

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2017

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
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Taylor Bachrach, Mayor, Town of Smithers – arrived at 3:46 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2017-11-1

“That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for December 14, 2017 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee
Meeting Minutes
-November 9, 2017

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-11-2

“That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of November 9, 2017 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Environmental Services Gas Tax Opportunity

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2017-11-3

1. "That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's December 14, 2017 memo titled "Environmental Services Gas Tax Opportunity"; and,
2. That the Rural Directors recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors:
 - a. approve the use of \$400,000 of the 2018 Community Works Funds (Gas Tax) for the purchase of the Environmental Services 2018 tangible capital purposes and the remaining 2018 Community Works Funds be allocated by population to the Rural Areas; and,
 - b. approve the withdrawal of up to \$400,000 from the Gas Tax Reserve; and,
 - c. That the distribution of taxation revenue to the Environmental Service budget be adjusted to reflect the contribution from the rural areas."

(All/Directors/Majority) **DEFEATED**

Director Petersen provided a brief overview of the history of Federal Gas Tax Funds (Community Works Fund) and the ability for Electoral Area Directors to access funding. Discussion took place in regard to the criteria of the current Community Works Fund Agreement being expanded and providing more ability to allocate funds to community projects. The Rural Directors Committee expressed its wish to have the entire 2018 allocation of the Community Works Fund Agreement continue to be distributed for projects that benefit its rural area population as is current practice. Rural Directors indicated that they had projects that they would potentially want to assist with funding. Discussion took place in regard to allocating all Gas Tax Funds and impacting the upcoming term of office.

Economic Development Services

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2017-11-4

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's December 14, 2017 memo titled "Economic Development Services."

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-11-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:51 p.m."

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