

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 2016

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

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

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Janette Derksen, Environmental Services Coordinator
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

AGENDA Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2016-3-1 "That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for March 10, 2016 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes -February 11, 2016 Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2016-3-2 "That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of February 11, 2016 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

NWIPC Funding for 2016 Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2016-3-3

1. "That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Environmental Services Coordinators February 26, 2016 memo titled "NWIPC Funding for 2016."
2. Further, that the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the 2016 funding contribution to the NWIPC (Northwest Invasive Plant Council) be continued at a value of \$43,000, that the funding be divided equally between each IPMA and that the distribution of funds be 85% for on-the-ground work and a maximum of 15% for administration.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

3. Further, that the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the request for an additional \$500 be contributed to the NWIPC's Education & Awareness pooled funds."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding BC Hydro contributing to the NWIPC. Chair Miller noted concerns in regard to the impact that the BC Hydro transmission line right of ways have in regard to the spread of invasive plants. Staff will follow-up to determine BC Hydro's commitment to the NWIPC.

A.C.E – Access in the
Community for Equality
-Request for Grant in Aid
-Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2016-3-4

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the A.C.E. Access in the Community for Equality be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for an accessibility audit."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Decker Lake Recreation
Commission – Request for
Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "B"
(Burns Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2016-3-5

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Decker Lake Recreation Commission be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) for purchasing new chairs and painting the cement walls and floor in the basement."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort St. James Secondary
School Ski and Board Team
-Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral
Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2016-3-6

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fort St. James Secondary School Ski and Board Team be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with Provincial Championships in Fernie, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Stuart Lake Outreach Group
Society-Request for Grant
in Aid -Electoral Area "C"
(Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2016-3-7

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Stuart Lake Outreach Group Society be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with its Hot Lunch Program/Foodbank."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grassy Plains Community Hall
-Request for Grant in Aid
-Electoral Area "E"
(Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2016-3-8

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that Grassy Plains Community Hall be given up to \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to assist with Festival performers' costs at the Annual Summer Festival."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LDSS Ski and Snowboard
Teams-Request for Grant in Aid
-Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake
Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa
Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2016-3-9

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that LDSS Ski and Snowboard Teams be given \$500 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with LDSS Ski and Snowboard Teams attending Provincial Championships in Fernie, B.C. from February 29 to March 2, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Burns Lake Minor Hockey
Association-Request for Grant
in Aid Electoral Areas "B" (Burns
Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa
Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2016-3-10

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that Burns Lake Minor Hockey Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to assist with costs for the Midget Team to attend the Provincials in Port Alberni, B.C. from March 12-17, 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

District of Vanderhoof
-Request for Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2016-3-11

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that District of Vanderhoof be given \$200 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas "A" (Smithers Rural), "B" (Burns Lake Rural), "C" (Fort St. James Rural), "D" (Fraser Lake Rural), "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural), "F" (Vanderhoof Rural), and "G" (Houston Rural) to assist with costs associated with the Nechako Valley Production Greenhouse – Feasibility Study."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the potential for production greenhouse development and the possibility to expand the project throughout the region.

Electoral Area Allocation of
Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Fourth Quarter 2015

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2016-3-12

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Finance/Administration Coordinator's February 29, 2016 memorandum titled "Electoral Area Allocations of Federal Gas Tax Funds – Fourth Quarter 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Referrals

Land Referral File No. 7406854
Randy and Donna Goodland
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC. 2016-3-13

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7406854 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7406854."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Equity Mine Emergency
Response

Equity Mine representatives met recently with RDBN staff and indicated that they are in the process of developing an emergency response plan for Equity Mine and surrounding area including Bulkley Lake and Fox Creek. Directors Brien and Newell wish to be included in further discussions moving forward.

British Columbia Fire Service
Minimum Training Standards
Structure Firefighters
Competency and Training
Playbook

Director Fisher spoke of the level of service rural and municipal fire departments are implementing. Staff will bring the information forward at a future Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2016-3-14

“That the meeting be adjourned 1:00 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant