

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2016

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher
Bill Miller
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen

Directors Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
Absent Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Alternate Director Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner 1
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2016-4-1

"That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for April 14, 2016 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes -March 10, 2016

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2016-4-2

"That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of March 10, 2016 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association -Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2016-4-3

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for the purchase of bleachers and/or a marquee tent for the Bulkley Valley Exhibition 2016."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT)

Royal Canadian Legion,
Pleasant Valley Branch 249
– Request for Grant in Aid
–Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2016-4-4 “That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Royal Canadian Legion, Pleasant Valley Branch 249 be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for replacing and adding new light fixtures in the entrance way and upstairs hall of the Houston Legion.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Referrals

Mines File No. 13880-03-587
Pacific Minerals Inc.
Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC. 2016-4-5 “That the Rural Directors Committee receive Mines Referral 13880-03-587 Pacific Minerals Inc. Electoral Area “G”.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mines File No. 13880-03-587
Pacific Minerals Inc.
Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC. 2016-4-6 “That the Rural Directors Committee defer Mines Referral 13880-03-587 Pacific Minerals Inc. Electoral Area “G” to the May 12, 2016 Rural Directors Committee Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mines File No. 13880-03-587
Pacific Minerals Inc.
Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC. 2016-4-7 “That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to write a letter to Pacific Minerals Inc. asking the following questions:

1. What kind of impact does the activity have on Morrison Lake and surrounding water courses?
2. What issues have been raised by groups such as First Nations, local communities, guides, trappers and local environmental groups?

And further, that the RDBN requests that the response from Pacific Minerals Inc. be provided prior to the May 12, 2016 Rural Directors Committee meeting date.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CONT'D)

Referrals (Cont'd)

Water Licence File
No. 6001533 Northern
Gateway Pipelines
Electoral Area "B"

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC. 2016-4-8

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Water Licence No. 6001533 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Water Licence No. 6001533."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concerns were brought forward regarding the new *Water Sustainability Act* and its impacts in regard to who would receive priority for water use during a drought event. Director Miller spoke of an incident wherein CN utilized all the water from the little Bulkley Lake for work on the railway and the concerns of residents at that time.

Discussion took place in regard to water levels throughout the spring and summer months being very different depending on the weather patterns throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2016-4-9

"That the meeting be adjourned 2:14 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant