

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 16

Thursday, December 15, 2016

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
John Illes
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell – arrived at 10:45 a.m.
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen – left at 11:16 a.m., returned at 11:34 a.m.
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Alternate Director Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerdt, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – left at 11:22 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:43 a.m., left at 11:56 a.m.
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 11:21 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Dale Bellavance, Bell Group – arrived at 10:43 a.m., left at 11:27 a.m.
Corrine George, Regional Principal, College of New Caledonia – Lakes Campus - arrived at 10:58 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m.
Judy Newell, Houston – arrived at 10:45 a.m.
Lynn Synotte, Marketing, Recruitment and Program Linkages, College of New Caledonia – Lakes Campus – arrived at 10:58 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – left at 11:01 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Petersen

2016-16-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of December 15, 2016 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes -November 24, 2016

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Parker

2016-16-2

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2016 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Parker

2016-16-3

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes
-November 3, 2016;
- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
- September 22, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Chinook Comfor Ltd. Partnership Revenue Sharing

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-4

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's December 6, 2016 memo titled "Chinook Comfor Ltd. Partnership Revenue Sharing."

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors approve the Village of Burns Lake and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Partnering agreement for Chinook Comfor Ltd. Partnership Revenue Sharing;

3. That the RDBN Board of Directors approve the Chinook Comfor Community Foundation Society Terms of Reference amended as follows:

Membership and Tenure (after the following sentence): "These members shall hold their appointment until a letter of resignation is received, or until an alternate appointment is made by the local government.

"These members shall hold their appointment for a maximum term of four (4) consecutive years."

4. That staff be directed to begin the process of setting up the Chinook Comfor Community Foundation Society."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

BV Pool Associate Member
Liability Insurance – Gayle
Jones

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-16-5

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's December 6, 2016 memo titled "BV Pool Associate Member Liability Insurance – Gayle Jones."
2. Resolve that "The Service Provider Agreement between the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and Gayle Jones for 2017 be approved and;
3. Resolve that "Gayle Jones be added to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's 2017 Liability Insurance as an Associate Member."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakes District Fall Fair
Request for Grant in Aid
-Electoral Areas "B" (Burns
Lake) and "E" (Francois/
Ootsa Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-6

"That the Lakes District Fall Fair be given \$3,750 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) toward a new public washroom facility, a lawn mower, painting bleachers, announcer's booth, and concession."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort St. James Sled Dog
Association - Request for Grant
in Aid -Electoral Area "C"
(Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-16-7

"That the Fort St. James Sled Dog Association be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Caledonia Classic Dog Sled Races."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Glenwood Women's Institute
-Northern Development
Application – North West RAC

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-16-8

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Glenwood Women's Institute application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust – Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program in the amount of \$15,000."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Bulkley Valley Cross Country
Ski Club Society-Northern
Development Application
– North West RAC

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Fisher

2016-16-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club Society’s application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust – Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program in the amount of \$15,000.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakes District Fall Fair
Association-Northern
Development Application
– North West RAC

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Lakes District Fall Fair Association application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust – Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program in the amount of \$15,000 and Pine Beetle Recovery Fund in the amount of \$30,000.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stuart Lake Nordic Society
-Northern Development
Application – Prince George RAC

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-16-11

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Stuart Lake Nordic Society’s application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust – Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program in the amount of \$30,000 and Pine Beetle Recovery Fund in the amount of \$30,000.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Highway 16 Regional Para-
Transit Service Establishment

Chair Miller mentioned that meetings have been held with Nak’azdli Whut’en Band, Tl’azt’en Nation, Stelat’en First Nation, Lake Babine Nation and Wet’suwet’en First Nation. A meeting is scheduled with Burns Lake Band December 16, 2016. Chair Miller noted that the response has been extremely positive and supportive and there is recognition from the First Nations communities, which are located off corridor, of the importance of linking to the east/west Highway 16 transit.

Chief Justa Monk, Tl’azt’en Nation spoke of the importance of the community leaders continuing to meet, at minimum once a year, to ensure that funding levels remain the same from all levels of government. Chief Patrick, Stelat’en First Nation commented that the Federal Government also needs to have more involvement in the service.

Chair Miller and Director Greenaway both spoke of the need to meet in person with the First Nations communities within the region.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Highway 16 Regional Para- Transit Service Establishment

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-12

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Administrative Officer's December 7, 2016 memo titled "Highway 16 Regional Para-Transit Service Establishment"; and further,
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Terms of Reference for the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2017 Appointments

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Parker

2016-16-13

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the 2017 Regional Board Appointments."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-16-14

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Administration Reports:

- Certificate of Alternative Approval Process Results – Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1776, 2016;"
- Manager of Regional Economic Development's December 5, 2016 memo titled "Not for Profit Webinar December 3, 2016;"
- Acting Protective Services Manager -Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report – November, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

Director Repen commented that Multi-Material BC (MMBC) has indicated they will be renewing contracts in 2018. He spoke of the challenges and inconsistency in the region in regard to levels of service or lack of service in communities because MMBC does not have contracts with all communities.

Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services noted that the Regional Board has directed staff to investigate a region wide recycling program that identifies efficiencies and economies of scale and can tie into the MMBC programs along with addressing the curbside versus depot levels of service and inconsistencies in the communities. The intent, during the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan review scheduled to begin in 2017, is to determine the best possible solution for the region in regard to recycling. Consistent messaging regarding recycling program also provides a more simplified education message across the region.

Discussion took place regarding the product eco fees paid by consumers and the various Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) funding programs that exist. Consumers having to pay for the recycling of products on multiple levels was discussed. Regional Districts throughout the province have been having the same discussion in regard to consumers having to pay eco fees at the time of purchase and having to pay again when no recycling services are available to landfill.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS (CONT'D)

Chair Miller spoke to the Ministry of Environment regulations that address thresholds for the entire province rather than per region, thus levels of service in northern BC are not equal to levels of service in more populated areas of the province. Ms. Dougall noted that it has been identified and is an ongoing issue that the Ministry of Environment regulations and requirements are such that EPR programs are responsible for collecting 75% of their product but there is no distinction of where that needs to be collected in the province. There are discussions taking place to have more appropriate Regional District performance standards in the EPR Stewardship planning processes that are approved by the province. Further discussions are taking place regarding depot programs receiving funds from MMBC to cover the cost of providing EPR services, but those funds are not sufficient to cover costs being incurred and are having to be subsidized by other programs such as bottle recycling. The funds provided to depots through MMBC is not sufficient to cover the costs.

Discussion took place regarding the Alcan Grant in lieu of taxes and its allocation to the Environmental Services Budget.

Ms. Dougall provided an overview of the cost breakdown summary charts in her memo titled "2017 Recycling Program Contract Renewals." The overall implications of the proposed recycling budget will be provided in the first draft of the environmental services budget coming forward at the beginning of 2017.

Director Thiessen spoke to the need for recycling and consistency throughout the region and the importance of moving forward with the Solid Waste Management Plan review process.

2017 Recycling Program
Contract Renewals

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-16-15

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' December 6, 2016 memo titled "2017 Recycling Program Contract Renewals;
2. Further, that the RDBN Board of Directors approve the following recommendations:
 - a. a contract extension with the Nechako Healthy Community Alliance in support of the proposal for the continuance of recycling services for Vanderhoof and Area for the time period of January 1 – December 31, 2017 at a total cost of \$82,455 (excluding taxes);
 - b. a contract extension with the Burns lake Recycling Depot Ltd. in support of the proposal for the continuance of recycling services for Burns Lake and Area for the time period of January 1 – December 31, 2017 at a total cost of \$31,980 (excluding GST);
 - c. a contract extension with the Fraser Lake Bottle Depot in support of the proposal for the continuance of recycling services for Fraser Lake and Area for the time period of January 1 – December 31, 2017 at a total cost of \$50,000 (excluding taxes);
 - d. a contract extension with the Houston Bottle Depot in support of the proposal for the continuance of recycling services for Houston and Area for the time period of January 1 – December 31, 2017 at a total cost of \$42,232 (excluding taxes)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS (CONT'D)

Feedback on Proposed
Changes to BCUOMA
Collection Facility Program

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-16

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' December 6, 2016 memo titled "Feedback on Proposed Changes to BCUOMA (BC Used Oil Management Association) Collection Facility Program."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

REFERRALS

Land Referral No. 7409875
Friesen, Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2016-16-17

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409875" be provided to the Province as the RDBN's comments on Crown Land Application 7409875."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral No. 7409872
& 7409873 BC Hydro
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-16-18

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409872 and 7409873" be amended to include the following:

Other Comments: That any timber removed from the site be transported to a processing facility and that no burning of timber takes place; and

further, that said comment sheet be provided to the Province as the RDBN's comments on Crown Land Application 7409872 and 7409873."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral No. 6408954
Smithers Motocross
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-16-19

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408954" be provided to the Province as the RDBN's comments on Crown Land Application 6408954

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS (CONT'D)

Land Referral No. 6408914
Bekar - Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

2016-16-20

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408914" be amended to include the following:

Other Comments: That the applicant find alternatives to burning wastewood from land clearing in an attempt to encourage additional economic activity, as well as lessen impact on air quality; and

further, that said comment sheet be provided to the Province as the RDBN's comments on Crown Land Application 6408954

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mines File No. 243479
Davidson Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-16-21

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Mines File No. 243479 (Davidson)" be amended to include the following:

Other Comments: As there are many competing economic interests in this area (mining and tourism), it is recommended that the Ministry keep all parties informed of other applications; and

further, that said comments be provided to the Province as the RDBN's comments on Mine File No. 243479 (Davidson)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

COVENANT AMENDMENT

Amendment of Covenant
Document CA 1963381
Bradley, Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-16-22

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Report of the Public Hearing for the proposed changes to Section 219 covenant CA1963381.
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the replacement of Covenant No. CA1963381 registered on title of the property at 2803 Dahlie Rd. with the attached replacement covenant and authorize the signing of the replacement covenant."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (CONT'D)

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Development Variance Permit Item will be brought forward at a future meeting.
F-01-16 Darren and Linda Hauck
(Darren Hauck) Electoral Area "F"

BYLAW FOR THIRD READING

Rezoning File No.E-01-16 Moved by Director Benedict
Bylaw 1788 (Wilder) Seconded by Director Illes
Electoral Area "E"

2016-16-23

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Supplementary Agenda Report of the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1788, 2016."
2. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1788, 2016" be given third reading this 15th day of December, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fire Services Agreement
Renewal for Sunset Beach
Properties

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-16-24

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into the Sunset Beach Properties Fire Protection Agreement with Nadleh Whut'en Band."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OTHER (All Directors)

Planning Department
Reports & Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-25

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Planning Department Reports:

- Planning Department Enquiries Report – November, 2016;
- Action List – November, 2016;
- Building Inspector's Report - November, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Village of Granisle Christmas
Light Up on December 12,
2016

Alternate Director McGuire noted that on December 12, 2016 the Village of Granisle and the Granisle Lions Club held its Light Up the Park Event.

Village of Granisle Biomass
Plant Start-up

Alternate Director McGuire mentioned that the Biomass Plant is at 90% capacity to the buildings and the startup process is being worked out.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

District of Fort St. James By-Election

Director Greenaway reported that his wife Judy Greenaway was elected District of Fort St. James Councillor on December 10, 2016.

Not for Profit Webinar December 3, 2016

Director Benedict mentioned that the Not for Profit Webinar on December 3, 2016 arranged by the RDBN Regional Economic Development department regarding the New *Societies Act* and Board Governance was well attended and a very good webinar. She noted that having someone present in the region in the spring would be beneficial to not for profit groups. She noted that not for profit societies have two years to have bylaws updated and if they are not completed they will be struck from the *Societies Act* register. Director Illes noted that if a society is disbanded its assets are passed to a kin society.

Village of Burns Lake By-Election

Director Illes commented that Chris Beach was elected Mayor and Michael Riis-Christianson was elected Councillor in the Village of Burns Lake's December 10, 2016 By-Election.

Village of Burns Lake meeting with BC Transit

Director Illes mentioned that the Village of Burns Lake had a good discussion with BC Transit and the route has been adjusted according to requests and suggestions that were provided to BC Transit for the Highway 16 Regional Transit Service.

Support from the Regional Board – RE: Newgold -Blackwater Project

Director Thiessen spoke to the revision that the Newgold - Blackwater Project submitted in regard to its Environmental Assessment and has been waiting some time for a response from the province. He requested the support of the Regional Board to forward a letter to the Ministry of Environment and Minister of Energy and Mines and Responsible for Core Review requesting comments in regard to the time frame in which a response will be provided and where the province is in its review process. Director Thiessen will bring forward the request in New Business.

Accident in Fort St. James

Director MacDougall reported that on December 14th there was an accident between a school bus and a pickup in Fort St. James. He noted that the occupants of the school bus are ok but the occupant of the pickup truck is deceased. He spoke of the impact to the community.

District of Fort St. James By-Election

Director MacDougall mentioned that Judy Greenaway is a welcome addition to the District of Fort St. James Council and is a very involved community member.

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

Director Fisher mentioned that there has been good discussion in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) and area regarding Smithers and Area Victims Services and transit services between Moricetown and Smithers.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>NCLGA – Board Meeting</u>	Director Fisher attended the North Central Local Government Association's Executive Meeting and discussions took place regarding forestry issues facing the region, LGLA (Local Government Leadership Academy) providing a northern local government training forum due to the number of by-elections and staffing changeovers, and the NCLGA co-facilitated Mayors and Chairs event that took place in the fall of 2016. A working group has been established from the Mayors and Chairs event.
<u>District of Houston By-Election</u>	Director Brienen stated that Dennis Tait, former Houston Building Inspector was elected during the District of Houston's By-Election held November 19, 2016.
<u>Cluculz Lake Hall Ribbon Cutting Event – December 17, 2016</u>	Director Petersen commented that the Cluculz Lake Hall is hosting a ribbon cutting event on December 17, 2016 to celebrate the completion of the renovations to the hall. Director Petersen noted that the process has been challenging and he thanked staff for their continued support and assistance in moving the project forward to completion.
<u>Smithers Airport Terminal Modernization Project</u>	Director Bachrach mentioned that the Town of Smithers is working with an architect from Victoria, BC to improve the concept plan for the Smithers Airport Terminal Modernization Project. There will be more accessible washrooms with a focus on energy efficiency using a geo-exchange field to assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The budget was approved by the Town of Smithers on December 13, 2016 and will now move forward to the electorate.
<u>New Physician in Houston</u>	Director Newell spoke of a new prospective physician coming to Houston in 2017. There is a meeting scheduled for December 22, 2016.
<u>New Haida Gwaii Hospital</u>	Director Newell attended the opening of the new Haida Gwaii Hospital. It is very nicely situated with sun rooms that over look the ocean.
<u>Telkwa Outdoor Rink</u>	Director Repen mentioned that the ice is in on the Telkwa Outdoor Rink and it is being skated on. The Community is very excited.
<u>Village of Telkwa Accessibility Project</u>	Director Repen noted that the Village of Telkwa is currently working on its Village of Telkwa Accessibility project for their office building.
<u>Village of Telkwa received Funding to Design a Bridge Over the Bulkley River and Railway</u>	Director Repen reported that the Village of Telkwa has recently received funding from the province to complete the design plan for a bridge over the Bulkley River and the railway.
<u>Chair Miller's Report</u>	<u>Spruce Beetle Public Advisory Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spoke with Heather Wiebe, Spruce Beetle Boss;- Cold weather having no impact – not cold enough and too late in the year;- Prince George Forest District 35% increase over the 2016 year compared to 2015;

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Spruce beetle has moved from a two year cycle to a one year cycle;
 - o Noticed flying twice in a year in some locations;
- Endemic levels rising in the Skeena, Lakes and Morice Forest Districts;
 - o Becoming a concern in the Lakes Timber Supply Area but trying to address the issue in the early stages;
- Working with licencees, COFI and other organizations across the forestry spectrum to address the issues in order to have an impact on the spread of the spruce beetle.

LGLA CEO Forum Training Session

- Attended December 5-6, 2016 in Richmond, B.C.;
- Director Thiessen also attended;
- Topics of discussion:
 - o Board and CAO evaluations;
 - o How Board is doing/functioning;
- Received positive ideas on how to strengthen Board and Staff functions;

NW Resource Benefits Alliance

- Chair Miller and Melany de Weerd, CAO, RDBN along with the Chairs and CAOs from the Regional Districts of Kitimat-Stikine and Skeena-Queen Charlottes had a teleconference meeting with the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink;
- Minister Fassbender's immediate response was to indicate that LNG was now on the back burner and the province was not interested in discussing resource benefits for the Northwest;
- The NWRBA provided an overview to the Minister and outlined the concerns and issues in the Northwest in regard to downloading to Northwest tax payers;
- Minister Fassbender has requested more information and background;
- Minister Fassbender has agreed to meet in January, 2017;
- Chair Miller mentioned the need for directness and how the lack of funding from the province from resource extraction to the Northwest has impacted the region's competitiveness in attracting people and businesses.

Director Repen mentioned that he attended the Northeast Resource Convention held in Fort St. John and Taylor and it was very beneficial and insightful.

Director Fisher noted that NCLGA and representatives from the Peace River region have indicated their support for the NWRBA.

Congratulations to the Newly Elected

- Chair Miller congratulated Judy Greenaway, Councillor, District of Fort St. James, Dennis Tait, Councillor, District of Houston and Chris Beach, Mayor and Michael Riis-Christenson, Councillor, Village of Burns Lake for their appointments to local government in the recent by-elections held by their communities.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-16-26

"That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Village of Burns Lake
-Northern BC Transit
Initiative Funding Approval

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

2016-16-27

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the correspondence from the Village of Burns Lake regarding Northern BC Transit Initiative Funding Approval."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Mills Memorial Hospital
-Trauma Support Flyer
-Request for Use of RDBN Logo

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-16-28

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the use of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Logo for the New Mills Memorial Hospital Trauma Support Flyer."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the benefits of having a new trauma center in the northwest. Director Bachrach noted that the Town of Smithers discussed the topic and brought forward concerns regarding the potential for centralization of services and loss of services at other facilities.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Rocha Canada – Request for
Letter of Support - Watershed
Stewardship Project

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-16-29

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to a Rocha Canada for its Upper Bulkley River Watershed Stewardship project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

College of New Caledonia
-Lakes District Campus
Request for Letter of Support
-Future Education

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director McGuire

2016-16-30

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the College of New Caledonia – Lakes District Campus regarding post-secondary education throughout the region and future education including outlining support for both academic and vocational programs being offered throughout the region; and further, recognizing the College of New Caledonia's desire to continue to deliver education and meet the needs of the region by working closely with industry and community partners."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration
Correspondence

Moved by Director Brienon
Seconded by Director Brachach

2016-16-31

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink – RDBN Delegation during 2016 UBCM Convention;
- Lakes District Fall Fair – Update re: Septic System Extension and Lagoon Repair;
- POLIS Project on Ecological Governance - *Top 5 Water Challenges That Will Define British Columbia's Future*;
- M'akola Group of Societies – M'akola Housing Holiday Gift Program – Request for Donations;
- Northern Gateway – Northern Gateway Update;
- House of Commons Canada – Ending Unfair Taxation on Family Business Transfers - Bill C-274: Transfer of Small Business, Family Farm or Fishing Operation;
- BC Wildlife Federation – Conservation App and Website;
- Northern Development Initiative Trust - Northern BC Mountain Bike Map Initiative;
- BVLVD Airshed Management Society – Minutes of November 24, 2016;
- College of New Caledonia – 2016-2020 Strategic Plan – Promoting Student Success;
- Northern Health - Northern Health Connections Schedule Changes During Holiday Season;
- Northern Health – Tips for a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season;
- Northern Health – Celebrating Giving, and Excellence: NH Board Meeting Highlights;
- Premier's BC Natural Resources Forum - December Update;

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

-Union of B.C. Municipalities

- BCM Members Favour Tiered Auxiliary Constable Program
- RCMP Seeking Input on Auxiliary Constable Program
- Highlights of the November Executive Meeting
- Electoral Area Directors Forum
- Conversation on Trapping
- Communities in Bloom
- 2016 Convention Breaks Attendance Record
- Representatives Sought for Climate Action Working Groups
- 2015 Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report
 - January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015;

INVITATIONS

-Mineral Exploration Roundup 2017 Registration;
-BC Broadband Association – 2017 Online Registration;
-DRAAKO Event Management Ltd. – Invitation - The Unsung Heroes of Northern B.C.- February 4, 2017 – Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area Directors Forum
-January 31-February 1, 2017
-Richmond

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2016-16-32

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the attendance of all Electoral Area Directors at the Electoral Area Directors Forum, January 31-February 1, 2017 in Richmond, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Premier’s BC Natural
Resources Forum

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Brien

2016-16-33

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Chair Miller’s attendance at the Premier’s BC Natural Resources Forum January 31 – February 1, 2017 in Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BC Broadband Association
– 2017 Online Registration

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-34

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to bring forward the BC Broadband Association – 2017 Online Registration at a future RDBN Board Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Mineral Exploration Roundup
-2017 Registration Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-35 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify Director Newell's attendance at Mineral Exploration Roundup in Vancouver January 23-26, 2017."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION BYLAWS

Bylaw for First, Second and Third Reading

No. 1790- RDBN Para-Transit
Service Establishment Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2016-16-36 "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016" be given first, second and third reading this 15th day of December, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for Adoption

No. 1776 – Smithers and Area
Victims' Services Service
Establishment Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Repen

2016-16-37 "That "Smithers and Area Victims' Services Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1776, 2016" be adopted this 15th day of December, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-16-38 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Reading File:

INVITATIONS:

-Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Webinar: Getting Started with Brownfield Redevelopment;

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

-BC Community Forest Association – November 2016 Newsletter;

-Clean Energy Canada Review:

- December 5, 2016 – All is Not Lost

- November 28, 2016 – Coal Just Got Buried;

-Federation of Canadian Municipalities – President's Corner November 2016;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM Voice
– December 2, 2016;
- Advocacy Days on the Hill/New Partnership: South Africa/Roll of Honor 2017;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM's Brownfield Program Wins Brownie Award;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Update From Minister Thomson – November 2016;
- Northern Gateway – Northern Gateway Update – November 29, 2016;
- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
 - November 24th to December 2, 2016
 - November 4th to November 25th, 2016;
- Resource Works News: December 1, 2016 – Your Resource Works Just Got Stronger;
- Union of BC Municipalities – Re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment;
- Wordsworth & Associates – Proclamation Request – ISACA BCAWARE Days 2017.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Illes

2016-16-39

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- North Central Local Government Association – Board Meeting Highlights;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities FCM News – December 9, 2016 (Resolutions).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR ADOPTION

No. 1789 – Fort Fraser Water Service Establishment Amendment

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2016-16-40

“That “Fort Fraser Water Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1789, 2016.” be adopted this 15th day of December, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Newgold Blackwater
Project

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Petersen

2016-16-41

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review requesting comments in regard to the time frame in which a response will be provided to Newgold Blackwater in regard to its Environmental Assessment revision and where the province is in reviewing the document.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tweedsmuir Recreation
Commission

Director Benedict presented a paddle from the Chief Louie Company made on behalf of the Tweedsmuir Recreation Commission for the RDBN’s support in regard to its hall renovations.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Benedict

2016-16-42

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant