

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, June 4, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton – via Zoom
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – via Zoom
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 1:10 p.m.
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – via Zoom/in person at 12:46 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 12:05 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Liliana Dragowska, RPP, Dynamic Community Planning – via Zoom – left at 1:21 p.m.
Hillary Morgan, RPP MCIP, Principal, Dynamic Community Planning – via Zoom – left at 1:21 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

STAFF INTRODUCTION

The following staff were introduced to the Regional Board:
- Lindsay King, FireSmart Coordinator
- Crystal Miller, Accounting Clerk 1.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-6-1

“That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 4, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – May 7, 2020

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2020-6-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 7, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

DYNAMIC COMMUNITY PLANNING – Hillary Morgan, RPP MCIP, Principal and Liliana Dragowska, RPP RE: Parks and Outdoor Recreation Study

Chair Thiessen welcomed Hillary Morgan, RPP MCIP, Principal and Liliana Dragowska, RPP, Dynamic Community Planning.

Ms. Dragowska and Morgan provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

RDBN Parks & Outdoor Recreation Study.

- Meet the Team
- Background & Purpose
- Project Scope
- Four Phases
 - Pre-Engagement
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Building Blocks & Public Engagement
 - Synthesize Findings & Develop Scenarios
- Seven Common Needs
- Eight Principles
- Building Blocks
 - RDBN Administration
 - Non-Profit Society
 - RDBN Owned or Leased Outdoor Recreation Assets
 - Multi-Year Funding Agreements with Clubs
 - Grants
- Open House Overview
- Feedback Form Responses
- Examples of Scenarios
- Scenario Assumptions
 - Scenario 1: Region-Wide Service with
 - Scenario 2: Region-Wide
 - Scenario 3: Electoral Area A
- Proposed Tax Rates & Responses to Feedback Forms
- Blue/Orange Block vs. Red/Yellow Block
 - Sample Budget for Orange Block
 - Sample Budget for Red & Yellow Blocks
- Next Steps and Recommendations
- Key Questions for RDBN Board
- Thank You!

Break for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

The Board of Directors thanked Mmes. Morgan and Dragowska for an excellent made in the Bulkley-Nechako approach.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

DYNAMIC COMMUNITY PLANNING – Hillary Morgan, RPP MCIP, Principal and Liliana Dragowska, RPP RE: Parks and Outdoor Recreation Study

The following was discussed in regard to the RDBN Parks & Recreation Study:

- Bringing forward the Study to municipal councils
- Outdoor recreation
 - Key component in regard to attraction and retention
 - Contributes to healthy communities
- Revenue and funding a service
 - Matching funds
 - Establishing service area
 - Establishing a service limit
 - Taxation from a specific area provide funding to that specific area
 - RDBN Administration
 - Provides consistent oversight (quality)
 - Concerns regarding additional staff
 - RDBN providing funding to non-profit society(ies) to deliver outdoor recreation service
 - Support for funding directly to groups
 - Multi-Year Funding Agreements
 - Grants an option for Area F
 - Area D consideration of utilizing other grant sources to assist in developing recreation groups in area
- Concerns regarding public turnout/input in certain areas
- Interest in municipal participation
- Sub-regional approach
- Strategic in new property investments
 - Maintenance of existing/new recreation infrastructure
 - Access roads and maintenance costs aren't addressed in report
- People don't recognize artificial boundaries.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Morgan and Dragowska for attending the meeting.

REPORT

Draft Parks and Recreation Study

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2020-6-3

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the draft Parks and Recreation Study.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Lake Babine Nation - Lake Babine Nation's Draft Foundation Agreement

Moved by Director J. Greenaway
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

C.W.2020-6-4

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from Lake Babine Nation – Lake Babine Nation's Draft Foundation Agreement.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

CAO Helgesen commented, that along with Chair Thiessen, a meeting is being scheduled with Chief Gordon Alec, Lake Babine Nation to discuss the Draft LBN Foundation Agreement. Director McGuire mentioned that a meeting has been requested with the Village of Granisle and the Village has asked Tom McCarthy, Divisional Chief Negotiator, Negotiations Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to facilitate the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19 Board Meeting Safety Precautions and Electronic Meeting Technology Improvements

Discussion took place in regard to plexiglass desk dividers in the Board Room and the estimated costs associated to potentially allow for in-person participation of all Directors during the COVID-19 event. The importance of quality audio equipment to allow for better participation via electronic meetings was discussed. Utilizing Northern Capital Planning Grant funding as an option for building improvements was also discussed. The 2020 Budget includes Northern Capital Planning Grant funding allocated for building improvements.

The potential need for plexiglass dividers in the event of an Emergency Operations Centre activation was brought forward.

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-6-5

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board approve plexiglass desk dividers at an estimated cost of \$8,000.”

Opposed: Director Newell **CARRIED**

(All/Directors/Majority)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Brien

C.W.2020-6-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:46 p.m.”

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

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant