



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 12, 2026

Directors Present: Chair Mark Parker
Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienens - arrived at 10:33 a.m.
Leroy Dekens
Martin Elphee
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell - via Zoom
Michael Riis-Christianson
Stoney Stoltenberg
Sarrah Storey - via Zoom
Henry Wiebe
Alternate Director Alex Kulchar

Directors Absent: Shirley Moon, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof)

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator - left at 10:36 a.m., returned at 11:27 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.
Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - left at 10:36 a.m., returned at 10:50 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services
Trevor Tapp, Regional Agriculture Coordinator - East - left at 10:36 a.m.
Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services - via Zoom

Others: Natasha Westover, Director of Community Relations,
Western LNG - via Zoom - left at 11:17 a.m.
Heather Taylor, Senior Manager of Social Performance,
Western LNG - via Zoom - left at 11:17 a.m.

Media - Merewyn Comeau - LD News - left at 11:18 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:31 am

First Nations Acknowledgement

AGENDA

March 12, 2026

2026-BM-316

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Moutray

That the Agenda for March 12, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2026

2026-BM-317

Moved by Director McGuire

Seconded by Director Greenaway

That the Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2026 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*** Staff Introduction**

Chair Parker introduced Trevor Tapp, Agriculture Coordinator - East.

DELEGATIONS

WESTERN LNG - via Zoom - Natasha Westover, Director of Community Relations and Heather Taylor, Senior Manager of Social Performance Re: Prince Rupert Gas Transmission and Ksi Lisims LNG Update

Chair Parker welcomed Natasha Westover, Director of Community Relations and Heather Taylor, Senior Manager of Social Performance, Western LNG.

Provided a PowerPoint Presentation

- About Ksi Lisims LNG
- About PRGT
- Map of the Pipeline
- Nass Valley Transmission Line
- Project Benefits
- PRGT Substantial Start Construction
- Construction Timeline
- Workforce Accommodation
- Impact Management
- Community Engagement
- Final Investment Decision.

The following was discussed:

- Detailed route maps of the transmission lines and pipeline including river crossings
 - Western LNG will share maps
- Selected sites of the work camps
 - Chair Parker noted the need for the RDBN to participate in the preliminary discussions regarding locations
 - Require the ability to provide meaningful input
 - Confirmation of location and determining which communities will be impacted as access points to work camps
 - Ms. Taylor mentioned that most of the work camps are remote, the closest camp to a community is the camp proposed near Mackenzie
- Understanding how liquid and solid waste will be managed
 - Ms. Taylor commented that once the contractors are identified, Western LNG will work with them to develop a plan
 - Ms. Taylor recognized the significant issue that solid and liquid waste

disposal can have in the region and committed to sharing plans with the RDBN

- Traffic, access, emergency response, employment and procurement strategy plans
 - Plans originally developed in 2014/2015
 - Regional District requested the opportunity to review revised plans
 - Ms. Taylor noted that updated plans will be circulated to the Regional District as part of the Environmental Assessment Office requirements (EAO)
- Access/transportation routes and camp locations have yet to be fully confirmed
 - Work needs to take place with general contractors
 - Ms. Taylor indicated they will discuss with her team the information that can be shared.

Chair Parker thanked Mses. Westover and Taylor for attending the meeting.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Other

Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services - Village of Burns Lake Boundary Redefinition

2026-BM-318

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs Governance and Structure Branch be advised that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board continues to support the inclusion of 1675 Gowan Road (District Lot 2503, Range 5, CD Except Plans 3750, PRP41383 and PRP42499) into the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services - Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project (PRGT) Management Plans -Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) and Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)

2026-BM-319

Moved by Director Newell

Seconded by Director Greenaway

That a letter be sent to Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. (copied to the Environmental Assessment Office and BC Energy Regulator) which encourages the following:

- a. the development of a liquid and solid waste management plan in consultation with RDBN staff as soon as possible;
- b. a commitment to annual funding of the Northwest Invasive Plant Council post construction; and
- c. an opportunity for the RDBN to review and comment on drafts of the following plans:
 - i. Traffic and Access Management Plans
 - ii. Emergency Response Plan
 - iii. Wood Fiber Utilization Strategy
 - iv. Training and education initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the proximity of the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission line to FPX Nickel that is being proposed in the Baptiste area near Fort St. James.

ADMINISTRATION BYLAW

Bylaw for Third Reading

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - Five-Year Financial Plan for Third Reading

2026-BM-320

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2102, 2026 be given third reading as amended this 12th day of March, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Lambert spoke of a Rural Fire Services Agreement with Nee Tahi Buhn Band. Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services noted that staff are reviewing a draft

agreement in preparation of providing the agreement to Nee Tahi Buhn Band for consideration. Director Lambert noted he is planning to meet with the three Nations on the Southside of Francois Lake and will provide the information to staff.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services - North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) 2026 Resolutions Follow-up

2026-BM-321

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board approve the Northern and Rural Homeowner Benefit Program resolution for submission to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) 2026 resolutions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - Bulkley Valley Pool Facility Lifecycle Assessment Report

2026-BM-322

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's Bulkley Valley Pool Facility Lifecycle Assessment Report memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator - BC Vegetable Marketing Commission General Order Update

2026-BM-323

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Board receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's BC Vegetable Marketing Commission General Order Update memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

District of 100 Mile House - Request for Support - 2026 NCLGA Resolution to Strengthen Rural Health Care

2026-BM-324

Moved by Alternate Director Kulchar

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the District of 100 Mile House regarding a Request for Support for a 2026 NCLGA Resolution to Strengthen Rural Health Care.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City of Abbotsford - Request for Support - 2026 Proposed UBCM Resolution

2026-BM-325

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Greenaway

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the City of Abbotsford regarding a Request for Support for a 2026 Proposed UBCM Resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Response - Premier's Task Force

2026-BM-326

Moved by Director Lambert

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board receive the response from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food regarding the Premier's Task Force.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association Call for Resolutions Notice
2026**

2026-BM-327

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association regarding a Call for Resolution Notice 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Letters of Support for Member Municipalities - Union of BC Municipalities Local
Government Development Approvals Program

Director Moutray noted the District of Vanderhoof requires a letter of support for the Union of BC Municipalities Local Government Development Approvals Program. Chair Parker noted the RDBN has received requests for letters of support from the Village of Telkwa and Town of Smithers as well.

2026-BM-328

Moved by Director Moutray

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board approve providing a letter of support for member municipalities applying to the Union of BC Municipalities Local Government Development Approvals Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

2026-BM-329

Moved by Director Brienien

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c) of the Community Charter for the Board to deal with matters relating to:

- Labour Relations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services