

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, October 7, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk – via Zoom
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert – arrived at 10:53 a.m.
Linda McGuire
Annette Morgan
Bob Motion – via Zoom
Chris Newell – arrived at 10:43 a.m.
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – via Zoom
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Ken Nielsen, General Manager, Chinook Community Forest
Daniella Oake, Forester, Hampton Affiliates – arrived
at 10:53 a.m.
Gord Pratt, Operations Manager, Forest Enhancement Society of
BC

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AGENDA & Moved by Director Brien
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2021-9-1 “That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of
October 7, 2021 be approved; and further, that the
Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – September 9, 2021

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2021-9-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of September 9, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

2022 UBCM Community
Resilience Investment Grant

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2021-9-3

“That the Committee recommend that the Board support a UBCM Community Resilience grant application that includes an amended letter requesting that they waive the stipulation that rebate funding can only be 50% of the funding for the activities listed in the 2022 FireSmart Community and Supports Program & Application Guide Table 3; and further, that the letter be forwarded to neighboring Regional Districts.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services provided an overview of the 2022 UBCM Community Resilience Investment Grant staff report.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Feedback from residents unable to complete FireSmart activities due to costs
 - o FireSmart Educator provided practical options to assist in developing FireSmart practices
- One Insurance company provides FireSmart considerations for home insurance
- Communicating with other Regional Districts.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

The Honourable Josie Osborne,
Ministry of Municipal Affairs
-Northwest BC Resource
Benefits Alliance (RBA)

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2021-9-4

“That the Committee receive the Correspondence from the Honourable Josie Osborne, Ministry of Municipal Affairs Re: Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- The RBA is continuing to work and move forward toward an agreement with the Province
- Staff will provide an overview of the RDBN Northern Capital Planning Grant (NCPG) funding allocation

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Communities in the northwest built by industry
- Provincial incentives to industry
- Industrial impacts to communities
- Working towards an MOU agreement and towards a final agreement
- Increasing public awareness of the RBA
- Reiterating to the Province that trust matters.

NEW BUSINESS

Remembrance Day Ceremony Director McGuire requested feedback from the Board of Directors regarding Remembrance Day Ceremonies due to the COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders.

Cemetery – Granisle/Tachet Director McGuire mentioned that discussions have taken place with the Village of Granisle and members of Tachet regarding the development of a new cemetery. RDBN staff will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2021-9-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services