

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Eileen Benedict  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Luke Strimbold

Directors Absent Shane Brienen, District of Houston  
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle  
Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James  
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Directors Brenda Gouglas, District of Fort St. James  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
Dawn Potvin, District of Houston

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Colin Brintjes, Smithers  
Christine Kinnie, Project Coordinator, Beyond the Market – left at 10:48 a.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – left at 10:59 a.m.

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

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA** Moved by Alternate Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

**C.W.2016-6-1** “That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of June 9, 2016 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

Committee of the Whole  
Minutes – May 12, 2016

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2016-6-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 12, 2016 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **BEYOND THE MARKET – Christine Kinnie, Project Coordinator – RE: Update**

Chair Miller welcomed Christine Kinnie, Project Coordinator, Beyond the Market.

Ms. Kinnie provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

### **Beyond the Market: The Farm Knowledge Network - 2015-2016 Annual Report**

#### **Background**

- The Beyond the Market program was established in 2011 to address economic development challenges in the food and agriculture sector;
- The program was created in response to a demand for economic diversification in rural communities and renewed interest in local food systems;
- Guided by OBAC's (Omineca Beetle Action Coalition) agriculture strategy.

#### **Goals 2015-2016**

- To provide training and professional development opportunities to farm operators in the project region;
- To develop a central information network for regional agricultural contacts, publications, resources and tools and a mobile support library;
- To develop a model of financial self-sufficiency to support a community-run extension services network into the future.

#### **Partners**

- Community Futures Fraser Fort George;
- District of Fort St. James;
- Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine;
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC);
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George;
- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

**Community Futures Fraser Fort George** is the hosting organization:

#### **In-kind Provisions**

- Office, phone, equipment;
- Meeting rooms;
- Accounting, project management, and reporting systems;

#### **Complementary Services:**

- Business financing;
- Business coaching;
- Self-Employment Services;
- Conference & Meeting Facilities;
- Events & Workshops;
- Community Based Initiatives.

## **DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

### **BEYOND THE MARKET – Christine Kinnie, Project Coordinator – RE: Update – (CONT'D)**

#### **Project Activities**

##### **Farm Client Coaching Sessions:**

- 15 one-on-one formally documented sessions were held in 2015 – 2016;

##### **Regional Agriculture Advisory Services:**

- 22 documented sessions were held in 2015-2016;
- In addition, there were many activities related to the construction of a presentation of a provincial service proposal;

##### **Networking and Outreach Events:**

- 5th Anniversary Celebrations March, 2016 - Dunster, Prince George, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James and Smithers;
- Vanderhoof Trade Show, May, 2015;
- BC Food Systems Network Gathering, June, 2015, Prince George;

##### **Training Events:**

- **Simply Sheep** facilitated by Roma Tingle, June, 2015;
- **Get Ready to Grow** facilitated by Candace Appleby, September, 2015;
- **Technologies for the Small Farm Business** facilitated by Diandra Oliver, November, 2015;
- **The Cost of a Dozen Eggs** facilitated by Jillian Merrick;
- **DIY Science on the Farm** facilitated by Serena Black, February, 2016;
- **Agrifood Processors Business Planning** facilitated by Candace Appleby February, 2016;

##### **Information and Communications Resources:**

- **Mobile Farm Bookstore:**
  - Launched in May, 2014;
  - Contains over 100 titles related to farm techniques and management;

##### **Website:**

- **www.beyondthemarket.ca:**
  - All information from 2010-2016 archived on website;
  - Active calendar of agricultural-related events;
  - Blog;
- **Local Farm Directory:**
  - Directory of 113 local farms;

##### **Newsletter and Facebook Page:**

- Follow on Facebook!
- Sign up for the newsletter!

#### **Project Administration**

##### **Current initiative much more efficient:**

- Follows Community Futures fiscal year;
- Administrative reporting time reduction allows more time for front-line service;

##### **Advisory Committee:**

- Volunteer advisory committee met quarterly in 2015-2016;

##### **Provincial Services Proposal:**

- Encouraging the Province to launch a similar program province-wide.

#### **Beyond the Market 2016-2017**

- Current project is very similar to last two years, similar budget and work plan;
- This may be last year of the program, as OBAC's future is unsecured, and RDs are acutely aware of perceived downloading of Provincial Responsibility in this project;
- In addition to running the services, a strong provincial advocacy approach will continue.

## **DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

### **BEYOND THE MARKET – Christine Kinnie, Project Coordinator – RE: Update – (CONT'D)**

Director Parker asked when the release of the Land Lease Workbook that was created for the Ministry of Agriculture would be released for public viewing. Ms. Kinnie noted that she did not have a date but would post the information to the Beyond the Market website and newsletter as soon as it is provided.

Discussion took place regarding the collaboration of the RDBN Directory with the Local Farm Directory that Beyond the Market has created.

Chair Miller noted the importance of the Beyond the Market Program in the region.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Kinnie for attending the meeting.

### **PRESENTATION – Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – Bulkeley-Nechako Discovery App.**

-Rescheduled to a future meeting.

## **REPORTS**

Closure of Huckleberry Mine      Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2016-6-3

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Financial Administrator’s May 31, 2016 memo titled “Closure of Huckleberry Mine.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion took place in regard to the impact of the potential care and maintenance and/or closure of Huckleberry Mine.

Protective Services Social Media Project

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2016-6-4

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Protective Services Manager’s June 1, 2016 memo titled “Protective Services Social Media Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Civicinfo BC – Letter from Premier Christy Clark  
RE: 2016 UBCM Convention  
-Meeting Requests

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2016-6-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from Civicinfo BC including the letter from Premier Christy Clark in regard to 2016 UBCM Convention – Meeting Requests.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **UBCM Convention Meeting Requests**

The following 2016 UBCM Convention – Meeting Requests and Topics for discussion were brought forward:

- Minister of Health:
  - o Fort St. James Primary Care Clinic and Hospital;
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure:
  - o Colleymount Road;
- Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development:
  - o Provincial download:
    - Emergency Preparedness;
    - *New Fire Service Act*;
    - Dangerous goods transportation;
    - Dikes:
      - Discussion took place regarding communities within the RDBN that have been impacted by the responsibility and maintenance of dikes within their communities.
- Network BC
  - o Internet and cell phone connectivity.
- Minister of Agriculture:
  - o Tree planting agricultural land for carbon offsets;
  - o Foreign ownership of agricultural land;
  - o Support for Beyond the Market Program.

Chair Miller spoke of having a preplanning session in July, 2016 in regard to the 2016 UBCM Convention Minister Meetings and topics for discussion. Concerns were discussed regarding a number of Ministers being present at a 15 minute meeting time and not having separate meetings with each Minister.

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Repen

C.W.2016-6-6

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako write a letter to the Premier’s UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator in regard to having a number of Ministers present at one 15 minute meeting time to discuss various topics.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink – Appointments at UBCM Convention

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2016-6-7

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink – Appointments at UBCM Convention.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Alternate Director McGuire spoke of continued support in regard to the resolution being brought forward from NCLGA Convention to the UBCM Convention in regard to Unconditional Grant Funding to small municipalities.

Chair Miller also noted the importance of continuing to move forward in regard to the Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance.

Nak’azdli Whut’en - Request for Input RE: Geographical Name Change Proposal

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2016-6-8

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the Nak’azdli Whut’en in regard to its Request for Input RE: Geographical Name Change Proposal.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reckitt Benckiser - Forest Seedlings Available

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Repen

C.W.2016-6-9

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from Reckitt Benckiser – Forest Seedlings Available.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There has been no formal communication or written commitment from Reckitt Benckiser to discontinue the planting of tree seedlings in the long term.

Director Strimbold requested that the information in regard to the available Forest Seedlings be forwarded to RDBN municipal Chief Administrative Officers to be forwarded to Community Forests.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of Reckitt Benckiser working with companies completing major project right of ways to restore the region wherein the right of way is located.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Transportation Action  
Plan Advisory group  
–June 15, 2016 Prince George

Discussion took place regarding RDBN Board member attendance at the Transportation Action Plan Advisory Group on June 15, 2016 in Prince George, B.C. Director Bachrach will be attendance and Chair Miller may also attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Alternate Director Gouglas

C.W.2016-6-10

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:22 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Bill Miller, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant