

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**SPECIAL MEETING NO. 2**

**Thursday, February 9, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Eileen Benedict  
Shane Brien  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
John Illes  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Rob MacDougall  
Rob Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Absent Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle  
Mark Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

Alternate Director Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief – arrived at 11:28 a.m.  
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer  
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Chris Beach, Mayor, Village of Burns Lake

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – left at 11:25 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-2-1

"In accordance with Section 220 of the *Local Government Act*, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors calls a Special Board Meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-2-2

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of February 9, 2017 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## CORRESPONDENCE

District of Vanderhoof re:  
Regional Public Transit and  
Para-Transit (Highway 16)  
Service Establishment Bylaw  
No. 1790, 2016

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2017-2-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the District of Vanderhoof re: Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District of Vanderhoof  
- Request for RDBN Resolution  
to Review the Funding Formula  
for the RDBN Regional Public  
Transit and Para-Transit (Highway  
16) Service After One Year of Operation

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Repen

2017-2-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors resolve that it will commit to reviewing the funding formula for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service after one year of operation to ensure it gives fair and reasonable consideration to all factors including ridership; and further, that a letter including the resolution be forwarded to the District of Vanderhoof.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Bachrach spoke to the fixed costs to operating a bus. He commented that the fare box revenue will offset the local government contribution to the service.

City of Prince George  
Regional District of Bulkley  
Nechako Regional Public  
Transit and Para-Transit  
(Highway 16) Service  
Establishment – Letter of Intent

Moved by Director Illes  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-2-5

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the City of Prince George – Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment - Letter of Intent.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George re: Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment – Letter of Support Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

2017-2-6

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016 – Resolution of Support.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District of Fort St. James Regional Public Transit Establishment – Resolution of Support

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-2-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the District of Fort St. James – Regional Public Transit Establishment – Resolution of Support.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nicholette Prince, Regional Principal - Nechako, CNC – Request for Letter of Support re: Relocation of Vanderhoof Campus

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2017-2-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to relocate the College of New Caledonia Vanderhoof Campus to be closer to the downtown core of Vanderhoof.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding size and utilities and maintenance costs challenges associated with the current building being used by the College of New Caledonia Vanderhoof Campus.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **REPORTS**

Regional Transit Service – Grant in Aid- Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-2-9

“That Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) contributes \$5,000 grant in aid monies toward startup costs for the Regional Transit Service.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Director Fisher spoke to his intention of providing grant in aid funding over a five year commitment but he can only commit funding during his current term as RDBN Director.

Regional Transit Service  
– Grant in Aid- Electoral  
Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Lindstrom  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2017-2-10

“That Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) contributes \$1,000 grant in aid monies toward startup costs for the Regional Transit Service.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Highway 16 Regional  
Para-Transit Service  
Establishment Apportionment  
Update

Moved by Director Illes  
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

2017-2-11

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Administrative Officer’s February 8, 2017 memo titled “Highway 16 Regional Para-Transit Services Establishment Apportionment Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

District of Vanderhoof  
– Request for RDBN Letter  
of Support for the Vanderhoof  
Highway 16 Community Vehicle  
Grant

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2017-2-12

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support for the Vanderhoof Highway 16 Community Vehicle Grant.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Miller noted that it has been clearly outlined to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit that the Community Vehicle program/service is integral to the success and sustainability of the Highway 16 Transit Service.

Village of Burns Lake  
– Support for RDBN  
Regional Public Transit and  
Para-Transit Service  
Establishment

Moved by Director Illes  
Seconded by Director Repen

2017-2-13

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors receive the letter from the Village of Burns Lake – Support for RDBN Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit Service Establishment.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **February 23, 2017 Board Meeting (Potential Date Change)**

Chair Miller commented that he and Director Thiessen will be away for the scheduled February 23, 2017 Board Meeting. The Regional Board may appoint a Chair for the meeting if there is a quorum. There may be other RDBN Municipal Directors away due to the Mayors Caucus being held on that date.

#### **RDBN Meeting Date Change**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Benedict

2017-2-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors authorize rescheduling the February 23, 2017 Regional Board Meeting date to March 2, 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Invitation from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate of Canada**

Chair Miller mentioned that Director Parker has been diligently working to secure a meeting with the Standing Committee of Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate of Canada and recently received an invitation to attend a Meeting March 7, 2017 via video conference. Chair Miller and Director Parker have arranged to meet with Gary Blattner, Facilitator, RDBN Agriculture Forum to review the RDBN's presentation to the Senate Committee.

Moved by Director Lindstrom  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2017-2-15

“That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors approve Chair Miller and Director Parker's attendance on March 7, 2017 to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate of Canada via Video Conference.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting with Mr. Blattner has been scheduled on February 15, 2017. Discussion took place regarding potentially meeting on February 16, 2017 and Directors Petersen and Thiessen will also attend. Chair Miller extended an open invitation to the Regional Board to attend the planning meeting and comments can be e-mailed to Director Parker. Director Repen noted that David Connell, Associate Professor, University of Northern B.C. provided Director Parker with a link to his presentation to the Senate of Canada and it is a worthwhile presentation to watch.

#### **Thank You to the RDBN Chair and Chief Financial Officer**

Alternate Director McGuire thanked Chair Miller and Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer for attending the Village of Granisle Town Hall Meeting and providing an RDBN Budget Presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2017-2-16

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:33 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Bill Miller, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant