

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2015

PRESENT: Chairperson Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Luke Strimbold
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – left at 12:41 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Kerry Martin, Burns Lake Community Forest – arrived at 12:39 p.m.
Daniella Oake, Hampton Affiliates – arrived at 12:39 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2015-5-1

“That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of June 11, 2015 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Minutes – April 16, 2015

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director MacDougall

C.W.2015-5-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of April 16, 2015 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

2015 UBCM Premier/Cabinet Minister Meetings

The deadline for submission of resolutions to the 2015 Union of B.C. Municipalities is June 30, 2015.

The following 2015 UBCM Premier/Cabinet Minister Meetings and purpose for meetings were discussed:

- **Attorney General and Minister of Justice**
 - o Emergency Services – the number and length of events being experienced;
 - (CAO's of RDBN, RD Fraser-Fort George and Caribou RD working to develop a paper that will outline requirements, levels of coverage required, history of events in the three regions.)
- **Ministry of Health**
 - o Fort St. James Hospital Replacement;
 - o Primary Health Care in Fort St. James;
- **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**
 - o Walking path on the Stuart River Bridge – Fort St. James;
 - o East end of François Lake Road – road closure when water levels in François Lake rises – the road is a life line for residents;
 - o Colleymount Road – proper maintenance and upgrades.

Director Bachrach mentioned that the Town of Smithers would be meeting with Carl Lutz, District Manager, Bulkley-Stikene District in regard to the Bulkley River Bridge in Smithers not having a bike lane and the hazards this has created. Chair Miller noted that he would be willing to attend the meeting also.

Director Petersen reported that in the past a tax had been levied on fuel that was to be used for the repair and upkeep of rural roads.

Director Stimbold reported that the Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure will be in Burns Lake in mid-July, 2015.

- **Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations**
 - o Oversight of Rio Tinto Alcan and its water license on the Nechako River;
 - o Flooding events need to have the same priority criteria as a wildfire event;
- **Premier**
 - o Oversight of Rio Tinto Alcan and its water license on the Nechako River;
 - o Compensation/mitigation for issues caused by Rio Tinto Alcan's control of the Nechako Reservoir and River.

Discussion took place in regard to partnering with Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Saik'uz First Nation and Stelat'en First Nation regarding the impacts of Rio Tinto Alcan's control of the Nechako Reservoir and River.

CN issues will be brought forward through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) representatives and working group.

- **Network B.C.**
 - o Rural Connectivity
 - End of 2015 all rural areas in Canada are supposed to have access to a minimum of 5 MB of download speed.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

2015 UBCM Premier/Cabinet Minister Meetings (Cont'd)

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2015-5-3

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that the Regional District work with the District of Vanderhoof to draft a resolution to bring forward at the 2015 UBCM Convention in September, 2015 in regard to applying the British Columbia Emergency Response Management System (BCERMS) Priority ranking to flooding events, ensuring the residents of B.C. are ranked first; and further, that the ranking apply to both natural and unnatural (industry) led events.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

British Columbia Earthquake
Preparedness Consultation
Report

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director MacDougall

C.W.2015-5-4

1. “That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Protective Services Manager’s June 3, 2015 memo titled “British Columbia Earthquake Preparedness Consultation Report”.
2. That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors submit a letter to the Attorney General and Minister of Justice outlining the concerns of the Regional District and request that the Province increase funding to build a team of experts to take back emergency management and develop a provincial program with the expertise to address the need for enhanced preparedness and response to emergencies in British Columbia.”
3. Further that the letter be forwarded to all Regional Districts in the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

School District No. 91 Request for MOU Re: Student Work Experience and Apprenticeship Agreement Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2015-5-5 "That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that it approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding between School District No. 91 and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

Further, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that it authorize staff to work with School District No. 91 toward training opportunities for students."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2015-5-6 "That the Committee of the Whole receive the following Administrative Reports:

- Chief Administrative Officer's May 27, 2015 memo titled "Municipal Finance Authority of BC Financial Forum – March 26, 2015;"
- Chief Administrative Officer's April 29, 2015 memo titled "Regional District CEO/CAO Session – March 24-25, 2015;"
- Manager of Administrative Services' June 3, 2015 memo titled "2015 UBCM Resolution Deadline."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Procedure Bylaw No. 1633, 2012

Discussion also took place regarding bylaws being given first, second, third reading and adoption in one motion. A bylaw can only be given three readings and adoption when the RD Board is in control, e.g. budget bylaws. If a bylaw requires the consent of more than one party or the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development it cannot be given three readings and adoption in one meeting. A suggestion was made to have first and second reading in one motion, third reading in a separate motion and adoption at a future meeting. Concerns were brought forward that the RDBN has one Board Meeting a month and this may impact the speed in which items are moved forward.

Discussion also took place regarding:

- recording those opposed to a resolution during an RDBN meeting;
- disclosing of a conflict of interest;
- Making a decision regarding a delegation presentation at the same meeting a delegation has presented to the Regional Board
- utilizing technology to be able to allow for the Regional Board to vote on an issue via electronic means;
- late agenda items;

DISCUSSION ITEM (CONT'D)

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Procedure Bylaw No. 1633, 2012 (Cont'd)

Chair Miller noted that staff work to bring forward as few late items as possible but often items received from the province or other agencies require a timely response and must be brought forward for the Board's consideration.

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2015-5-7

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors make motions for first and second reading of bylaws in separate motions from third reading and adoption at RDBN Board meetings."

Opposed: Director Benedict CARRIED
 Director Greenaway
 Director Petersen

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Repen

C.W.2015-5-8

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that staff record votes against a motion in the minutes of an RDBN meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2015-5-9

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:59 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant