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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING****Thursday, April 3, 2014**

PRESENT: Acting Chair Stoney Stoltenberg

Directors Stephen Freeman
Carman Graf
Tom Greenaway
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Ralph Roy
Luke Strimbold

Directors Absent Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
Bill Holmberg, District of Houston
Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle
Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James
Bill Miller, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Directors Kerry Jantz, Village of Fraser Lake
Michalle Jolly, District of Houston
Stuart Abels, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake)
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Carolynn Lane, Sustainability Assistant
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:48 a.m., left at 11:00 a.m.
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 11:00 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Andrea Eastham – Executive Director, Northwest Invasive Plant Council
Karen Etherington, Director, Environment and Regulatory, Coastal GasLink – left at 11:00 a.m.
Kiel Giddens, Land, Community and Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Coastal GasLink – left at 11:00 a.m.
Darrell Hill, Roots and Shoots Contracting, Northwest Invasive Plant Council
Carmen Holschuk, Coastal GasLink – left at 11:00 a.m.
Mike Trepanier, Field Coordinator, Northwest Invasive Plant Council

CALL TO ORDER Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Ms. Chapman called for the appointment of Chair for the April 3, 2014 Regional District of Bulkley Nechako meetings.

Moved by Director Strimbold
 Seconded by Director Roy

C.W.2014-4-1

"That Director Stoltenberg be appointed to Chair the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Meetings of April 3, 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Acting Chair Stoltenberg took the Chair.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Graf
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2014-4-2

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of April 3, 2014 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
 Minutes –March 6, 2014

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

C.W.2014-4-3

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 6, 2014 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

COASTAL GASLINK – Karen Etherington, Director, Environment and Regulatory, and Kiel Giddens, Land, Community and Aboriginal Relations Liaison RE: Project Update

Acting Chair Stoltenberg welcomed Karen Etherington, Director, Environment and Regulatory, and Kiel Giddens, Land, Community and Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Coastal GasLink.

Ms. Etherington provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

TransCanada: A Leading North American Energy Infrastructure Company

One of North America's Largest Natural Gas Pipeline Networks:

- Operating 68,500 km (42,500 mi) of pipeline;
- Average volume of 14 Bcf/d or 20% of continental demand.

Canada's Largest Private Sector Power Generator:

- 21 power plants, 11,800 MW;
- Wind, hydro, nuclear, coal, solar and natural gas.

Premier North American Oil Pipeline System:

- Keystone and Keystone XL;
- Proposed Energy East project.

50 years of operations in B.C., with four offices now open.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

COASTAL GASLINK – Karen Etherington, Director, Environment and Regulatory, and Kiel Giddens, Land, Community and Aboriginal Relations Liaison RE: Project Update (CONT'D)

What TransCanada is Hearing

- More than 50 local government meetings and 31 community information sessions to date;
- Priorities expressed face-to-face align with 2012 and 2013 Ipsos Reid surveys of northern B.C. residents and key stakeholders:
 - Jobs that create long-term benefits;
 - Safe construction and pipeline operation to protect the environment;
 - Concerns about pressures on infrastructure and services;
- TransCanada will continue to engage communities to explore business opportunities, answer questions and discuss concerns.

Coastal GasLink 2014: Regulatory Overview

- Application to BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO): January 29, 2014;
- Completeness Review (EAO and Working Group): February, 2014;
- Content Review (EAO and Working Group): March-September, 2014;
- Government Decision on Environmental Certificate: late 2014;
- Application for Construction to BC Oil and Gas Commission: Phased from April, 2014 into 2015.

Application to the BC EAO: Environment

- **The assessment considered many environmental components, such as:**
 - Air;
 - Terrain;
 - Soil;
 - Fish and aquatic habitat;
 - Water;
 - Plants;
 - Wetlands;
 - Wildlife;
 - Species at risk.

Application to the BC EAO: Communities

- **From a social perspective, the assessment considered:**
 - Current and planned land use;
 - Potential effects on communities and their infrastructure, and;
 - Traditional land and resource use.

Application to the BC EAO: Economy

- **From an economic perspective, the assessment considered:**
 - Potential effects on government revenue,
 - Contracts and procurement expenditures, and;
 - Employment and the labour market.

Application to the BC EAO: Accidents

- 60 years of construction and operations;
- Pipeline integrity, inspection and monitoring programs;
- Public education programs;
- Industry-leading emergency response procedures.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

COASTAL GASLINK – Karen Etherington, Director, Environment and Regulatory, and Kiel Giddens, Land, Community and Aboriginal Relations Liaison RE: Project Update (CONT'D)

Application to the BC EAO: Addendum

- An addendum to our BC EAO application was filed in late March;
- It describes six minor revisions to the Application corridor to address additional information;
- Two of the revisions are located in Bulkley-Nechako – at the Stuart River, and at Highway 16;
- Stuart River Crossing – Alternate Corridor;
- Highway 16 Crossing – Corridor Widening;

Coastal GasLink 2014: Other Project Highlights

- Engineering and environmental field work (through October);
- Prime contractor(s) to be selected – late summer;
- Acquisition of land easements;
- Pre-construction discussions with affected local governments.

Discussion took place regarding the conceptual route of the pipeline. The exact route of the pipeline will be determined once the permitting with the BC Oil and Gas Commission is complete. Director Newell brought forward three concerns:

1. Potential decimation of fry in the feeder streams:
 - Will the pipeline go under or over streams?
2. Fibre usage on the right of way;
3. Review access management plans.

Ms. Etherington mentioned that there are numerous factors taken into consideration when pipelines cross streams. Some factors are the timing in the life cycle of the stream, and whether the best possible crossing is over or under. The upland areas on either side of the stream are also determining factors for access along with the safety of the pipeline once installed.

As part of the permitting with the BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) Fibre Utilization plans need to be submitted. Coastal GasLink is developing detailed plans and the intent is to make the best use of the timber. Some of the timber and brush is used for erosion control and bio-stabilization.

Prior to construction a number of environmental and access management plans will be completed. The access management plan will identify what is available, what needs to be upgraded, what will need to be built, how to develop and prepare access for use and manage activity while in use for all components of the pipeline construction.

Ms. Etherington noted that an attempt is being made to construct the pipeline along existing corridors where possible.

Acting Chair Stoltenberg thanked Ms. Etherington and Mr. Giddens for attending the meeting.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

NORTHWEST INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL – Andrea Eastham, Executive Director, Mike Trepanier, Field Coordinator and Darrell Hill, NWIPC Contractor (Roots and Shoots Contracting) RE: Update

Acting Chair Stoltenberg welcomed Andrea Eastham, Field Coordinator, Mike Trepanier, Field Coordinator, Northwest Invasive Plant Council.

Ms. Eastham introduced Darrell Hill, Roots and Shoots Contracting.

Ms. Eastham provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Stop the Invaders. How is the Northwest Invasive Plant (NWIPC) Council Doing?

Outline

- 2013 Accomplishments;
- NWIPC – IP (Invasive Plant) Management Then & Now;
- 2014 Plans;
- Who is Winning – NWIPC or Them?

2013 Partnerships

- Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI);
- Ministry of Environment – BC Parks;
- Regional Districts: Bulkley-Nechako & Fraser-Fort George;
- Utilities: BC Hydro /Fortis BC / Spectra Energy / Kinder Morgan;
- Canadian National Railway;
- Municipalities: Valemount /Prince George /Vanderhoof /Burns Lake/Houston/Telkwa/Smithers /Kitimat;
- Private Landowners: Lakes District Maintenance /Canfor – Houston Sawmill /Northwest Community College – Hazelton Campus;
- Government of Canada – Canada Summer Jobs Student;
- Projects: UNBC Continuing Education /Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Assoc./ Fort Fraser Livestock Assoc.

2013 Accomplishments

OPERATIONS

- Fielded 8 IPMA (Invasive Plant Management Areas) crews, 2 First Nations crews, and 2 manual crews;
- 1849 sites treated;
- 2392 treatments;
- 167.9832 ha. treated;
- 3330 surveys on 1141.6741 ha.;
- Corrected data for over 1000 sites in IAPP;
- NWIPC Landowner Rebate Program – 10.0135 ha. @ \$178/ha.
- Supported 2 producer association rebate programs.

EDUCATION, AWARENESS & COORDINATION

- Delivered program via 5 contract staff and one CSJ student;
- Ran 4 Community Weed Pulls;
- Maintained potted weed display for identification training;
- 50 events – tradeshow, IP training, farmer's markets, etc.;
- Delivered 46 info packages during Garden Blitz;
- Hosted First Nations Forum;
- Maintained weed reporting hotline;
- Maintained web site & social media;
- Initiated the Weed on the Web ID contest.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

NORTHWEST INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL – Andrea Eastham, Executive Director, Mike Trepanier, Field Coordinator and Darrell Hill, NWIPC Contractor (Roots and Shoots Contracting) RE: Update (CONT'D)

NWIPC Goals

- The Northwest Invasive Plant Council strives to prevent and control the spread of invasive alien plant species in northwestern BC;
- The goal is to prevent further damage to the ecosystems of northwest BC from invasive alien plants and begin to rehabilitate ecosystems that have been degraded by invasive alien plants.

NWIPC – IP Management Then & Now

Then: Strategy is to coordinate / deliver an integrated program;

Now: Strategy is to manage treatment funds by jurisdiction;

Then: Focus on prevention;

Now: Focus on control;

Then: Pooled funding;

Now: Partnership delivery;

Then: Money first goes to treat small infestations of the most invasive species that are not endemic to the area;

Now: Money first goes to treat Regional EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) species, and outside containment polygons for MT (Marsh Plume Thistle), TC (Common Tansy), FS (Field Scabious);

Then: Treat regardless of jurisdiction to eliminate infestations;

Now: Treat on jurisdictions that are contributing funds;

Then: Partner dollars used to manage adjacent areas;

Now: 2% of partner dollars if >\$5,000 used for REDRR on 'orphan sites';

Weeds Know No Boundaries!!!!

2014 Plans in RDBN

- Yellow floating heart in Seymour Lake;
- Buck Flats Field Scabious Containment Polygon – Inventory Phase;
- Big Pig Bike Fest.

Who is Winning?

- New (infestations) sites – 893;
- New species – 2 (yellow floating heart being one);
- Clean sites – 1118;
- No. of reports – 59;
- New partners – 2 (District of Vanderhoof and UNBC);
- Increased cooperation – 2;
- Increased membership – 759.

Discussion took place regarding the plan to address the Buck Flats Field Scabious Containment Polygon. RDBN staff and Darrell Hill, Roots and Shoots Contracting have a detailed plan for the area.

Assistance and partnerships with the pipeline, mining companies and CN Railway were brought forward for discussion. Ms. Eastham noted that NWIPC has had discussion with TransCanada and New Gold Inc. along with partnering with Endako Mines and CN Railway at a local level. She expressed the frustration with CN Railway at a higher level. In the past, vehicle and equipment wash stations have been set up to prevent the spread of invasive alien plants in regard to the development of mines and pipelines.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

NORTHWEST INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL – Andrea Eastham, Executive Director, Mike Trepanier, Field Coordinator and Darrell Hill, NWIPC Contractor (Roots and Shoots Contracting) RE: Update (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding the "Report a Weed" website link on the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations website. The use of smart apps to assist in the reporting of invasive plants was also discussed.

The eradication of water hemlock and orange hawkweed were discussed. The Canadian Thistle, which is similar to orange hawkweed, was first reported in 1854 and it is still here and managed today.

Acting Chair Stoltenberg thanked Ms. Eastham, Mr. Trepanier and Mr. Hill for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Roy

C.W.2014-4-4

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:44 a.m."

Stoney Stoltenberg, Acting Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chair Miller and Committee of the Whole

FROM: Cheryl Anderson
Manager of Administrative Services

DATE: April 23, 2014

SUBJECT: 2014 UBCM Resolution Deadline

The deadline to submit resolutions for consideration at the UBCM Convention is June 30, 2014. Resolutions received after June 30th will not be printed in the Resolutions Book and can only be admitted for debate by special motion during the Convention.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

Receive

**ELECT
LAUREY-ANNE
ROODENBURG
2ND VICE PRESIDENT**



With the growing demands on our natural resources, the North is pivotal to the growth and prosperity of British Columbia. Representation needs to include a strong voice that is inclusive of the needs of all our NCLGA members. I am that voice.

Geraldine Craven

From: convocation@unbc.cp20.com on behalf of University of Northern British Columbia
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
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Invitation to UNBC Convocation

Dear Bill,

You are cordially invited to attend UNBC's Convocation ceremonies on Friday, May 30, 2014 at the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre.

This year there will be two Convocation ceremonies taking place. While the overall graduating class for 2014 may exceed 800, we anticipate each ceremony to be concluded in about two hours.

1. College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences; 9:30 am to 11:30 am
2. College of Science and Management; 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

At this year's ceremonies in Prince George, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, will be conferred upon Distinguished Professor

Nancy Turner during Ceremony 1 at 9:30 am and Mr. Michael Green, Architect AIBC FRAIC AIA, during Ceremony 2 at 2:30 pm.

Please arrive at the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre one hour prior to the ceremony and proceed to the VIP Room, where refreshments will be served. Staff will be available to provide assistance. We also welcome you to join us for a complimentary celebration luncheon in the UNBC Agora Courtyard between 11 am and 2 pm in the Agora Courtyard.
for a detailed Event Schedule and additional information.

You are also invited to attend UNBC's Annual Alumni Awards Reception on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Bentley Centre at our Prince George campus. This event celebrates the Class of 2014 and recognizes alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their alma mater, their professions and their communities.

We are excited to have celebrations at our Regional Ceremonies.

- Northwest Campus – Monday, June 2, 2014 (Terrace)
- Wilp Wilxo'oskhwl Nisga'a – Tuesday, June 3, 2014 (Gitwinksihlkw)
- South Central Campus – Thursday, June 5, 2014 (Quesnel)

If you wish to join us at one of the Regional Ceremonies, please contact the Convocation Office as soon as possible because space may be limited.

If you are unable to attend in person, I invite you to view the live feed of the Convocation ceremonies through the Convocation website at
on Convocation Day.

If you have questions, contact Zarrah Holvick, Ceremonies Officer, by email , or telephone 250-960-6304.

To ensure you are recognized during UNBC's Convocation, we would ask that you please confirm your attendance at any, or all, of the ceremonies online by Friday, May 9, 2014.



I look forward to seeing you at Convocation.

Sincerely,

Troy Hanschen
University Registrar



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