

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, May 12, 2016**

**(Location: Vanderhoof Integris Credit Union Board Room)**

**PRESENT:** Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Bill Miller  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Taylor Bachrach, Mayor, Town of Smithers  
Dwayne Lindstrom, Mayor, Village of Fraser Lake  
Thomas Liversidge, Councillor, Village of Granisle  
Rob MacDougall, Mayor, District of Fort St. James  
Gerry Thiessen, Mayor, District of Vanderhoof  
Luke Strimbold, Mayor, Village of Burns Lake

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

**AGENDA &  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2016-5-1

"That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for May 12, 2016 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

Rural Directors Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
-April 14, 2016

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2016-5-2

"That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of April 14, 2016 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORTS**

Groundbreakers Agricultural Association-Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2016-5-3

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Groundbreakers Agricultural Association be given \$5,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with its School Garden Support and Kids Dig Food Camp programs."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley Valley Christian School -Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2016-5-4

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Bulkley Valley Christian School be given \$200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) towards the Litter – a – Thon."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Burns Lake Community Garden Society-Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2016-5-5

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Burns Lake Community Garden Society be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) for a compost demonstration and teaching garden."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort St. James Secondary School-Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2016-5-6

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fort St. James Secondary School (School District No. 91) be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with hosting the BC High School Single "A" Sr. Girls Soccer Championships."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS (CONT)**

Music on the Mountain Society Moved by Director Greenaway  
-Request for Grant Seconded by Director Parker  
in Aid -Electoral Area "C"  
(Fort St. James Rural)

RDC.2016-5-7

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Music on the Mountain Society be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the 2016 Music on the Mountain Festival."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vanderhoof Children's  
Theatre-Request for Grant  
in Aid -Electoral Area "F"  
(Vanderhoof Rural)

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2016-5-8

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Vanderhoof Children's Theatre be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with travelling to Prince George, B.C. for Aladdin Jr."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nechako Valley Exhibition  
Society-Request for Grant  
in Aid -Electoral Area "F"  
(Vanderhoof Rural)

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2016-5-9

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Nechako Valley Exhibition Society be given \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for upgrades to the Beef Barn."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area Allocation of  
Federal Gas Tax Funds  
-First Quarter 2016

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2016-5-10

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Finance/Administration Coordinator's April 26, 2016 memorandum titled "Electoral Area Allocation of Federal Gas Tax Funds – First Quarter 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **REFERRALS**

Land Referral File No.  
7409835 Frank Badey  
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC. 2016-5-11

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409835 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7409835."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.  
7409843 Lee & Debora Foster  
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC. 2016-5-12

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409843 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7409843."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.  
7409822 Jared Johnson  
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC. 2016-5-13

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409822 be provided as amended to include: "other comments: Regarding Crown Grant applications to obtain additional land for agriculture purposes consideration be given to the timber harvesting land base and impact to the mid-term timber supply." to the Province as the Regional District's comments as amended on Crown Land application 7409822."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Miller expressed concerns that the harvesting of merchantable timber for agriculture purpose to private land owners has a considerable impact to the timber harvesting land base and removes timber from the mid-term timber supply.

Director Petersen indicated that the Crown Grant to obtain additional land being considered for agriculture purposes is outlined in the Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) for agriculture use.

Director Thiessen indicated that the Vanderhoof Community Forest land base is south of this property.

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**REPORT**

Fraser Lake Elementary  
Secondary School Mountain  
Bike Club-Request for Grant  
in Aid -Electoral Area "D"  
(Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2016-5-14

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Mountain Bike Club be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with upcoming Provincials in Port Coquitlam, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2016-5-15

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:53 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Eileen Benedict, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant