

*It is my great pleasure to invite you for our upcoming event -The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC.*

*The Unsung Heroes of Northern BC event is about regular citizens who have accomplished something extraordinary. Heroes of Northern BC, who live for others and do something inspirational, bold, and unselfish. These are citizens who have made a difference in our communities and have made Northern BC proud. The Unsung Heroes event will showcase all the remarkable contributions and the journeys of extraordinary people as they help society improve & they themselves become an inspiration to others.*

*The goal is to find real life heroes and encourage others to follow in their footsteps. It gives us a medium to honour individuals of the North and display appreciation & recognition on them for their inspirational work and wholehearted kindness. The appreciation and recognition is also intended to encourage community awareness and to instill in others the responsibility of working towards a more inclusive, compassionate and prosperous society.*

*Nominations for Heroes will opened from November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 and will close January 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 and all those nominated will be reviewed by our panel of 9 Judges who individually reside throughout Northern BC. The process will culminate in an appreciation and recognition ceremony on February 4, 2017, to which you are cordially invited.*

*I do hope that you will be able to confirm your attendance by January 14, 2017 to this invitation and make this event grand and successful.*

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*Please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-981-3107 or email me at ravi.saxena@draako.com with any questions. In the meantime, please visit our website at theunsungheroes.ca for more information. I look forward to your response.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ravi Saxena*

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