

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 1

Thursday, January 26, 2017

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
John Illes
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle
Absent Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief – arrived at 11:26 a.m., left at 11:35 a.m.
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:36 a.m., left at 11:01 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:37 a.m.
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 11:11 a.m., returned at 11:50 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Chris Beach, Mayor, Village of Burns Lake

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News – left at 10:52 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Benedict

2017-1-1

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of January 26, 2017 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 **-December 15, 2016**

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Repen

2017-1-2

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2016 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee **Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-3

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

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
-January 12, 2017 (Unapproved);
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
-November 3, 2016;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
-January 12, 2017 (Unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
- November 3, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Minerals North Tradeshow **Booth**

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-1-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to secure two Tradeshow booth spaces at Minerals North on April 26-27, 2017 in Prince George; and further, that staff be directed to invite municipalities to partner at a cost of \$100.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Carrots to Cattle Agriculture **Conference Tradeshow**

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Repen

2017-1-5

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff attendance at the Carrots to Cattle Agriculture Conference Tradeshow February 17-18, 2017 in Smithers.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Smithers Farmers' Institute
-Request for Grant in Aid
Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-6

"That the Smithers Farmers' Institute be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies \$3,000 from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) and \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Carrots to Cattle 2017 Conference."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Connect to Innovate Funding
Program

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-1-7

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's January 17, 2017 memo titled "Connect to Innovate Funding Program."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development has contacted Telus, ABC Communications and CityWest to determine whether they are considering applying for funding. CityWest has indicated that they are aware of the funding and are reviewing the application. They mentioned to staff their desire to have input from the Regional Board as to where in the area the Regional Board has identified a need for internet service and/or better service. Ms. Swenson reviewed the options in which an application to the Connect to Innovate Program may be submitted.

Discussion took place regarding the Regional District's need to complete a study identifying available internet connectivity in the region, who are the Internet Service Providers (ISPs), what is available, and what are the download and upload speeds. Ms. Swenson noted that only the areas identified on the maps provided by the Connect to Innovate Program are eligible for the funding.

The challenges associated and the capacity required for the RDBN to apply for the funding was discussed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Committee Meeting Recommendations -January 12, 2017

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-1-8

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendations 1 through 6 as written:

Rural Directors Committee Meeting – January 12, 2017

Recommendation 1:

Re: Colleymount Recreation Commission – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area 'E' (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize that the Colleymount Recreation Commission be given \$2,250 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for the purchase of a new sound system for Trout Creek Hall."

Recommendation 2:

Re: Write a Letter to NDI and the CRTC

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) and Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) outlining the need for Internet Service Providers (ISP) to have the capability to provide and ensure the provision of the highest level of upload and download speeds; and further, that the impact of non-compete clauses do not always allow for the best possible service provision for the region."

Recommendation 3:

Re: Northern Development Initiative Trust RE: Pooled Funding vs. Direct Area Funding

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff and Directors Miller and Fisher to compile information in regard to Northern Development Initiative Trust's pooled funding vs. direct area funding and bring forward to the Regional Board for review."

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 12, 2017

Recommendation 4:

Re: Germansen Landing – Request for Letter of Support for Post Officer

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to for the Post Office in Germansen Landing to remain open; and further, that the letter be forwarded to Canada Post."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 12, 2017 (Cont'd)

Recommendation 5:

Re: Smithers Tradeshow Booth

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the rental of two Smithers Tradeshow Booths to be shared between Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural), Village of Telkwa and Town of Smithers from the administration tradeshow budget; and further, that the RDBN Regional Economic Development Department work with Directors Fisher, Bachrach and Repen to provide information materials for the Tradeshow Booth.”

Recommendation 6:

Re: Letter to North West Provincial Candidates for the May, 2017 Provincial Election RE: NW Resource Benefits Alliance Initiative

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the north west Provincial Candidates for the May, 2017 Provincial Election encouraging them to identify their number one platform as being the Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance Initiative.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Funding Contracts

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brien

2017-1-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into agreements for funding of Regional Economic Development projects with Northern Development Initiative Trust, Destination BC and the Government of Canada.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakes Economic Development Service – Village of Burns Lake Request

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Benedict

2017-1-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$6,000 of Lakes Economic Development Service funds to the Village of Burns Lake for a Community Engagement, Attraction and Retention and Community Training and Social Services Meetings Project to address the adjustment to the Annual Allowable Cut.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural) – Town of Smithers

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-1-11

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$400,000 of Electoral Area "A" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Town of Smithers for a Regional and Local Airport Infrastructure Improvement project at the Smithers Airport;

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$400,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake
Rural) – Burns Lake & District
Health-Care Auxiliary

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-12

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$17,000 of Electoral Area "B" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Burns Lake and District Health-Care Auxiliary for an energy efficiency improvement project at the Burns Lake Thrift Store;

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$17,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Infrastructure Planning Grant
Program Applications

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Parker

2017-1-13

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to submit the following applications to the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program, listed in priority order:

1. Fort Fraser Sewer Condition Assessment
2. RDBN Asset Management Planning
3. Fort Fraser Water Conservation Plan Update
4. Bulkley Valley Pool Energy Assessment
5. Bulkley Valley Pool Condition Assessment."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the Bulkley Valley Pool Energy Assessment and the Bulkley Valley Pool Condition Assessment eligibility for Federal Gas Tax Funds. Staff will further investigate the ability to use Federal Gas Tax Funds for the Bulkley Valley Pool Energy Assessment and Bulkley Valley Pool Condition Assessment.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Chinook Comfor Ltd.
Partnership Revenue Sharing

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-14

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 17, 2017 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 revised Chinook Comfor Community Foundation Society Terms of Reference;
4. That staff be directed to begin the process of setting up the Chinook Comfor Community Foundation Society."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2017 Membership with Trans
Canada Yellowhead Highway
Association

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-1-15

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 16, 2017 memo titled "2017 Membership with Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association."
2. Authorize RDBN membership for 2017 in the amount of \$2829.12, including GST."

Opposed: Director Fisher

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Building Inspection Vehicle
Reserve Withdrawal Additional
Vehicle Cost of \$909 Funded
from Surplus

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2017-1-16

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 16, 2017 memo titled "Withdrawal from Building Inspection Vehicle Reserve"; and
2. Authorize withdrawal of \$62,000 from the Building Inspection Vehicle Reserve; and,
3. Authorize the additional vehicle purchase cost of \$909 to be funded from Building Inspection surplus."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

Fort St. James Recycling
Program Contract – Transfer
Request

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-1-17

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services' January 16, 2017 memo titled "Fort St. James Recycling Program Contract – Transfer Request."
2. Further, that the RDBN Board of Directors approve the transfer of the Contract currently with the Nak'azdli Band Council for the provision of ICI paper recycling to the District of Fort St. James. The transfer would be effective November 1, 2016 while all other provisions and terms of the Contract would remain in effect, including the Contract expiry date of December 31, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

MEMO

Planning Department – Year
End Report 2016

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Fisher

2017-1-18

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Planning Department – Year End Report 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Variance – Board of
Variance Nominations

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Benedict

2017-1-19

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors nominate a third candidate to the Board of Variance when necessary."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

MEMO

Hudson Bay Mountain Prairie
Village Land Use and
Development Inventory and
R8 Zone Review

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-20

"That the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to initiate an application to amend the R8 Zone in "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1994" by:

- a. replacing the Gross Floor Area restriction of 110 m² (1184 ft²) with a Total Floor Area (TFA) restriction of 167.23 m² (1,800 ft²), and
- b. allowing a second dwelling provided that the combined TFA of both dwellings does not exceed 167 m² (1800 ft²)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Chair Miller called for comments from the gallery.

Development Variance Permit F-01-16 Darren and Linda Hauck (Darren Hauck) Electoral Area "F" Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2017-1-21

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors
1. Approve Development Variance Permit F-01-16 for the property located at 50875 Cluculz Place to vary Section 9.06 (1)(b) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993 to reduce the eastern side parcel line setback from 1.5 metres (5ft.) to 0.82 metres (2.69 feet) for the existing residence developed in general compliance with Schedule A of the permit; and,
2. Direct staff to issue Development Variance Permit F-01-16 once, and if, the applicant obtains a building permit and upgrades the dwelling on the property to the satisfaction of the RDBN Building Inspector."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the need for surveys to be completed when new buildings are constructed and/or when a property is purchased to ensure that buildings are within the property boundaries and setbacks.

BYLAW FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING

Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Rural Official Community Plan Review Bylaw No. 1785 Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-22

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors confirm that the consultation options identified on the consultation checklist for "Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1785, 2017" is appropriate.
2. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors consider "Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1785, 2017" in conjunction with the RDBN's financial plan and waste management plan.
3. That "Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1785, 2017" be given first and second reading this 26th day of January, 2017, and proceed to a Public Hearing once the plan has been referred to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission.
4. That the Public Hearing on "Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1785, 2017" be delegated to Director Miller or Director Benedict, or their alternates."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR ADOPTION

Rezoning File No. E-01-16
Bylaw 1788 Janet Wilder
Electoral Area "E"

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-23

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1788, 2016" be adopted this 26th day of January, 2017."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OTHER (All Directors)

Action List

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Fisher

2017-1-24

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Action List – December, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (All Directors)

MEMOS

Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report
-December 2016

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2017-1-25

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Emergency Services Manager's January 9, 2017 memo titled "Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report – December, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Emergency Support
Service Strategy

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2017-1-26

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to work with RDBN member municipalities to develop an ESS strategy, and report back to the RDBN Board of Directors with recommendations regarding implementation of the strategy."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the work completed by the past RDBN Manager of Protective Services and the RDBN to strengthen the ESS teams in Smithers/Telkwa and Fraser Lake. Currently the RDBN provides training to the municipal ESS teams for the right to request assistance during an emergency. The goal is to have clear outlines of the role of the RDBN and the Municipalities and to form a partnership. This will provide a consistent level of training across the Regional District and assist teams to support each other in the event of an emergency.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (All Directors) (CONT'D)

MEMOS (CONT'D)

Rural Fire Services Comprehensive Review

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-27

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Regional Fire Chief's January 19, 2017 memo titled "Rural Fire Services Comprehensive Review."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief indicated that the Fire Chiefs and Rural Fire Departments will be involved throughout the Rural Fire Services Comprehensive Review process. Due to legislative requirements and provincial mandate the Regional District needs to ensure that the rural fire departments within a Regional District Fire Protection Service areas meet equipment and training standards and are providing only services that they have training for. An overall assessment and evaluation will help determine any long term planning needs. The administrative impacts from the provincial legislation to Rural Volunteer Fire Departments was discussed. Some departments have indicated that the Rural Fire Services Comprehensive Review will alleviate some of the administrative impact to their volunteer fire departments. Director Petersen brought forward concerns regarding the impact to the Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department which is a Society and is a contribution service not a fire protection service. The Regional District does not oversee their training and equipment standards.

VERBAL REPORTS

Minerals Roundup-Vancouver, B.C. – January 23-26, 2017

Director Thiessen attended Minerals Roundup in Vancouver, January 23-26, 2017. He mentioned that there was more activity at the trade show booth than there has been in recent years. He also took part in the First Nations Forum and attended three presentations from John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Takla First Nation and Nak'azdli First Nation. The First Nations desire to encourage, work together and support industry in a responsible manner was very encouraging.

Tri-Community Meeting -Village of Fraser Lake, Stellat'en First Nation, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation, and Director Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

Director Parker attended the second Tri-Community Meeting with the Village of Fraser Lake, Stellat'en First Nation and Nadleh Whut'en First Nation held at Nadleh Whut'en Band Office. He noted that it has been a very worthwhile endeavor and working together has and will strengthen the relationships between the organizations. The first event was held at the Village of Fraser Lake Office and the third will be held at Stellat'en First Nation Offices. Director Lindstrom also spoke of the benefits of the meetings.

VERBAL REPORTS

Vanderhoof Men's Shed Visits Fraser Lake

Director Lindstrom mentioned that the Vanderhoof Men's Shed Group visited Fraser Lake to provide a presentation in regard to the organization. The Vanderhoof Men's Shed is a group of seniors and retirees that meet every day and perform duties such as assisting people needing minor household repairs. He noted that there were 32 men in attendance and they are currently investigating property to build a similar organization in Fraser Lake.

Burns Lake Community Forest Receives Grant from Forest Enhancement Society

Director Illes reported that Burns Lake Community Forest received grant funding from the Forest Enhancement Society to complete fire protective measures for Babine Forest Products on the southside of Burns Lake.

Village of Burns Lake Official Community Plan

Director Illes commented that the Village of Burns Lake passed first and second reading of its Official Community Plan (OCP) on January 25, 2017. Director Illes thanked RDBN staff for their assistance in the planning process.

Doctor Recruitment – District of Fort St. James

Director MacDougall mentioned that the District of Fort St. James will be hosting a doctor this coming weekend to showcase the community in its need to recruit doctors.

Director Fisher, Electoral "A" (Smithers Rural) – Update

Director Fisher stated that he has a regular column in the Interior News and is receiving good feedback from the community.

Smithers Farmers' Institute Carrots to Cattle 2017 Conference

- Will be held February 17 & 18, 2017 in Smithers, B.C.

BV Arts & Cultural Centre

- In discussions and meetings to begin the development of a Bulkley Valley Arts & Cultural Centre;
- Being spearheaded by the Smithers Public Library.

New Doctor and Nurse Practitioner in Houston

Director Brienien commented that Houston will have a new doctor and a second nurse practitioner in March, 2017.

Meeting with CityWest

Director Brienien mentioned that along with Director Newell, he met with CityWest who is now providing internet service in Houston and area. They will also be expanding their service in areas surrounding Houston by spring and fall 2017. CityWest's upload speeds are considerably higher than other providers. Director Brienien indicated that CityWest would be interested in presenting to the Regional Board.

Town of Smithers Capital Plan/ Budget

Director Bachrach spoke of the Town of Smithers Council working on its capital plan and budget for 2017. A couple of the items moving forward are: water projects (depending on grant funding) and a new parking lot on Second Avenue.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Thank You Re: Smithers Airport Project

Director Bachrach expressed his appreciation and thanked the Regional District and Director Fisher for their support and partnering in moving forward with the Smithers Airport Project. Director Bachrach noted the benefits of the airport to the region currently and in the future. The project is scheduled to begin in the spring/summer of 2017.

Joseph Dockrill Rink Official Opening -February 4, 2017

Director Repen mentioned that the Official Grand Opening for the Joseph Dockrill Rink will be held on February 4, 2017 in Telkwa. He mentioned that the rink has been very well used.

Village of Telkwa Social Media Video Clip

Director Repen commented that the Village of Telkwa utilized funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) to hire a local videographer to produce a social media clip of the community. The clip was posted on the Village of Telkwa website with no promotion. He shared the clip and it reached 90,000 people with over 25,000 video views. The reactions, comments and shares were close to 3,000 with 400 shares of the video. He noted that some of the comments were in regard to retirees and the availability of health services, RV parks, etc. He spoke to the opportunity to draw new businesses and residents to the area.

Update - Chair Miller

Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan

- Impressed with the results of the survey and process undertaken;
- Identified the opportunities and possibilities in the area;
- Thanked staff for a job well done.

Spruce Beetle Public Advisory Committee

- Recently attended two meetings;
- Large concern is the slow movement of government;
- Concern there is equal potential to the mountain pine beetle era;
- Fundamentally resources need to be better applied:
 - o Concern that it is being left to industry to decide course of action.

Nine-Axle Logging Trucks

- Conversation with the media in regard to nine-axle logging trucks.

Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance (NWRBA)

- Discussion Paper is complete and has been forwarded to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development;
- Awaiting response to meet with Minister Fassbender.

Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Discussions in regard to joint functions:
 - o Burns Lake Public Library;
 - Spoke to the development of the library in regard to digital programming;
 - Internet connections to better serve clients and users of the library;
 - o Economic Development, etc.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electric Car Charging Stations in the RDBN Director Thiessen brought forward the availability of electric car charging stations in the region and whether they are operational. Discussion took place regarding the speed of the charging stations and the potential to draw people with electric cars through the region. Director Brienens mentioned the potential benefits to communities when individuals stop to charge cars. Director Bachrach spoke to the economic development opportunity for the region. Discussion took place regarding the next generation of electric cars that may be better suited to the northern parts of the province.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2017-1-28 "That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Regional District Chair/CAO Forum – March 28-29, 2017 Hotel Grand Pacific – Victoria -Request for Topics Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2017-1-29 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify attendance of Melany de Weerd, CAO and Bill Miller, Chair at the Regional District Chair/CAO Forum – March 28-29, 2017 in Victoria, B.C.; and further that the 9-1-1 mobile call levy be forwarded for a discussion topic and any further topics can be forwarded to staff for submission."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Omineca Beetle Action Coalition - Community Transition Toolkit Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2017-1-30 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize becoming the custodian of the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition Community Transition Toolkit and the electronic files for the Coalition's Strategies in March 2018."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Carrots to Cattle Conference and Gala Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Benedict

2017-1-31 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify Directors Fisher and Parker's attendance at the Smithers Farmers' Institute's Carrots to Cattle 2017 conference in Smithers February 17 & 18, 2017."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Illes

2017-1-32

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

- District of Vanderhoof - Regional District Bulkley Nechako Board Appointment;
- Town of Smithers - Support for RDBN Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016;
- Ministry of Agriculture - Thank you for Meeting at 2016 UBCM Convention;
- Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services - Follow Up: Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
 - Thank You for RDBN Letter Regarding Dikes and Emergency Management;
- Ministry of Health - Thank You for Meeting at 2016 UBCM Convention;
- UBCM and First Nations Summit – Completion of 2016/17 (Spring) Community to Community Forum;
- Cycle 16 Trail Society - Thank You for Area "A" Grant in Aid Contribution;
- Burns Lake Community Garden Society- Thank You for Grant in Aid Contribution;
- Fort St. James Senior Secondary Ski and Snowboard Team
 - Thank You for Grant in Aid Contribution;
- District of Kitimat - Press Release - Open Letter Appealing Canada to Add Value to Natural Resources;
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District - Letter to BC Ambulance Service re: BCAS Dispatch Protocols to Highline Rd, D'arcy, BC;
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District - Letter to the Fire Commissioner's Office re: Volunteer Fire Departments on Private Land;
- Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development - Review of Rural Education Practices and Rural Education Funding;
- Fort Fraser Local Community Commission Meeting Minutes
 - December 13, 2016
 - January 9, 2017;
- Discussion/Notes from the Mills Memorial Hospital Replacement Stakeholders' Meeting- January 6, 2017;
- New Gold Blackwater Project - Winter 2016;
- Union of B.C. Municipalities:
 - Marijuana Legalization Task Force Releases Report
 - RCMP Contract Management Committee Update
 - Liquor Policy Working Group Update
 - Commission on Tax Competitiveness Report
 - Improving Forest Policy Decision-Making
 - Funding & Resources Update
 - The Power of Storytelling
 - Working Group on Responsible Conduct
 - RCMP to Implement Tiered Auxiliary Constable Model
 - Doctor Recruitment and Retention Portal
 - Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

- Appointments to RCMP Contract Management Committee
- Notice to Group Benefits Plan Members
- New Keynote for LGLA's 2017 Leadership Forum
- Province-wide Community to Community Forum
- Funding & Resources Update

INVITATIONS

- 14th Annual Premier's BC Natural Resources Forum - Fast Approaching;
- Today's BC Liberals - Saturday, March 4, 2017- Prince George, B.C.;
- BC Broadband Association – 2017 Online Registration;
- Council of Forest Industries - 2017 COFI Convention - April 5-7, 2017- Vancouver Convention Centre West;

ACTION LISTS

- December, 2016
- November, 2016
- October, 2016
- September, 2016
- In-Progress.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the Administration Correspondence titled “Ministry of Agriculture – Thank You for Meeting at 2016 UBCM Convention” and the lack of acknowledgment by the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture of the presentation from the RDBN in regard to Foreign Ownership.

Chair Miller spoke to the UBCM Correspondence in regard to the RCMP Contract Management Committee Update item #2 RCMP Update – Emergency Response Team. He mentioned when meeting with the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness at the UBCM Convention in regard to provincial assistance to local governments during multiple emergency events and events that are long in duration the indication was there was no assistance. It was local governments statutory requirements to provide emergency response. Chair Miller noted that the RCMP Update regarding a full time Emergency Response Team in the Lower Mainland District indicates that the province does have the capabilities to support local government.

Director Repen expressed concerns regarding the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Thank You for RDBN Letter Regarding Dikes and Emergency Management not having a timeline outlined for the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to review the information and provide a response to the RDBN.

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Ministry of Agriculture
- Thank you for Meeting
at 2016 UBCM Convention

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2017-1-33

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture in regard to the meeting at the 2016 UBCM Convention reiterating the Regional Board’s concerns brought forward in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako’s Presentation in regard to Foreign Ownership at the convention; and request that the Minister of Agriculture provide comments in regard to the RDBN Foreign Ownership presentation at the 2016 UBCM Convention.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Write a Letter RE: Emergency
Response

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2017-1-34

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness and the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations reemphasizing the imbalance in policy between the Lower Mainland and Northern B.C. in regard to response to Emergency Management; and further, that a timeline be requested for a response from Minister Thomson in regard to dikes and emergency management.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts
-November & December, 2016

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Benedict

2017-1-35

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid November and December, 2016.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

Regional Tradeshow
Partnership 2017

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

2017-1-36

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Travel Northern BC partnership and attend the 2017 Vancouver Outdoor Adventure Show.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding the benefits vs. cost of attending the Vancouver Outdoor Tradeshow. Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development noted that in the past it was a very good opportunity to promote the region as part of the Travel Northern B.C. brand. In sending RDBN staff to the tradeshow the opportunity to record conversations and people attending the booths will assist in determining future benefits of attending the trade show.

Destination BC Value of Tourism

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2017-1-37

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into an agreement with Destination BC for compensation towards the Value of Tourism Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Request for Letter of Support -District of Fort St. James -Electoral Area “C”

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

2017-1-38

1“That the letter of support for Crown Grant Application No. 7409888 be sent to the District of Fort St. James.
2. and, that the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land application No. 7409888 once the referral is received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

READING FILE

Reading File

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2017-1-39

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

INVITATIONS:

-Union of BC Municipalities – RD Chairs, CAO Forum – Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria, B.C. – March 28th – March 29, 2017;

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Association for Mineral Exploration – AME Announces 2016 Award Recipients;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – Boost Your Business Development Game with B.C.’s Brightest Minds;
- BC Chamber of Commerce – BC Chamber Insight Newsletter
 - January 2017
 - December 2016;
- BC Community Forest Association – December 2016 Newsletter;
- BC FundCONNECT – Don’t be the Last to Know this Holiday;
- BC Healthy Communities – BCHC December eNews;

READING FILE (CONT'D)

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D):

- Canfor Corporation and Canfor Pulp Products Inc. Announce 4th Quarter Results Conference Call February 9, 2017;
- Clean Energy Canada Review:
 - January 16, 2017 – And the Car of the Year is....
 - January, 9, 2017 – How Much Will a Carbon Price Really Cost You?
 - December 19, 2016 – Controversial Climate Plan? Maybe Not
 - December 12, 2016 – We Have a Plan
 - December 8, 2016 – Make Mondays Great Again;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Six Proven Ideas for Creating Sustainable Communities;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Budget 2017: How we can Seize the Moment;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – January 10, 2017 Bulletin –Canada 150 Community Leaders;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM's Green Update Deadline for GMF Capital Project Funding – Apply before March 1st;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – FCM Voice
 - January 13, 2017 – FCM Budget Submission; CEDI Partnership; FCMI Recruitment;
 - December 16, 2016 – 2017 Our Biggest Year Yet/Celebrating 30 years of Partnership/ Recruiting for FCM Programs;
 - December 9, 2016 – Supreme Court Decision/Welcoming Communities/Canada 150/Quebec Bill 122/Climate Innovation;
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – A Historic Year for #CDNmuni;
- Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Update From Minister Thomson – December 2016;
- Municipal Advocacy Solutions – 2017 New Year – New Federal Funding for Municipalities;
- Nechako Reservoir Update - Flow Facts:
 - January 7th to January 13th , 2017
 - December 23rd to January 6th , 2017
 - December 2nd to December 16th , 2016;
- North Central Local Government Association – Advocacy/Regional Collaboration/Aboriginal Inclusion and Reconciliation;
- Northern Health – Healthier Northern Communities ebrief – December 15, 2016;
- Resource Works News:
 - January 12, 2017 – Outlook 2017 for BC Resources
 - December 29, 2016 – Pipelines, Politics, and our 2016 Hits
 - December 15, 2016 – 2017 Resource Trends to Watch;
- Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway – Advocacy Update;
- Vi & Coast Conservation Society – BC Proclaims a Day for Our Common Future, VICCS, December 11, 2016.”

NEW BUSINESS

Nechako Roundtable

Director Greenaway brought forward the Nechako Roundtable's need for funding in 2017 and in the future in order to continue the work they have begun. Director Greenaway will bring forward information in regard to exact funding needs at a future RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting for future discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Repen

2017-1-40

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:29 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant