

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2018

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 1:19 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Taylor Bachrach, Mayor, Town of Smithers

CALL TO ORDER Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

AGENDA Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2018-1-1 “That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for January 11, 2018 be approved.”

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

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2018-1-2 “That the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

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

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes -December 14, 2017 Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2018-1-3 “That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of December 14, 2017 be received.”

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

REPORTS

Bulkley Valley Christian School Moved by Director Fisher
- Request for Grant in Aid Seconded by Director Parker
- Electoral Area "A"
(Smithers Rural)

RDC.2018-1-4 "That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that Bulkley Valley Christian School Society be given \$2,600 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Services Budget Update Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2018-1-5 "That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 11, 2018 memo titled "Services Budget Update."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

Referrals

Land Referral File No. 7409972 Moved by Director Petersen
BC Hydro and Power Authority Seconded by Director Miller
Electoral Area "F"

RDC.2018-1-6 "That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 7409972" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 7409972."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 6409020 Moved by Director Newell
Skeena Cat Skiing Inc. Seconded by Director Fisher
Electoral Area "G"

RDC.2018-1-7 "That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 6409020" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6409020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the claims that are registered in the area identified in Land Referral File No. 6409020 and that any additional use will require further provincial approval.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

Fort St. James Secondary Sr. Girls Soccer Team- Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2018-1-8

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fort St. James Secondary Sr. Girls Soccer Team be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Hawaii Soccer Tour 2018.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Houston Christian School Society - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2018-1-9

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Houston Christian School Society be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for the purchase of playground equipment.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vanderhoof Clippers/Fort St. James Falcons Speed Skating - Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Areas “C” (Fort St. James Rural) and “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2018-1-10

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Vanderhoof Clippers/Fort St. James Falcons Speed Skating Club be given \$750 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas “C” (Fort St. James Rural) and “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with purchasing safety equipment for the Zone 7 Speed Skating Team travelling to the 2018 BC Winter Games in Kamloops, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Connectivity Research

Director Newell mentioned the need to develop a plan moving forward in regard to connectivity research in the RDBN. He also spoke of bringing the information forward at the BC Broadband Association Conference May 1-2, 2018 in Richmond, B.C. Discussion took place in regard to connectivity issues impacting the entire region including a number of the RDBN’s partner municipalities. Director Newell spoke of the need to address the issue in an expedient manner. Staff will bring forward an update for further discussion at a future RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting including allocated and grant funding currently available.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2018-1-11

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant