

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, September 3, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Shane Brienen – left at 12:06 p.m., returned at 12:53 p.m.
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey
Casda Thomas

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – left at 11:57 a.m.
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services – left at 11:52 a.m.
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator – left at 11:52 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 11:29 a.m., returned at 12:48 p.m.
Sashka Macievich, Controller – left at 11:57 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Penni Adams, Program Manager, Northwest Invasive Plant Council – Via Zoom – left at 11:52 a.m.
Darrell Hill, Contractor, Northwest Invasive Plant Council – left at 11:52 a.m.
Grahame Gielens, Environmental Roadside Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Via Zoom – left at 11:52 a.m.
Denise McLean, Invasive Plant Specialist, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Via Zoom – left at 11:50 a.m.

Media Priyanka Ketkar, Lakes District News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-7-1

“That the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 3, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – June 4, 2020

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Storey

C.W.2020-7-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of June 4, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

NORTHWEST INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL – Via Zoom – Penni Adams, Program Manager, Darrell Hill, Contractor, Denise McLean, Invasive Plant Specialist, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Grahame Gielens, Environmental Roadside Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Chair Thiessen welcomed Penni Adams, Program Manager and Darrell Hill, Contractor, Northwest Invasive Plant Council, Denise McLean, Invasive Plant Specialist, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and Grahame Gielens, Environmental Roadside Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Ms. Adams provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Northwest Invasive Plant Council Program

- Vision
- Mission
- A brief history of the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC)
- What does “Invasive Plant” mean?
- How does NWIPC manage Invasive Plants?
- Funding sources 2020
- IPMA’s (Invasive Plant Management Area)
- Discussion
 - Why isn’t the NWIPC doing anything about....
 - Why isn’t orange hawkweed being managed?
 - Containment lines for Provincial Crown Land
 - In consultation with:
 - FLNRORD
 - MOTI
 - BC Parks
 - Determine where orange hawkweed can be strategically controlled
 - Difficult spread
 - Chemical treatment only option
 - Why isn’t the NWIPC spraying MOTI road right of ways adjacent to agricultural land/crop fields?
 - MOTI recognizes the impact to Agriculture lands from invasive plants
 - Current operations MOTI/FLNRORD
 - Employ a strategic response
 - Manage/treatments where most likely successful
- Report Invasive Plants
- Resources.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Field Scabious in Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)
 - Containment lines established
 - Mr. Hill will provide a map
 - Private properties
 - Resistant to management or not accessible
 - Those properties providing opportunities for spread
- Landowner Invasive Plant Removal Rebate (Weed Removal Rebate)
- Oxeye Daisy
 - Mr. Hill will provide information on treatment
- NWIPC involvement with other agencies
 - Ministry of Agriculture
 - Encourage RDBN to advocate Ministry of Agriculture to continue involvement with NWIPC
 - BC Cattlemen's Association
 - CN Rail
- Importance of education, awareness and outreach
- Bylaws specific to the control of invasive species on private lands
- Village of Burns Lake resolutions at the 2020 UBCM Convention regarding Invasive Species Funding and *Invasive Species Act*
- Highway maintenance pits and yards
 - Spread of invasive plants from contaminated material in sand/salt pits
 - New service agreements include stronger language regarding clean material and equipment
 - MOTI currently conducting a pilot project in Southern B.C.
 - Mr. Gielens will follow up in regard to specific sites
- Wildflower seed mixes.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mmes. Adams and MacLean, and Messrs. Hill and Gielens for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

Accounting of Administrative Overhead

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2020-7-3

"That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to bring back the Accounting of Administrative Overhead Policy (as amended) to the next Board meeting for approval."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CFO Illes provided an overview of the Accounting of Administrative Overhead memorandum. Discussion took place regarding Support Services allocation of each service's share and examples.

Break for Lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Accounting of Expenses and
Remuneration

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2020-7-4

“That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to bring back the Policy for Director Remuneration and Expenses (as amended) to the next Board meeting for approval.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Indigenous
Relations and Reconciliation
- Core Advisory Council

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Layton

C.W.2020-7-5

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board nominate Curtis Helgesen, CAO to the Core Advisory Council.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cow Moose and Calf Cull

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2020-7-6

“That, in preparation for the Minister of FLNRORD UBCM meeting regarding the Board’s opposition to the cow moose and calf cull, the Board request letters of support from First Nations and sportsman’s groups within the RDBN.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors Lambert and Riis-Christianson and Chair Thiessen attended the Provincial Caribou Recovery Program Update of September 2, 2020. Discussion during the meeting took place regarding:

- Cow moose and calf cull
- Finding a natural balance
- FLNRORD working on caribou habitat recovery since 2006 - results occurred when the wolf cull was implemented.

Director Lambert spoke of predator control and the impact of wolves, grizzly, black, brown bears and cougars to caribou, moose populations and livestock. Discussion took place regarding culling programs, the impact of railways on moose population and increase of predators and examples of moose reductions that have taken place.

Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Service Implementation
Strategy Update

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

C.W.2020-7-7

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Planning’s September 3, 2020 Parks and Outdoor Recreation Service Implementation Strategy Update staff report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Cheslatta Land Transfer

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Layton

C.W.2020-7-8

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Planning’s September 3, 2020 Cheslatta Land Transfer staff report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Director Newell recused himself from the meeting at 1:21 p.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to Mount Milligan Environmental Assessment Certificate Amendment due to being employed by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Mount Milligan Environmental
Assessment Certificate
Amendment

Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-7-9

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Planning’s September 3, 2020 Mount Milligan Environmental Assessment Certificate Amendment staff report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell returned at 1:23 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 UBCM Meeting with
Northern Health

Director McGuire brought forward the meeting with Northern Health on September 14, 2020 at the 2020 UBCM Convention. Discussion took place in regard to attending the virtual meeting from home or attending at the RDBN.

Staff will provide an update to the Board once meeting confirmations are received for the 2020 UBCM Virtual Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

C.W.2020-7-10

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant