

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(Committee of the Whole)**

**Thursday, August 20, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Chair Rob MacDougall

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Eileen Benedict  
Shane Brien  
Mark Fisher  
Thomas Liversidge  
Bill Miller  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Luke Strimbold  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)  
Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Director Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair MacDougall called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Petersen

F.C.2015-6-1

"That the Forestry Committee Meeting Agenda of August 20, 2015 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

Forestry Committee Meeting  
Minutes –July 23, 2015

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Repen

F.C.2015-6-2

"That the Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2015 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORTS**

Forestry/Wildfire Management Moved by Director Strimbold  
Industry/Local Government Seconded by Director Miller  
1<sup>st</sup> Nations Forum

F.C.2015-6-3

“That the Forestry Committee receive the Chief Administrative Officers’ August 12, 2015 memo titled “Forestry/Wildfire Management/Industry/Loc.Government/1<sup>st</sup> Nations Forum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Pellet Plant Dryer Systems

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Petersen

F.C.2015-6-4

“That the Forestry Committee receive the Chief Administrative Officers’ August 12, 2015 memo titled “Pellet Plant Dryer Systems.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Thiessen spoke to developing an RDBN statement to provide to new and existing industry in the region that provides the RDBN’s position on the best practices to be utilized within the region in regard to environmental and pollution factors. Director Repen also noted the importance of developing policy in regard to the waste generated by work camps proposed in the region. Discussion took place regarding the Environmental Assessment Process and the best baseline practices and the lack of enforcement for implementation of best practices. Director Newell spoke to the need for industry to have and develop a social license.

Director Thiessen noted that it may be beneficial to have a representative from the Wood Pellet Association of Canada attend a future RDBN meeting.

Director Bachrach reported that he met with representatives from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Policy Branch. They are currently developing a code of practice in regard to pellet plants. Director Bachrach will forward the contact information to RDBN staff and also arrange a tour of the Newpro facility.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence**

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Petersen

### **F.C.2015-6-5**

“That the Forestry Committee receive the following correspondence:

- Conifex Timber Inc. – Conifex Announces Closing of Investment Agreement;
- Conifex Timber Inc. – Conifex Announces Acquisition of Sawmill Assets in El Dorado, Arkansas.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair MacDougall mentioned that he met with Conifex Manager of Fibre Supply and representatives from Canfor and Apollo and noted challenges industry is currently encountering. A few of the issues are the price of stumpage, federal tax when shipping lumber, soft market in china, and poor quality timber. In order for Conifex to stabilize its company they announced the closing of investment agreement and the acquisition of sawmill assets in El Dorado, Arkansas.

The District of Fort St. James is requesting information from the Competition Bureau in regard to the timber being removed from the community.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **Community Forests Associations and Waste**

Director Thiessen brought forward concerns regarding burning of waste piles and that the RDBN should move forward in developing and establishing a policy regarding the utilization of waste pile fibre within the RDBN that can be provided to new and existing companies in the region. The use of waste pile fibre for biomass facilities was discussed. In the past government would have licensees conduct a Residue and Waste Management Survey to bill licensees monetarily for timber except reserved timber, whether standing or felled, that was not removed from the cutting authority area and which meets or exceeds the timber merchantability specifications. The Provincial Government is now wanting to charge for the waste being utilized.

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

### **F.C.2015-6-6**

“That the Forestry Committee recommend that the RDBN Committee of the Whole discuss at its next meeting the development of guiding principles and/or a mission statement in regard to airshed management, water usage management and solid waste management practices within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SUPPLEMENTARY**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Forests, Lands  
and Natural Resource  
Operations – News from the  
Inventory Section, Forest Analysis  
and Inventory Branch

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Miller

F.C.2015-6-7

“That the Forestry Committee receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations titled “News from the Inventory Section, Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Miller expressed concerns regarding the use of LVI (Landscape Vegetation Inventory) due to its lower accuracy for individual polygons.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Newell

F.C.2015-6-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 4:40 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Rob MacDougall, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant