



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, June 11, 2026**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**First Nations Acknowledgement**

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**June 11, 2026**

Approve

**MINUTES**

**Board Meeting Minutes - May 28, 2026**

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Approve

**DELEGATIONS**

**BULKLEY VALLEY RESEARCH CENTRE - Geoff Recknell, RPBio,  
Consultant**

Re: Update Bulkley Morice Resiliency Project

**SURGE COPPER CORP. - Jennifer Anthony, VP, Environment &  
Regulatory Affairs - 1:00 p.m.**

Re: Surge Copper Corp. Pre-Feasibility Study - Berg Copper Project

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VISION**

“A World of Opportunities Within Our Region”

**MISSION**

“We Will Foster Social, Environmental,  
and Economic Opportunities  
Within Our Diverse Region Through Effective Leadership”

**2022-2026 Strategic Plan**

1. Relationships with First Nations
2. Advocacy with the Province
3. Housing Supply
4. Community and Economic Sustainability



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 28, 2026**

Directors Present: Chair Mark Parker  
 Gladys Atrill  
 Shane Brienen - left at 12:49 p.m., returned at 12:54 p.m.  
 Leroy Dekens  
 Martin Elphee  
 Judy Greenaway  
 Clint Lambert  
 Linda McGuire  
 Shirley Moon  
 Kevin Moutray  
 Chris Newell  
 Michael Riis-Christianson  
 Stoney Stoltenberg  
 Sarrah Storey  
 Henry Wiebe

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
 John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
 Jason Berlin, Senior Building Inspector - left at 11:09 a.m.  
 Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief - arrived at 11:29 a.m., left at 12:49 p.m.  
 Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - arrived at 12:45 p.m., left at 12:47 p.m., returned at 12:56 p.m.  
 Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services  
 Trevor Moffat, Planning Summer Student - left at 12:04 p.m.  
 Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services  
 Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
 Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services - arrived at 11:29 a.m., left at 12:49 p.m.

Others: Leigh Purnell, Health & Safety Coordinator, West Fraser Concrete & Terrace Redi Mix - left at 11:38 a.m.  
Merewyn Comeau, Media, Lakes District News

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

**First Nations Acknowledgement**

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**May 28, 2026**

**2026-BM-399**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Brien

That the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda for May 28, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

**Board Meeting Minutes - April 30, 2026**

**2026-BM-400**

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Board Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Board Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2026**

**2026-BM-401**

Moved by Director Moon  
Seconded by Director Greenaway  
That the Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Committee Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2026**

**2026-BM-402**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Moon

That the following Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
  - May 14, 2026
- Rural Services Committee Meeting Minutes
  - May 14, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Building Inspection**

**Section 57- Call for comments from the gallery**

**Jason Berlin, Senior Building Inspector - Section 57 Notice on Title, 1810 - 1820 Peterson Rd, Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)**

No comments received from the gallery.

**2026-BM-403**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Corporate Officer be directed to file a Notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the Community Charter relating to land legally described as District Lot 4175, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 3332 5153 8142 8303 10041 and 4623 (1820 Peterson Road).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALR Application**

**Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner - ALR Removal of Soil (Extraction)  
Application No. 1284 – Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)**

**2026-BM-404**

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Moutray

1. That Agricultural Land Reserve Removal of Soil (Extraction) Application No. 1284 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval.
2. That the ALC be requested to ensure that an adequate weed management plan, and adequate noise and dust mitigation measures, are in place to protect agricultural values in the area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw for Third Reading & Adoption**

**Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services -  
Unsightly Premises Amendment Bylaw - All Electoral Areas except Electoral  
Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

**2026-BM-406**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Greenaway

1. That the Board amend Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Unsightly Premises Amendment Bylaw No. 2103, 2026 as discussed in the May 28, 2026 staff report; and,
2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Unsightly Premises Amendment Bylaw No. 2103, 2026 be given third reading and adoption as amended this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw for Adoption**

**Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner - Rezoning Application RZ G-01-25 –  
Adoption for Rezoning Bylaw No. 2075,2025 – Electoral Area G  
(Houston/Granisle Rural)**

**2026-BM-407**

Moved by Director Newell

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2075, 2025 be adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Temporary Use Permit

#### **Cameron Kral, Planner - Temporary Use Permit Application A-01-26 – Electoral A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)**

##### **2026-BM-408**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

1. That the Public Comments on the Supplementary Agenda be received.
2. That the Board approve the issuance of the Temporary Use Permit A-01-26 as amended removing any reference to the portable crushing unit and allowing the use of a portable screening unit in association with a sand and gravel pit at 3901 Gilbert Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services noted the correspondence from the applicant on the Supplementary Agenda. He mentioned that the applicant indicated they wished to amend the Temporary Use Permit to remove any reference to the portable crushing unit and request the allowance for the use of a portable screening unit. Mr. Llewellyn commented that the applicant held a community meeting with area residents and indicated their intent to request the removal of the crushing unit from the TUP.

#### **Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner- Temporary Use Permit Application B-02-24 – Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)**

##### **2026-BM-409**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board deny Temporary Use Permit Application B-02-24.

Opposed: Director Lambert

CARRIED

### Development Variance Permit

**Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner - Development Variance Permit  
Application No. B-01-26**

**2026-BM-410**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Elphee

1. That the Board receive the Public Comment on the Supplementary Agenda.
2. That the Board approve Development Variance Permit B-01-26 for the property located at 7752 Brewer Avenue to vary Section 9.0.5.1.a) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 by reducing the minimum setback of a structure from a Rear Parcel Line from 7.5 metres to 2.5 metres for the proposed shop and garage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Riis-Christianson encouraged staff to follow up with the applicant during the Building Permit process to ensure the property and fence lines are confirmed prior to building the proposed shop and garage.

**Other**

**Cameron Kral, Planner - Parcel Frontage A-01-26 - Electoral Area A  
(Smithers/Telkwa Rural)**

**2026-BM-411**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Atrill

That the Board exempt the proposed Remainder and proposed Lot A from the minimum 10 per cent perimeter parcel frontage requirement pursuant to Section 512 of the *Local Government Act* to permit a parcel frontage of no less than 3.5 per cent for the Remainder and 6.5 percent for Lot A, subject to the subdivision layout being in general compliance with the proposed plan in this report as Schedule A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services - Francois  
Lake East Road and Francois Lake Road Name Change**

**2026-BM-412**

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director Lambert

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) requesting that the Ministry consider the letter from the BC Emergency Health Services and the

need for a road name change in the interest of public safety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) - May 11, 2026**

**2026-BM-413**

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board receive the Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) for May 11, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) - May 7, 2026**

**2026-BM-414**

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board receive the Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) for May 11, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION BYLAWS**

**Bylaw for Adoption**

**Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 2111, 2026**

**2026-BM-415**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 2111, 2026 be adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS****Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services - Committee Meeting Recommendations - May 14, 2026****2026-BM-416**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board approve recommendations 1 through 4 as written.

**Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 14, 2026****Recommendation 1:****Re: Keeping It Rural Conference – June 10-12, 2026 – Kelowna, BC**

That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors wishing to attend the Keeping it Rural Conference from June 10-12, 2026 in Kelowna, B.C.

**Recommendation 2:****Re: Union of BC Municipalities Convention – September 14-18, 2026 – Vancouver, B.C.**

That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors at the UBCM Convention from September 14-18, 2026 in Vancouver, B.C.

**Recommendation 3:****Re: Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Grant in Aid for Nechako View Senior Citizens Home Society**

That the Board approve a Regional Grant in Aid of \$8,650 from the Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) allocation to the Nechako View Senior Citizens Home Society for a duplex renovation project with Charis Supportive Housing Society.

**Rural Services Committee Meeting – May 14, 2026****Recommendation 4:****Re: Resource Roads**

That the Board direct staff to further the advocacy and investigation into rural resource roads.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Request to Co-sponsor Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) UBCM Resolutions**

**2026-BM-417**

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Brienen

That the Board co-sponsor the following RDFFG Resolutions for submission to the 2026 UBCM Convention:

1. Food Security and Food Sovereignty
2. Large-Scale Corporate Consolidation and Foreign Ownership of Farmland.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Union of BC Municipalities – Minister Meeting Requests**

**2026-BM-418**

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board request the Minister meetings outlined in the staff report during the 2026 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth
  - Pressures of camps and increased workforce
  - Fort St. James College of New Caledonia Building (District of Fort St. James)
- Minister of Finance
  - A summary of any projects with financial asks
  - Healthcare Infrastructure - Facility Condition Index (FCI) - including current needs
- The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health
  - FCI to include current needs
  - Retention and recruitment
  - ER Closures
  - Culture within Health Authorities.
  - Health Authority review
- The Honourable Jagrup Brar, Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals
  - Cumulative impacts of approvals - impacts to provision of health care

- The Honourable Jessie Sunner, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills
  - Foreign workers
- The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
  - Housing projects on hold
  - Legislative reform.

Director Atrill spoke of commonalities between the North West Regional Hospital District and the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District/RDBN.

Director Storey brought forward meeting with the Official Opposition.

Staff will bring forward updated information at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**Break for lunch at 12:04 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 12:45 p.m.**

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services -RFP  
Award for RDBN Food and Agriculture Plan Update**

**2026-BM-419**

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board receive the Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services' RFP Award for RDBN Food and Agriculture Plan Update memorandum.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Parker encouraged staff to ensure that all key agriculture topics impacting the Regional District are considered in the RDBN Food and Agriculture Plan.

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services -  
Community Works Funds for Town of Smithers Smithers Skate Park Phase  
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**2026-BM-420**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Atrill

1. That the Board authorize contributing up to \$200,000 of Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation

monies to the Town of Smithers for a Recreation Infrastructure project, and

**(participants/weighted/majority)**

2. That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$200,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Lakes District Art and Culture Fund Application Burns Lake Music Society, Rock the Dock 2026**

**2026-BM-421**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Board approve a Lakes District Arts and Culture Fund grant of \$5,000 to the Burns Lake Music Society for the 2026 Rock the Dock Event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief - Regional Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement**

**2026-BM-422**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Storey

That the Board approve the attached agreement and authorize staff to distribute to each municipality for signature.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services - Items to be brought forward to the public agenda from In-Camera Meeting**

**2026-BM-423**

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Board receive the Deputy Director of Corporate Services' Items to be brought forward to the public agenda from In-Camera Meeting memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Union of BC Municipalities - RDBN 2026 NG911 Approval Agreement**

#### **2026-BM-424**

Moved by Director Brienens

Seconded by Director Moon

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the RDBN 2026 NG911 Approval Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Union of BC Municipalities Provincial Response to 2025 Resolutions**

#### **2026-BM-425**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding Provincial Response to 2025 Resolutions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **\* PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **\* Referral**

- \* Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner - Atlantica Tchesinkut Lake Wind Investigative Use License Application Notice – Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

#### **2026-BM-426**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the comment sheet be provided to Atlantica Canada Development Company Inc. in response to their Tchesinkut Lake Wind Investigative Use License Application Notice.

Opposed: Director Lambert

Director Moon

Director Stoltenberg

CARRIED

\* **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

\* **Union of B.C. Municipalities - Provincial Efforts to Renew the Heritage Conservation Act**

**2026-BM-427**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding Provincial Efforts to Renew the Heritage Conservation Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) - Director Moon

- Cattle prices remain high
- Working on the 100-Year Farm Awards for the Vanderhoof Centennial Celebration.

Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa) - Director Stoltenberg

- Cycle 16 Trail work is continuing along with the Highway 16 underpass for the trail.

Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) - Director Riis-Christianson

- Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) decision has been provided regarding the release of more granular data about Internet Service Providers service levels and will be brought forward to the next Rural Services Committee Meeting.

District of Vanderhoof - Director Moutray

- District of Vanderhoof summer projects are underway
- Welcomed those wanting to attend the Vanderhoof Centennial Celebrations July 4-5.

### District of Fort St. James - Director Elphee

- 2026 infrastructure projects have started
  - Spirit Square
  - In the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 5 years of water system improvements
- Local contractor in Fort St. James has been recently certified to test and dispose of Class II bio-hazard solids - lagoon sludge
  - Any municipality and/or Regional District in need of the service can reach out to the District of Fort St. James Director of Operations.

### Village of Fraser Lake - Director Storey

- Attended the 2026 North Central Local Government Association Conference (NCLGA) and AGM May 20-22 in Prince George
- Attended the 2026 Business Forum May 26 in Fraser Lake
  - Thanked RDBN and Village of Fraser Lake staff for a good event
- Northern Health Strategic Planning session - expressed appreciation for those that were able to attend
  - Provided feedback to Northern Health regarding increasing the opportunities for additional planning sessions.

### Village of Granisle - Director McGuire

- Village of Granisle Tax Notices have been distributed
- Currently 14 homes for sale in Granisle
- Attended the 2026 NCLGA Conference and AGM
  - Require clarity on the resolution process and resolutions moving forward to the UBCM Conference in September 2026
- New Seniors Housing Complex
  - Ribbon cutting taking place Wednesday, June 3
  - 8 out of the 12 units are occupied
  - Most recent resident is from Smithers
- Remediation to the north end of the mall is moving to the exterior
  - Expressed appreciation for the REDIP Grant and RBA funding for the project
- Met with the Honourable Brittny Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities while attending NCLGA and discussed Forest Service Road access and egress
  - Drafted a letter to send to the Minister regarding the need for year-round maintenance to the Forest Service Roads to provide egress routes for the

community.

#### Village of Burns Lake - Director Wiebe

- Rock the Dock 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Music Festival and Light up the Lake Event taking place August 29, 2026
- Attended the Northern Health Strategic Planning meeting
  - Brought forward the need for planning for future consideration of the mining and industrial activity proposed for the region and potential impacts to health care.

#### Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) - Director Lambert

- Francois Lake Hall Centennial Celebration takes place Saturday, May 30 with festivities starting at 1:00 p.m.

#### Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)

- Thanked Director Atrill for her role as President of the NCLGA in 2025/2026 and the AGM and a successful AGM
  - Brought forward the NCLGA and UBCM resolution process
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit will be seal coating Highway 27 and some secondary roads.

#### Electoral Area G (Houston Rural)

- Importance of moose hunting in Electoral Area G
  - Changing regulations over the past number of years have impacted the ability to hunt
  - Hunting is part of rural culture and provides food for people
  - Would like to have education and create awareness of the important need for moose hunting for residents.

#### Town of Smithers - Director Atrill

- 2026 NCLGA Conference and AGM
  - Newly elected Board of Directors

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- Conference went well
- Resolution process
  - Advocacy
  - Impressed by the co-sponsored/joint resolutions that were brought forward
- Town of Smithers
  - Paving season has started
  - Smithers Regional Airport holding an auction to disperse unused items
  - Council working through the Heart and Hearth process for temporary shelter facility
  - Bulkley Valley Pool has reopened after a recent closure for repairs.

#### Chair Parker, Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Attending a number of meetings and conferences
  - Minerals North
  - NCLGA Conference and AGM
  - Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society Awards Ceremony
  - 2026 Business Forum
    - Well done and expressed appreciation for the hard work by both RDBN and Village of Fraser Lake staff
  - Attending meetings in Vanderhoof and at Saik'uz First Nation for the signing of the protocol agreement on Friday, May 29
  - Attending a Rio Tinto Event at the Wisteria Hall on the Southside of Francois Lake on Monday, June 1.

#### **RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS**

##### **2026-BM-428**

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

##### **2026-BM-429**

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mark Parker, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board

**From:** Trevor Moffat, Planning Summer Student

**Date:** June 11, 2026

**Subject:** **Telkwa Wind Investigative Use License Application Notice, Electoral Areas A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) and G (Houston/Granisle Rural)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

That the Board direct staff to provide the following comments to the applicant and the British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER) in response to the notice for the Telkwa Wind Investigative Use License (ERAA #100123081).

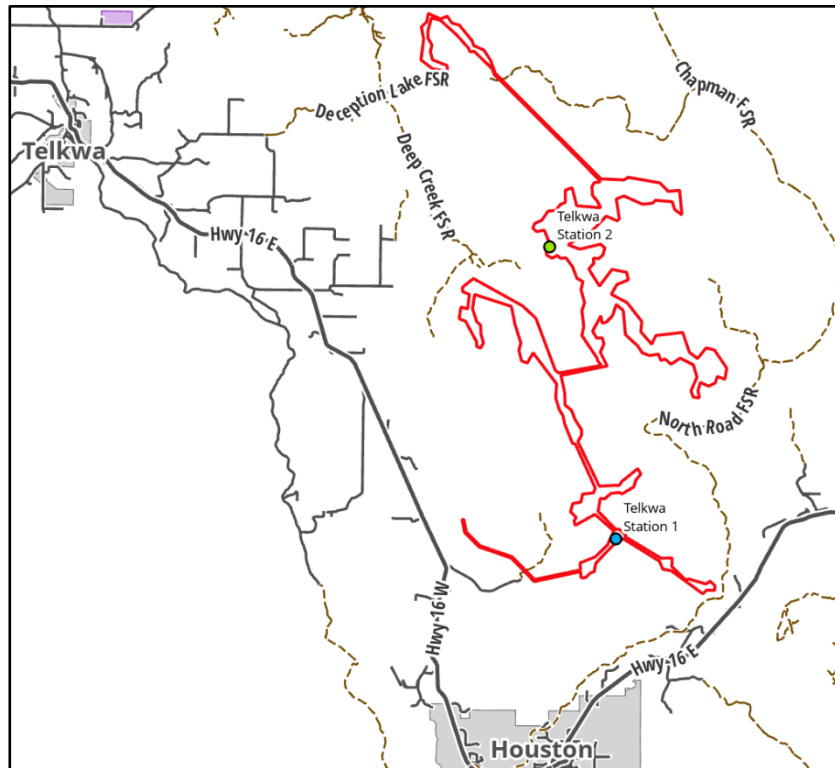
“The Regional District has concerns regarding the cumulative effects of wind farms and requests that the Province develop a strategy to manage the number and cumulative effects of wind farms in the region. The RDBN is concerned that the BC Hydro Call for Power process and the BCER approval process for selected projects is not adequate to protect community interests in the RDBN.”

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### **BACKGROUND**

186 Energy Inc. has sent the RDBN a notice of intent to submit a wind energy resource activity application (ERAA #100123081) for a two-year Investigative Use License (IUL) through the BCER. The application area covers 4,629 ha of unsurveyed Crown land 17 km east of the Village of Telkwa and 15 km north of the District of Houston.

The purpose of this IUL is to evaluate the feasibility of a utility-scale wind farm situated within the boundaries of the application area. The investigative study is proposed for a term of a two (2) years.



The application proposes to install at least one 60m tall meteorological tower. The meteorological towers may be deployed at two stations as shown on the site map for a minimum duration of one year each. The nearest dwelling to Station 1 is 5.2 km and to Station 2 is 7.7 km. The applicant expects that the project will not result in tree removal as the sites have been previously logged. Additionally, the applicant will perform consultation and engagement with local First Nations that have traditional territories within the operational area.

### **EXPANSION OF BCER REGULATORY AND APPROVAL POWERS**

BCER's role in permitting energy activities is defined under the Energy Resource Activities Act (ERAA) and includes regulatory responsibility for liquified natural gas (LNG), geothermal exploration, and new oil refineries. This role was expanded when the Renewable Energy Project (Streamlined Permitting) Act (the Act) came into effect July 2025.

The Act established the BCER as the primary permitting agency for the North Coast Transmission Line project, prescribed renewable energy projects, and transmission lines, creating a "single window" permitting process and Crown consultation to streamline the permitting process. This single window model means that when these types of projects require approval pursuant to the *Forest Act*, *Heritage Conservation Act*, *Land Act*, *Environmental Management Act*, or *Water Sustainability Act*, BCER is now designated as the primary permitting agency and regulator for the lifecycle of the project.

Below is a BCER Application Review Process diagram. The applicant's notice falls under the Pre-Application "Consultation & Notification or Rights Holder Engagement".

BCER's *Renewable Energy Project Regulation* (the *Regulation*) came into effect March 10, 2026 for new "high-output" wind and power projects to be permitted by the BCER pursuant to the *Regulation*. "High-output" solar and wind projects are those with a capacity of 5 or greater megawatts.

The *Act* also exempts land-based wind power projects and the North Coast Transmission Line project from the current provincial environmental assessment process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, while leaving room for future project exemptions.

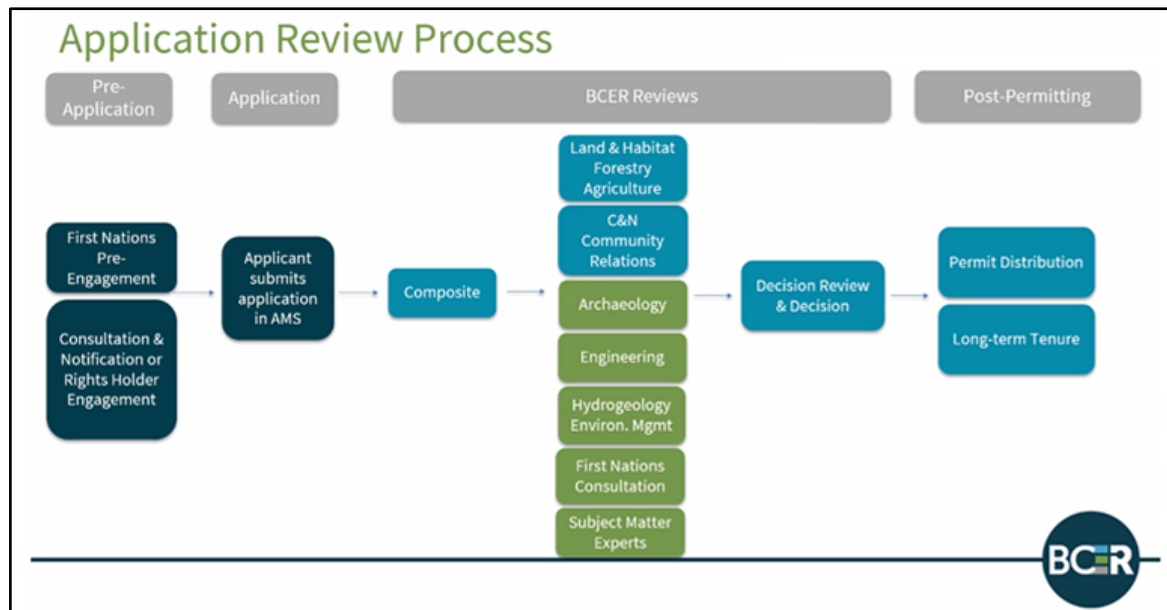


Figure 1: Application Review Process Diagram from BCER.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- [Investigative Plan - Telkwa Investigative Plan \(Link\)](#)
- [Notification Letter – Application for an Investigative Use Licence \(Link\)](#)

#### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:  
2. Advocacy with the Province



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board

**From:** Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services

**Date:** June 11, 2026

**Subject:** **Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026 – Alternative Approval Process (AAP)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

That the Board:

1. Approve the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) timeline for Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026, as outlined in this report; and
  2. Approve the Elector Response Form, including provision for submission by email; and
  3. Direct staff to proceed with the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) in accordance with the draft timeline with authority to revise if necessary.
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### **BACKGROUND**

Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026 was given three readings by the Board at its April 30, 2026 Board meeting, and authorization was given to proceed with an Alternative Approval Process. The bylaw has been given statutory approval by the Inspector of Municipalities, so the AAP may now commence.

### **TIMELINE**

The following timeline is being proposed in regard to the AAP:

Action	Date	Notes
Board approval of AAP timeline and Elector Response Form	June 11, 2026	Approval of timeline and submission methods
Public Information Meeting (Saturday)	July 18, 2026	Held prior to commencement of AAP
First AAP Notice – Newspaper	July 22, 2026	Local newspaper (Wednesday publication)
Second AAP Notice – Posting Boards	On or after July 22, 2026	Posted in approved locations
<b>Start of Alternative Approval Process / Elector Response Forms available</b>	<b>July 27, 2026</b>	Start date as stated in notices
<b>30-Day Alternative Approval Process Period</b>	<b>July 27 – August 25, 2026</b>	Full statutory period
<b>Close of Alternative Approval Process (4:30 p.m.)</b>	<b>August 25, 2026</b>	Deadline for receipt of Elector Response Forms
Certification of Alternative Approval Process results	Week of August 24, 2026	Following close of AAP
Adoption of Bylaw No. 2108	September 10, 2026	Regular Board meeting

## **ELECTOR RESPONSE FORMS**

For the AAP, it is proposed that Elector Response Forms may be submitted:

- In person;
- By mail; and
- By email to a designated RDBN email address.

The Elector Response Form includes an elector declaration confirming that the individual submitting the form is a qualified elector and that the information provided is true and correct. All Elector Response Forms must be received by the RDBN by the deadline stated in the AAP notice. Postmarks will not be accepted as the date of submission.

## **DETERMINATION OF ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS**

For the purposes of administering the Alternative Approval Process (AAP), staff prepared an estimate of the number of eligible electors within the service area using available parcel ownership and address information. Non-residential, Crown, and local government properties were excluded. To prevent duplication, individuals owning more than one property were counted only once. For owner-occupied properties, the number of potential resident electors was based on individual owners listed on title. For non-resident properties and vacant parcels, a maximum of one non-resident property elector per parcel was included, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. Properties held in corporate ownership were excluded. Based on this methodology, the estimated number of eligible electors is **1,166**, resulting in an Alternative Approval Process threshold of **117 Elector Response Forms**.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Bylaw 2108, 2026

Elector Response Form

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:  
4. Community and Economic Sustainability



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

### ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

**Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026**

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

As an elector in Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, I am **OPPOSED** to the adoption of Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026 which amends the maximum tax limit for the Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service within Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) from TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$29,296) per annum to FIFTY (\$0.50) per ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area per annum which the Regional District estimates to be ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$166,500) in 2026.

#### I CERTIFY THAT I MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before signing this Elector Response Form;
- resident of OR registered owner of real property in the defined portion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for at least 30 days immediately prior to signing this Elector Response Form; and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

**FULL NAME OF ELECTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print Full Name)

**ELECTOR'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (State Full Civic Address)

**SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR:**

**DATE:**

#### To be completed by Non-Resident Property Electors Only

I am entitled to register as a non-resident property elector as an owner of the property located at the following address:

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- ❖ A person must not sign more than one elector response form in relation to the same Alternative Approval Process.
- ❖ A person may only submit one elector response form, regardless of the number of properties owned.

Unless Alternative Approval Electoral Response Forms petitioning against the adoption of this bylaw have been received from 10% (117) of the eligible electors (1,166) within the defined boundaries of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Bylaw No. 2108 will be deemed to have received approval of the electors.

The deadline for submitting this elector response form is **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.**

The address for submission by mail, email, or in person is: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
 Director of Corporate Services  
 Box 820, 37, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
 Burns Lake, B.C., V0J 1E0  
 Email: [admin@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:admin@rdbn.bc.ca)

**Postmarks WILL NOT be accepted as the date of submission.**

## INFORMATION REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS

### Resident Electors:

- age 18 or older;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing this Elector Response Form;
- a resident of the defined portion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for at least 30 days before signing this Elector Response Form; and
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

### Non-resident property electors:

- not entitled to register as a resident elector in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- age 18 or older;
- a Canadian Citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing this Elector Response Form;
- a registered owner of real property in the defined portion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for at least 30 days before signing this Elector Response Form;
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

**\*\*If there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, may register as a non-resident property elector in relation to one parcel of real property in a jurisdiction. A consent form may be obtained by contacting the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako or at [www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca).**

**\*\*Properties registered in company/corporation names do not qualify under the *Local Government Act* to vote.**

Copies of this form may be utilized. Forms may also be obtained by contacting the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 1-800-320-3339 or at [www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca) .

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**OPPOSED** – If you are opposed to the adoption of Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026 you can sign and submit an elector response form if you qualify as elector of the participating service area. All elector response forms **must** be received in the office of the RDBN no later than the deadline of **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25 2026**. If you are submitting your form by mail, be advised that postmarks will not be accepted as the date of submission.

**NOT OPPOSED** – Only electors who are opposed to the adoption of the bylaw are required to submit an Elector Response Form. If you are not opposed, **no response is required**.

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A copy of the bylaw, a staff report summarizing this initiative and elector response forms are available on the RDBN website at [www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca) and at the RDBN office (37, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Burns Lake, BC) Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding statutory holidays.

For further information contact: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services or Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services at (250) 692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339.



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**BYLAW NO. 2108, 2026**

A bylaw to amend the maximum tax limit of the Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service from \$29,296 per annum to \$0.50 per \$1,000

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**WHEREAS** the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has established by Bylaw No. 1127, a service for contribution to the Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department, formerly known as Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service, for its fire response services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional Board wishes to increase the tax limit for the service from TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$29,296) per annum to FIFTY (\$0.50) per ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area per annum;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional District estimates that FIFTY (\$0.50) per ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area to be ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$166,500) in 2026;

**AND WHEREAS** approval of the electors has been by Alternative Approval Process obtained in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

**AMENDMENT**

1) Section 5 of Cluculz Lake Emergency Response Team (CLERT) Contribution Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1127, as amended, is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

5. The maximum amount of taxation that may be requisitioned annually for this service shall not exceed FIFTY (\$0.50) CENTS per ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

**CITATION**

2) This bylaw may be cited as Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2108, 2026.

READ A FIRST TIME this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

READ A SECOND TIME this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 2108, 2026 at third reading.

*Anderson*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Administrator

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this 27th day of May , 2026.

ADOPTED this    day of                    , 2026.

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Chairperson

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Corporate Administrator



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board  
**From:** Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
**Date:** June 11, 2026  
**Subject:** **Union of BC Municipalities – Minister Meeting Requests**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

Receive.

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### **BACKGROUND**

The following Minister and ministry staff meetings will be requested for the upcoming UBCM Convention:

#### **Minister Meetings**

- 1. Premier Eby**
  - Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – lack of communication
  - RBA
- 2. The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions**
  - BC Energy Regulator
    - Cumulative impacts
    - Fast-tracking
- 3. The Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food**
  - Agriculture File Updates
- 4. The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health**
  - Recruitment/Retention
  - ER Closures
  - Update re: Health Authority Reviews
- 5. The Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs**
  - Electoral Area Reform
  - BC Housing Projects on Hold
- 6. The Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth**
  - Camp pressures
  - Increased workforce
  - Location of camps with infrastructure legacy
- 7. The Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure**

- Facilities Condition Index
- Regional Hospital District Master Plans (timing)

### **Joint Meetings with Neighbouring Regional Districts**

#### **1. The Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests**

- Forest Service Roads
  - EDMA (evacuation routes)
  - Economic Development and Tourism

#### **2. The Honourable Tamara Davidson, Minister of Environment and Parks**

- Impacts of solid waste from camps and major projects to our landfills

#### **3. The Honourable Lana Popham**

- Veterinarian Shortage Update
- Foreign Ownership Update

### **Ministry Staff Meetings**

#### **1. Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals**

- Environmental Assessment Process
- Cumulative Impacts (windfarm projects)
- Downstream impacts (ie. Healthcare/RCMP)

#### **2. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills**

- Foreign Workers

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:

2. Advocacy with the Province



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board  
**From:** John Illes, CFO  
**Date:** June 11, 2026  
**Subject:** **Statement of Financial Information 2025**

**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

That the Board of Directors approve the 2025 Statement of Financial Information

And That the Chair and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign the SOFI report approving the statements and schedule of financial information.

**BACKGROUND**

The Statements of Financial Information (SOFI) must be presented publicly and approved by the Board every year by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The amounts listed in the grants to municipalities include grants for fire service, recreation and culture, and economic development services. These amounts do not include invoices for services or debenture refunds from member municipalities. The amounts listed in the grants to municipalities and the grants to societies are not subject to the Regional District's current "competitive" procurement process.

Once approved, the SOFI report will be published to the Regional District's website.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Statement of Financial Information for 2025

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:  
 Not Applicable



# **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Regional District of  
Bulkley-Nechako  
2025**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION APPROVAL

The undersigned, as authorized by the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, subsection 9(2), approves all the statements and schedules included in this Statement of Financial Information, produced under the Financial Information Act.

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John Illes  
Chief Financial Officer  
June 12, 2026

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Mark Parker  
Chair of the Board of Directors  
June 12, 2026



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
MANAGEMENT REPORT  
2025

The Financial Statements contained in this Statement of Financial Information under the Financial Information Act have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or stated accounting principles, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all the statements and schedules and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced.

These controls include:

- An organizational structure providing for effective segregation of responsibilities, delegation of authority, personal accountability and careful selection and training of personnel;
- The application of financial, accounting, information technology and administrative policies and procedures necessary for internal control over transactions, assets, and records; and
- Systematic financial review and analysis of operating results.

The Board of Directors of the Regional District is responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control and exercises this responsibility through meeting with the external auditors during the annual audit process.

The external auditors, Beswick, Hildebrandt Lund, CPA, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. Their examination does not relate to the other schedules and statements required by the Act. Their

examination includes a review and evaluation of the corporation's system of internal control and appropriate tests and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are presented fairly. The external auditors have full and free access to the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

John Illes, CPA  
Chief Financial Officer  
June 12, 2026

# Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

## Statement of Financial Information

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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2025**

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## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the integrity and objectivity of these statements are management's responsibility. Management is also responsible for all of the notes to the financial statements and schedules, and for ensuring that this information is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the financial statements. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Management is also responsible for implementing and maintaining a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements.

The Board of Directors are responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control, and exercises these responsibilities through the Board. The Board reviews internal financial statements on a quarterly basis and external audited financial statements yearly. The Board also discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the financial statements.

The external auditors, Beswick Hildebrandt Lund Chartered Professional Accountants, conduct an independent examination, in accordance with Canadian auditing standards, and express their opinion on the financial statements. The external auditors have full and free access to financial management of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and meet when required. The accompanying Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the financial statements.

On behalf of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

John Illes  
Chief Financial Officer

Mark Parker  
Board Chair



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako,

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of remeasurement gains and losses, operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standard.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PSAS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

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CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

*Beswick Hildebrandt Lund*

Chartered Professional Accountants

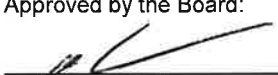
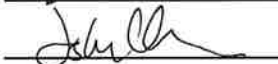
Prince George, British Columbia

April 30, 2026

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 39,441,821	\$ 29,970,488
Accounts receivable	659,233	907,101
Grants receivable	229,780	544,636
Investments (Note 3)	89	89
Debt Reserve Fund - Municipal Finance Authority (Note 4)	153,836	149,363
Debentures recoverable from municipalities (Note 5)	<u>5,636,334</u>	<u>6,180,499</u>
	<u>46,121,093</u>	<u>37,752,176</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 6 and 10)	2,160,779	1,940,394
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	17,366,920	11,812,845
Asset retirement obligations (Note 12)	11,190,751	10,778,639
Debt Reserve Fund - Municipal Finance Authority (Note 4)	153,836	149,363
Debentures issued for municipalities (Note 5)	5,636,334	6,180,499
Debentures issued for the Regional District (Note 9)	<u>283,087</u>	<u>305,001</u>
	<u>36,791,707</u>	<u>31,166,741</u>
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<u>9,329,386</u>	<u>6,585,435</u>
<b>NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Schedule 3)	33,275,715	31,144,328
Prepaid expenses	<u>216,986</u>	<u>381,798</u>
	<u>33,492,701</u>	<u>31,526,126</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 42,822,087</u>	<u>\$ 38,111,561</u>
Accumulated surplus is comprised of (Note 13):		
Accumulated operating surplus	\$ 42,842,488	\$ 38,107,203
Accumulated remeasurement gains(losses)	<u>(20,401)</u>	<u>4,358</u>
	<u>\$ 42,822,087</u>	<u>\$ 38,111,561</u>
<b>CONTINGENCIES (Note 10)</b>		
Approved by the Board:		
	Chairperson	
	Chief Financial Officer	

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**STATEMENT OF REMEASUREMENT GAINS AND LOSSES**

December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED REMEASUREMENT GAINS (LOSSES)</b>		
<b>AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 4,358</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) attributable to:		
Portfolio investments	(24,759)	4,358
Amounts reclassified to the statement of operations:		
Portfolio investments	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net remeasurement gains (losses) for the year	<u>(24,759)</u>	<u>4,358</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED REMEASUREMENT GAINS (LOSSES)</b>		
<b>AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ (20,401)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,358</u></b>

See notes to the financial statements

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025		2024
	<u>Budget</u> (Note 14)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>REVENUE (Schedule 4)</b>			
Property tax requisition			
Electoral area	\$ 10,556,631	\$ 10,552,882	\$ 9,948,802
Municipal	4,749,246	4,749,382	4,485,262
	15,305,877	15,302,264	14,434,064
Grants-in-lieu of taxes	1,271,354	1,447,214	1,342,810
Federal grants - conditional	1,933,000	2,398,818	685,957
Fees and permits	1,476,698	3,257,487	2,163,622
Municipal debt payments	739,800	688,019	713,991
Provincial grants - northern capital	941,000	636,786	423,654
Provincial grants - NWRS	3,010,000	1,639,684	759,016
Provincial grants - unconditional	490,000	236,642	233,011
Other grants - conditional	768,061	453,364	600,902
Emergency expenditure recoveries	250,000	45,110	113,116
Interest	-	664,916	659,459
Municipal cost sharing	243,819	248,945	654,175
Sundry	310,274	154,086	543,989
Administration recoveries	16,621	27,444	24,562
Donations	-	56,333	11,250
Debt sinking fund actuarial earnings	9,417	7,449	10,086
Community forest	-	-	89,600
	26,765,921	27,264,561	23,463,264
<b>EXPENSES (Schedule 1) ( Schedule 4)</b>			
Environmental services	7,151,260	7,255,774	6,678,036
Government - general, rural and local commission	6,095,508	5,307,416	4,127,477
Recreation and culture	4,381,398	4,005,102	3,794,808
Fire protection and emergency response	3,095,598	3,042,210	2,945,813
Building inspection, building numbering, planning and development services	1,340,701	1,303,491	1,314,325
Economic development	530,835	185,700	456,493
Municipal debt payments	739,800	688,019	713,991
Street lighting and transportation	367,944	518,226	467,148
Sewer and water	198,222	223,338	193,871
	23,901,266	22,529,276	20,691,962
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS</b>	2,864,655	4,735,285	2,771,302
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	38,107,203	38,107,203	35,335,901
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - END OF YEAR (Note 13)</b>	\$ 40,971,858	\$ 42,842,488	\$ 38,107,203

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS**

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
	<u>Budget</u> (Note 14)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS</b>	\$ 2,864,655	\$ 4,735,285	\$ 2,771,302
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(5,996,000)	(4,231,848)	(2,922,019)
(Gain) loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	39,869	(19,903)
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	-	16,000	65,048
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	2,044,592	1,988,380
	(3,131,345)	2,603,898	1,882,808
Net use of (addition to) prepaid expenses	-	164,812	(301,718)
Net remeasurement gains and losses	-	(24,759)	4,358
<b>CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	(3,131,345)	2,743,951	1,585,448
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	6,585,435	6,585,435	4,999,987
<b>NET FINANCIAL ASSETS AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 3,454,090</u>	<u>\$ 9,329,386</u>	<u>\$ 6,585,435</u>

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Annual surplus	\$ 4,735,285	\$ 2,771,302
Add: Non-cash items		
Debt sinking fund actuarial earnings	(7,449)	(10,086)
Change in unrealized value of financial instruments	(24,759)	4,358
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,044,592	1,988,380
Loss (gain) on sale of tangible capital assets	39,869	(19,903)
	<u>6,787,538</u>	4,734,051
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	247,868	(189,109)
Grants receivable	314,856	(16,054)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	220,385	112,582
Deferred revenue	5,554,075	2,986,207
Asset retirement obligations	412,112	396,010
Prepaid expenses	164,812	(301,718)
	<u>13,701,646</u>	<u>7,721,969</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Debt repayments	(14,465)	(11,112)
	<u>(14,465)</u>	<u>(11,112)</u>
<b>CAPITAL ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(4,231,848)	(2,922,019)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	16,000	65,048
	<u>(4,215,848)</u>	<u>(2,856,971)</u>
<b>INCREASE DURING THE YEAR</b>	<b>9,471,333</b>	4,853,886
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>29,970,488</b>	25,116,602
<b>CASH AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 39,441,821</b>	<b>\$ 29,970,488</b>

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (“the Regional District”) was incorporated as a Regional District on February 1, 1966 under the Municipal Act (replaced by the Local Government Act) of British Columbia. The Regional District provides a political and administrative framework for region-wide, inter-municipal and sub-regional services and acts as the local government for electoral areas.

#### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAS).

##### Funds and reserves

Certain amounts, as approved by the Board of Directors, through a bylaw, are set aside in accumulated surplus for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to/from funds and reserves are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

##### Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development improvement or betterment of the asset. Costs include overhead directly attributable to construction and development but exclude interest costs directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset.

Contributed tangible capital assets are recorded into revenues at their fair market value on the date of donation, except in circumstances where there are stipulations on their use or where fair value cannot be reasonably determined, in which case they are recognized at a nominal value.

The cost, less residual value, or the tangible capital assets, excluding land, is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Buildings	40-50 years
Water and waste systems	50 years
Heavy vehicles	10-20 years
Passenger vehicles	6-10 years
Other equipment	5-20 years

Tangible capital assets are written down when conditions indicate that they no longer contribute to the Regional District’s ability to provide goods and services, or when the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital assets are less than their net book value. The net write-downs are accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations.

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****For the year ended December 31, 2025****1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognized in the period in which the transactions or events occurred that gave rise to the revenues. All revenues are recorded on an accrual basis.

Tax revenue from local government requisitions are recognized in the year levied, provided that the effective date of tax has passed and the related bylaws have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Government transfers are recognized as revenues when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the statement of operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

Contributions from other sources are deferred when restrictions are placed on their use by the contributor and are recognized as revenue when used for the specific purpose. Restricted contributions that must be maintained in perpetuity are recorded as revenue when received or receivable and are presented as non-financial assets in the statement of financial position.

Grants received from the Federal Gas Tax Agreement and Northern Capital Planning Grant Agreement are each contributed to a designated reserve and recorded as revenue in the year amounts are expended on qualifying projects.

Revenue related to fees or services received in advance of the fee being earned or the service is performed is deferred and recognized when the fee is earned or service performed.

Asset Retirement Obligations

An asset retirement obligation is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset that the Regional District will be required to settle. The Regional District recognizes asset retirement obligations when there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Asset retirement obligations are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. The estimate of a liability includes costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities.

Asset retirement obligations are recorded as liabilities with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset. Subsequently, the asset retirement costs are allocated to expenses over the useful life of the tangible capital asset. The obligation is adjusted to reflect period-to-period changes in the liability resulting from the passage of time and for revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate of the undiscounted cash flows or the discount rate.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended December 31, 2025**

**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian PSAS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the year. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's judgement and the best information available at the time of preparation and may differ significantly from actual results. Estimates are reviewed periodically or as new information becomes available, by management, and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Significant estimates include the determination of the useful life of tangible capital assets, valuation of the landfill closure and post-closure obligation, and provisions for contingencies.

Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

Financial instruments

*Measurement of financial instruments*

The Regional District initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The Regional District subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost.

Financial assets measured at cost include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, cash deposits included in the debt reserve fund – Municipal Finance Authority, investments, and debentures recoverable from municipalities.

Financial liabilities measured at cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, debentures issued for municipalities, debentures issued for the Regional District, and financial liabilities included in the debt reserve fund –Municipal Finance Authority.

*Impairment*

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of write-down is recognized in net income. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

*Transaction costs*

The Regional District recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, the carrying amount of the financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value is reflected in the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended December 31, 2025**

**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued**

Investments

Investments are reported at cost or amortized cost, less any write-downs associated with a loss in value that is other than a temporary decline.

Standards applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026

PS 1202 Financial Statement Presentation replaces and builds upon PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation. The key changes are a significantly restructured Statement of Financial Position, a new Statement of Net Financial Assets (Net Financial Liabilities), removal of the existing Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets, a new Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Net Liabilities), a restructured Statement of Cash Flows, and new budget requirements.

**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Bank accounts	\$ 4,616,290	\$ 6,335,303
Petty cash	50	50
Guaranteed investment certificates	<u>34,825,481</u>	<u>23,635,135</u>
	<u>\$ 39,441,821</u>	<u>\$ 29,970,488</u>

Cash and cash equivalents consist of unrestricted cash and fixed income guaranteed investment certificates, which have a maturity of one year or less, and are carried at market value which approximates cost. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the guaranteed investment certificate interest rates ranged between 3.6% to 5.45% (2024 – ranged between 3.9% to 6.15%).

**3. INVESTMENTS**

The Regional District has a 9% interest in the Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership and Chinook Comfor Ltd.

**4. DEBT RESERVE FUND – MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

The Regional District issues debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia (“MFA”), and as a condition of borrowing, one percent of the debenture proceeds is withheld as a debt reserve fund. The Regional District also executes demand notes in connection with each debenture whereby the Regional District could be required to pay certain amounts to MFA in excess of the debt borrowed. The demand notes are contingent in nature, and it is unlikely that they will be called; therefore, a liability has not been reported in the financial statements (see note 10).

The Regional District reports the debt reserve fund balances for both debts issued on its behalf, and on behalf of member municipalities, as a financial asset. Because all debt reserve fund refunds received on behalf of Municipal borrowing are repayable to those Municipalities, the Municipal portion of the Debt Reserve Fund balances are also reported as a financial liability.

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

## 5. DEBT RECOVERABLE FROM MUNICIPALITIES

When a member Municipality within the Regional District wishes to issue debenture debt through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA"), the borrowing is done through the Regional District. The Regional District is therefore responsible for repayment of the debt to MFA. When payments (interest and sinking fund or principal) are made on this debt, the Regional District pays MFA and is in turn reimbursed by the Municipality.

The Regional District therefore reports the net outstanding debt borrowed on behalf of Municipalities as both a financial liability and a financial asset.

Service borrowing was incurred for:	Originally Borrowed		Year of Maturity	Current Rate of Interest	Net Debt Outstanding	
	Year	Amount			2025	2024
Vanderhoof Issue 145	2018	1,000,000	2038	3.15%	714,836	759,274
Smithers Issue 142	2017	3,000,000	2037	3.15%	2,007,196	2,144,508
Vanderhoof Issue 142	2017	2,000,000	2037	3.15%	1,338,131	1,429,672
Smithers Issue 127	2013	650,000	2034	4.52%	354,862	387,929
Fort St. James Issue 124	2013	304,879	2033	4.52%	150,393	166,446
Smithers Issue 124	2012	147,639	2033	4.52%	72,828	80,602
Fort St. James Issue 124	2013	121,952	2028	4.52%	30,299	39,724
Smithers Issue 116	2011	800,000	2026	1.47%	68,546	134,774
Houston Issue 99	2006	2,407,125	2032	1.53%	807,734	924,825
Granisle 149	2019	210,000	2029	2.24%	91,509	112,745
		<u>\$ 10,641,595</u>			<u>\$ 5,636,334</u>	<u>\$ 6,180,499</u>

Scheduled debt repayments may be suspended in the event of excess sinking fund earnings within the MFA.

Principal paid during 2025 was \$389,434 (2024 - \$402,489). Interest paid during 2025 was \$297,639 (2024 - \$300,799).

The MFA performs a rate reset on long-term loans each 5-year period beginning after the first 10-year term; therefore, interest rates on long-term debt are subject to change.

Actuarial earnings received during 2025 were \$154,731 (2024 - \$161,443). Future principal payments, including sinking fund additions, on existing debt are as follows:

2026	\$ 562,324
2027	510,152
2028	527,079
2029	533,761
2030	526,852
Thereafter	<u>2,976,166</u>
	<u>\$ 5,636,334</u>

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

## 6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Trade payables	\$ 886,578	\$ 880,278
Vacation accrual	285,552	279,803
Sick leave accrual (Note 10)	592,985	444,588
Retirement accrual (Note 10)	395,664	335,725
	<u>\$ 2,160,779</u>	<u>\$ 1,940,394</u>

## 7. DEFERRED REVENUE

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Government transfers - Northern Capital Planning Grant	\$ 1,089,402	\$ 1,673,993
Government transfers - Federal Gas Tax Reserve	6,057,713	7,281,574
Government transfers - NWRS	9,486,204	2,160,330
Government transfers - Climate Action	310,191	348,952
Government transfers - Provincial	370,927	233,378
Other	52,483	114,618
	<u>\$ 17,366,920</u>	<u>\$ 11,812,845</u>

Government transfers – Federal Gas Tax Reserve

Gas Tax funding is provided by the Government of Canada. The use of the funding is established by funding agreement between the Regional District and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Gas Tax funding may be used towards qualifying expenditures as specified in the funding agreement. The Regional District maintains the amounts in a statutory reserve.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Opening balance	\$ 7,281,574	\$ 6,679,642
Add: Amounts received in the year	923,045	923,045
Interest earned	251,911	364,844
	<u>1,174,956</u>	<u>1,287,889</u>
Less: Amounts spent in the year	<u>(2,398,817)</u>	<u>(685,957)</u>
Closing balance	<u>\$ 6,057,713</u>	<u>\$ 7,281,574</u>

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

## 7. DEFERRED REVENUE, continued

Government transfers – Northern Capital Planning Grant

Northern Capital and Planning funding is provided by the Province of British Columbia. The Northern Capital and Planning funding may be used towards infrastructure and eligible projects include engineering, infrastructure planning, pipes, wells, treatment facilities, building, roads, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and other associated capital that are owned and controlled by the Regional District. This can also include the cost of land associated with developing the above capital investment.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Opening balance	\$ 1,673,993	\$ 2,005,885
Add: Amounts received in the year	-	-
Interest earned	52,195	91,762
	<u>52,195</u>	<u>91,762</u>
Less: Amounts spent in the year	<u>(636,786)</u>	<u>(423,654)</u>
Closing balance	<u>\$ 1,089,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,673,993</u>

The Northern Capital Planning Grant is broken into the following reserves:

<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Initial Allocation</u>	<u>Planning Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Expenses</u>	<u>Total Interest</u>	<u>December 31, 2025 Balance</u>
General Administration	\$ 1,019,248	\$ 397,003	\$ 268,315	\$ 105,978	\$ 459,908
Clucluz Lake Fire Service	623,068	31,008	603,148	11,088	-
Protective Services	1,375,000	186,927	1,283,140	95,067	-
Glacier Gulch Water Diversion	30,000	-	21,006	6,111	15,105
Round Lake Fires Service	10,000	-	11,154	1,154	-
Luck Bay Fire Service	60,000	-	62,357	2,357	-
Fort Fraser Fire	186,595	-	191,237	4,642	-
Economic Development	185,273	-	-	41,693	226,966
Regional Parks and Trails	1,055,345	58,164	705,151	95,393	387,423
Environmental Service	2,394,843	-	2,489,075	94,232	-
Fort Fraser Water and Sewer Utilities	425,628	-	447,234	21,606	-
	<u>\$ 7,365,000</u>	<u>\$ 673,102</u>	<u>\$ 6,081,817</u>	<u>\$ 479,321</u>	<u>\$ 1,089,402</u>

## 8. CREDIT FACILITY

The Regional District has available on an authorized operating line of credit to a maximum of \$400,000. This facility bears interest at prime rate of 4.45% (December 31, 2024 – 5.45%) and is secured by the current borrowing resolution. The facility remained unused at year end.

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

## 9. DEBENTURES ISSUED FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT

The Regional District issues debt instruments through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA"), pursuant to security issuing bylaws, under authority of the Community Charter, to finance certain capital expenditures. The debt is issued on a sinking fund basis, whereby MFA invests the Regional District's principal payments so that the payments plus investment income, will equal the original outstanding debt amount at the end of the repayment period. Actuarial earnings on debt represent the repayment and/or forgiveness of debt by the MFA using surplus investment income generated by the principal payments. Gross amount of debt and the repayment and actuarial earnings to retire the debt are as follows:

Service borrowing was incurred for:	Originally Borrowed		Year of Maturity	Current Rate of Interest	Repayment & Actuarial Earnings	2025 Principal Repayment	Net Debt Outstanding	
	Year	Amount					2025	2024
Round Lake Fire Protection	2017	\$ 14,909	2037	3.15%	\$ 4,379	\$ 555	\$ 9,975	\$ 10,657
Luck Bay Fire Protection	2006	125,000	2026	1.53%	111,959	4,198	8,843	17,347
Topley Rural Fire Protection	2016	366,348	2041	2.10%	92,031	10,048	264,269	276,997
		<u>\$ 506,257</u>			<u>\$ 208,369</u>	<u>\$ 14,801</u>	<u>\$ 283,087</u>	<u>\$ 305,001</u>

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 2025

**9. DEBENTURES ISSUED FOR THE REGIONAL DISTRICT, continued**

Scheduled debt repayments may be suspended in the event of excess sinking fund earnings within the MFA.

Principal paid during 2025 was \$14,801 (2024 - \$14,801). Interest paid during 2025 was \$10,075 (2024 - \$10,075).

The MFA performs a rate reset on long-term loans each 5-year period beginning after the first 10-year term; therefore, interest rates on long-term debt are subject to change.

Actuarial earnings received during 2025 were \$7,114 (2024 - \$6,396). Future principal payments, including sinking fund additions, on existing debt are as follows:

2026	273,814
2027	724
2028	746
2029	768
2030	791
Thereafter	<u>6,244</u>
	<u>\$ 283,087</u>

**10. CONTINGENCIES**Municipal Finance Authority Demand Notes

The Regional District is contingently liable to the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA") in excess of the amounts borrowed under the terms of demand notes issued to MFA.

Member municipalities have signed offsetting demand notes to the Regional District for borrowing made on their behalf. The amounts are as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Demand Notes Outstanding:		
Borrowing on behalf of member municipalities	\$ 271,453	\$ 271,453
Borrowing for Regional District purposes	<u>9,331</u>	<u>9,331</u>
	<u>\$ 280,784</u>	<u>\$ 280,784</u>

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended December 31, 2025**

**10. CONTINGENCIES, continued**

Employee Sick Leave

The Regional District is contingently liable to pay its employees' sick leave. The total maximum value of the accumulated sick time is \$878,499 at December 31, 2025 (2024 - \$792,026). As at year end an amount of \$592,985 (2024 - \$444,588) has been recognized as a liability, representing the estimated future usage of accumulated sick days.

Employee Retiring Allowance

The Regional District is contingently liable to pay employees one week's salary for every year of employment to a maximum of 13 weeks upon normal retirement from the Regional District. The total value of this retiring allowance is \$596,855 at December 31, 2025 (2024 - \$554,187). As at year end an amount of \$395,664 (2024 - \$335,725) has been accrued as an estimate of the liability.

**11. MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN**

The Regional District and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (a jointly trustee pension plan). The board of trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2024, the plan has about 273,000 active members and approximately 133,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 47,000 contributors from local governments.

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry-age normal cost method, which produces the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2024, indicated a \$2,675 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis.

The Regional District paid \$461,425 (2024 - \$419,966) for employer contributions to the plan in fiscal 2025.

The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2027.

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense as the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the plan.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****For the year ended December 31, 2025****12. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION**

The Regional District owns and operates the following assets that have asset retirement obligations associated with them:

Landfill Obligation

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MoECCS) Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste outlines regulations for the closure and care of both active and inactive landfill sites. These requirements encompass activities such as final covering and landscaping, leachate treatment and monitoring, groundwater and surface water monitoring, gas monitoring and recovery, and ongoing maintenance of various control and drainage systems. Estimated liabilities for closure and post-closure care are based on assumptions and information available to management, covering a period ranging from 100 – 200 years depending on the capacity of the landfill. Future events may alter these estimates, leading to adjustments in recognized liabilities as changes in estimates occur.

Estimated total expenses represent the sum of the discounted future cash flows for closure and post-closure monitoring activities using an assumed rate of 5.0% (2024 – 5.0%) for inflation and a discount factor of 5.0% (2024 – 5.0%) for most obligations except for a 3% discount factor for long term obligations for the three active landfills to reflect a better estimate for those obligations that may not be realized for an extensive period of time. The Regional District currently has 16 inactive and 3 active landfill sites. The Regional District uses the median return of its GIC investments for the discount factor and an estimate of the inflation rate based on an assessment of contract rates for construction activities that the Regional District undertakes in the current year. Both rates are trending downwards.

Asbestos Obligation

Asbestos and other designated hazardous materials represent a health hazard upon disturbance and as a result carry a legal obligation to remove them when a facility undergoes a significant renovation or demolition. The Regional District owns and operates a facility that is known to have asbestos and as a result recognized an obligation relating to the removal of the hazardous materials upon adoption of the PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations. An asset retirement obligation associated with asbestos within the facility owned by the Regional District that will need to be abated upon retirement.

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## 12. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION, continued

Leasehold Obligation

Lease agreements often contain requirements for the lessee to return the leased property to its pre-lease condition. Since the end of lease work meets the criteria under PS 3280 an asset retirement obligation has been recognized. In The Regional District's case, this liability is associated with removing structures, bins and signage for sites leased as well as the removal of equipment.

<b>Asset Retirement Obligations</b>	<b>Landfill Obligation</b>	<b>Asbestos Abatement</b>	<b>Leasehold Obligations</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening	\$ 8,579,150	\$ 77,175	\$ 2,122,314	\$ 10,778,639
Accretion expense	302,138	3,859	106,115	412,112
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 8,881,288</u>	<u>\$ 81,034</u>	<u>\$ 2,228,429</u>	<u>\$ 11,190,751</u>

## 13. ALLOCATION OF ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The accumulated surplus at the end of the year is comprised of the following Funds:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Operating	\$ 27,372,643	\$ 25,317,085
Reserves	15,469,845	12,790,118
	<u>\$ 42,842,488</u>	<u>\$ 38,107,203</u>

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## 14. BUDGET

In accordance with legislative requirements, the Financial Plan, adopted by the Board of Directors on March 27, 2025, was prepared on a modified accrual basis. These financial statements, in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, were prepared on a full accrual basis. The following reconciles the approved Financial Plan to budgeted amounts reported in these Financial Statements.

	<u>2025</u>
Budgeted surplus per statement of financial activities	<u>\$ 2,864,655</u>
Less: Capital expenditures	(5,996,000)
Internal allocations	(729,050)
Debt principal payments	(24,219)
Prior year net deficits	<u>(86,742)</u>
	<u>(3,971,356)</u>
Add: Prior year net surplus	1,863,406
Withdrawals from capital reserves	598,000
Transfer from equity in tangible capital assets	<u>1,509,950</u>
	<u>3,971,356</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>

## 15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Regional District's financial instruments are comprised of cash, temporary investments, accounts receivable, debt reserve funds – Municipal Finance Authority, debentures recoverable from municipalities, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, debentures issued for municipalities, and debentures issued for the Regional District.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Regional District will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Regional District is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities, debentures issued for municipalities and debentures issued for the Regional District. The Regional District manages this risk by holding a sufficient amount of funds in highly liquid investments and closely monitoring cash flows.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Regional District will incur financial losses if a debtor fails to make payments when due. The Regional District is exposed to credit risk on its debenture recoverable from municipalities and accounts receivable. Risk in respect to the debentures recoverable from municipalities is managed primarily by the policies put in place by the Municipal Finance Authority

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**15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, continued**

of British Columbia (“MFA”). The maximum exposure to credit risk in respect to accounts receivable is limited to the carrying amount of accounts receivable, which is managed by credit policies such as limiting the amount of credit extended and obtaining security deposits where appropriate.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Regional District is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the Regional District’s debt servicing costs and the value of certain investments will fluctuate due to changes in interest rates. In respect of debt servicing costs, the risk is minimal as all of the Regional District’s long-term debentures are fixed rate and is usually refinanced every five to ten years as that is when most underlying debentures issued by the MFA mature. Investments subject to interest rate risk include guaranteed investment certificates (Note 2). The amount of risk is minimal due to the short terms of the investments.

**16. SEGMENT REPORTING**

The Regional District provides services to its members, that have been grouped into related departmental functions or service areas for segment reporting purposes. The various segments are as follows:

**Environmental Services**

This segment administers services including solid and liquid waste management, recycling, invasive plant control and developing the Regional District’s Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

**Government – general, rural and local commission**

This segment administers services that relate to the legislative function as well as the administrative and financial management of the Regional District.

**Recreation and culture**

This segment administers services that relate to recreational and cultural activities and organizations within the Regional District.

**Fire protection and emergency response**

This segment administers services related to rural fire protection and rescue services, 9-1-1 services, emergency preparedness and support services, and health and safety planning.

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**16. SEGMENT REPORTING, continued**

**Building inspection, building numbering, planning and development services**

This segment administers services related to long range and current community planning, geographical information services, building inspections, and bylaw enforcement.

**Economic Development**

This segment provides economic and community development services including assisting local community groups in accessing funding opportunities for community and economic initiatives.

**Municipal Debt Payments**

This segment is comprised of debenture debt payments to the Municipal Finance Authority on behalf of other Regional District members.

**Street Lighting and Transportation**

This segment is comprised of services for street lighting and transportation within the Regional District.

**Sewer and Water**

This segment is comprised of services for sewer and water treatment within the Regional District.

**17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Regional Hospital District share the same management team but operate under the governance of a different board of directors.

During the year, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako provided administration and accounting services of \$16,460 (2024 - \$15,536) to the Regional Hospital District.

**18. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Certain prior year figures, presented for comparative purposes, have been reclassified to conform to the current year's financial statement presentation.

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## 19. GROWING COMMUNITY FUND

Growing Communities Fund is provided by the Province of British Columbia. The Growing Communities Fund grants support the delivery of infrastructure projects necessary to enable community growth. Grant funding is incremental to currently planned infrastructure and amenity projects and may include related project costs such as early-stage development work.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Opening balance	<u>\$ 1,055,161</u>	<u>\$ 1,791,927</u>
Add: Amounts received in the year	-	-
Interest earned	<u>27,837</u>	<u>54,986</u>
	<u>27,837</u>	<u>54,986</u>
Less: Amounts spent in the year		
Environmental services	-	(776,838)
Protective services	<b>(358,877)</b>	-
Parks and trails	<b>(149,341)</b>	-
Housing	-	(14,914)
	<u><b>(508,218)</b></u>	<u>(791,752)</u>
Closing balance	<u><u>\$ 574,780</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,055,161</u></u>

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES BY OBJECT

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
	<u>Budget</u> (Note 14)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Staff remuneration and benefits	\$ 7,856,732	\$ 7,449,315	\$ 6,945,787
Purchased services and supplies	6,592,358	4,147,992	3,771,310
Payments to societies	2,611,208	2,717,775	2,770,719
Municipal debt payments	740,270	688,489	713,991
Payments to municipalities	2,454,077	3,313,620	2,651,765
Directors' remuneration	799,803	480,914	504,036
Insurance and permits	335,174	330,605	304,900
Electoral area grants-in-aid	724,000	665,466	385,792
Staff travel and expenses	-	105,883	96,552
Directors' travel and expenses	176,263	93,384	98,811
Interest on debentures	9,606	16,720	16,472
Memberships and dues	33,601	52,183	39,923
Interest	5,000	4,887	3,286
Bad debts	3,500	-	856
Volunteer benefits	3,547	5,339	3,372
Accretion	-	412,112	396,010
Elections	7,000	-	-
Amortization	1,549,127	2,044,592	1,988,380
	<u>\$ 23,901,266</u>	<u>\$ 22,529,276</u>	<u>\$ 20,691,962</u>

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**SCHEDULE OF CONTINUITY OF RESERVE FUNDS**

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
<b>BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 24,254,967</b>	<b>\$ 21,451,331</b>
Contribution to funds	12,680,910	4,070,963
Interest earned on funds	1,244,547	1,464,060
Withdrawals from funds	<u>(5,767,069)</u>	<u>(2,731,387)</u>
<b>BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>32,413,355</u></b>	<b><u>24,254,967</u></b>
Less reserves recorded as deferred revenue (Note 7):		
Climate Action	310,191	348,952
Federal Gas Tax	6,057,713	7,281,574
North West Revenue Sharing	9,486,204	2,160,330
Northern Capital Planning Grant	<u>1,089,402</u>	<u>1,673,993</u>
	<b><u>16,943,510</u></b>	<b><u>11,464,849</u></b>
	<b><u>\$ 15,469,845</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,790,118</u></b>
 <b>REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING RESERVE FUNDS</b>		
911 Capital	\$ 625,845	\$ 710,331
Administrative Equipment	27,215	44,777
Administration/Planning Vehicle	209,366	102,886
Building	916,145	683,400
Building Inspection Vehicle	15,704	58,100
Bulkley Valley Pool	3,121,185	2,751,660
Burns Lake TV Rebroadcasting	61,760	59,303
Bylaw Enforcement	43,844	32,285
Climate Action	310,191	348,952
Cluculz Sewer	101,040	97,022
Rural Election	55,246	43,234
Emergency Prep	67,402	64,721
Federal Gas Tax	6,057,713	7,281,574
Fort Fraser Sewer	495,611	475,899
Fort Fraser Rural Fire Protection	64,854	30,866
Fort Fraser Water	488,044	449,002
Landfill closure	469,051	450,395
Glacier Gulch Water Diversion	14,997	14,401
Growing Community	574,780	1,055,162
Insurance	270,132	257,866
Lakes District Airport	258,725	416,901
Landfill Capital	-	-
Legal	263,424	154,794
Luck Bay Rural Fire Protection	66,774	64,118
Northern Capital Planning Grant	1,089,402	1,673,993
North West Revenue Sharing	9,486,204	2,160,330
Operational	6,954,345	4,423,500
Planning Plotter	-	33,155
Round Lake Rural Fire Protection	6,933	6,658
Smithers Rural Fire Protection	103,126	118,814
Southside Rural Fire Protection Vehicle	27,806	26,700
Topley Fire Department	51,948	44,483
Telkwa Rural Fire Protection	-	9,698
Vanderhoof Pool	<u>114,543</u>	<u>109,987</u>
	<b><u>32,413,355</u></b>	<b><u>24,254,967</u></b>
Less reserves recorded as deferred revenue (Note 7):		
Climate Action	310,191	348,952
Federal Gas Tax	6,057,713	7,281,574
North West Revenue Sharing	9,486,204	2,160,330
Northern Capital Planning Grant	<u>1,089,402</u>	<u>1,673,993</u>
	<b><u>16,943,510</u></b>	<b><u>11,464,849</u></b>
	<b><u>\$ 15,469,845</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,790,118</u></b>

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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
STATEMENT OF TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS**

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	Land	Building	Equipment / Vehicles	Works in Progress	Engineered Structures			Retirement Obligations			2025 Total	2024 Total	
					Water	Sewer	Landfills	Transfer Stations	Regional Parks	Landfill Operations			All Others
<b>COST</b>													
Opening Balance	\$ 791,108	\$ 9,578,764	\$ 12,660,615	\$ -	\$ 5,173,753	\$ 1,788,856	\$ 7,278,698	\$ 6,470,086	\$ 1,768,997	\$ 4,285,671	\$ 645,000	\$ 50,441,548	\$ 47,699,415
Add: Additions	-	183,309	3,503,312	-	20,143	115,469	217,777	188,502	3,336	-	-	4,231,848	2,922,019
Less: Disposals	-	-	(542,134)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,481)	-	-	(547,615)	(179,886)
Less: Write-downs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance	791,108	9,762,073	15,621,793	-	5,193,896	1,904,325	7,496,475	6,658,588	1,766,852	4,285,671	645,000	54,125,781	50,441,548
<b>ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION</b>													
Opening Balance	-	4,117,661	6,975,892	-	1,395,694	548,972	3,195,172	2,797,964	98,532	137,388	29,945	19,297,220	17,443,581
Add: Amortization	-	305,196	876,871	-	97,065	62,322	329,936	254,199	35,337	68,694	14,972	2,044,592	1,988,380
Less: Acc. Amortization on Disposals	-	-	(491,636)	-	-	-	-	-	(110)	-	-	(491,746)	(134,741)
Closing Balance	-	4,422,857	7,361,127	-	1,492,759	611,294	3,525,108	3,052,163	133,759	206,082	44,917	20,850,066	19,297,220
<b>Net Book Value for year ended December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 791,108</b>	<b>\$ 5,339,216</b>	<b>\$ 8,260,666</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,701,137</b>	<b>\$ 1,293,031</b>	<b>\$ 3,971,367</b>	<b>\$ 3,606,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,633,093</b>	<b>\$ 4,079,589</b>	<b>\$ 600,083</b>	<b>\$ 33,275,715</b>	
Net Book Value for year ended December 31, 2024	\$ 791,108	\$ 5,461,103	\$ 5,684,723	\$ -	\$ 3,778,059	\$ 1,239,884	\$ 4,083,526	\$ 3,672,122	\$ 1,670,465	\$ 4,148,283	\$ 615,055		\$ 31,144,328

See notes to the consolidated financial statements.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
SEGMENTED DISCLOSURE**

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	<b>Government - General, Rural and Local</b>	<b>Environmental Services</b>	<b>Recreation and Culture</b>	<b>Fire Protection and Emergency Response</b>	<b>Building Inspection and Planning</b>	<b>Municipal Debt Payments</b>	<b>Street Lighting and Transportation</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Sewer and Water</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>											
Taxation	\$ 3,169,714	\$ 4,416,512	\$ 3,894,167	\$ 2,272,227	\$ 998,270	\$ -	\$ 183,632	\$ 240,053	\$ 127,689	\$ 15,302,264	\$ 14,434,064
Fees, rates and service charges	-	2,822,774	10,811	126,646	129,625	-	78,676	-	88,955	3,257,487	2,163,622
Government transfers	1,643,924	1,813,181	71,979	1,596,051	52,574	-	84,640	-	102,945	5,365,294	2,702,540
Investment income	662,587	-	-	2,329	-	-	-	-	-	664,916	659,459
Other	91,437	(19,196)	(1,874)	128,533	324,408	688,019	1,059	15,000	-	1,227,386	2,160,769
Grants-in-lieu of Taxes	385,861	479,908	265,214	146,115	86,163	-	27,656	56,297	-	1,447,214	1,342,810
	<u>5,953,523</u>	<u>9,513,179</u>	<u>4,240,297</u>	<u>4,271,901</u>	<u>1,591,040</u>	<u>688,019</u>	<u>375,663</u>	<u>311,350</u>	<u>319,589</u>	<u>27,264,561</u>	<u>23,463,264</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>											
Staff Remuneration and Benefits	1,878,753	3,614,278	147,799	650,958	1,119,801	-	37,726	-	-	7,449,315	6,945,787
Purchased services and supplies	806,518	1,842,104	291,719	788,610	97,631	-	221,609	37,700	62,101	4,147,992	3,771,310
Insurance	56,477	128,350	54,720	50,166	34,046	-	6,846	-	-	330,605	304,900
Payments to Societies	371,460	44,600	1,907,208	144,507	-	-	250,000	-	-	2,717,775	2,770,719
Other	1,332,760	404,111	27,654	41,824	27,586	688,019	2,045	-	1,378	2,525,377	2,259,101
Payments to Municipalities	705,506	-	1,343,996	1,116,118	-	-	-	148,000	-	3,313,620	2,651,765
Amortization of capital assets	155,942	1,222,331	232,006	250,027	24,427	-	-	-	159,859	2,044,592	1,988,380
	<u>5,307,416</u>	<u>7,255,774</u>	<u>4,005,102</u>	<u>3,042,210</u>	<u>1,303,491</u>	<u>688,019</u>	<u>518,226</u>	<u>185,700</u>	<u>223,338</u>	<u>22,529,276</u>	<u>20,691,962</u>
<b>NET REVENUE(EXPENSES)</b>	<u>\$ 646,107</u>	<u>\$ 2,257,405</u>	<u>\$ 235,195</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,691</u>	<u>\$ 287,549</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (142,563)</u>	<u>\$ 125,650</u>	<u>\$ 96,251</u>	<u>\$ 4,735,285</u>	<u>\$ 2,771,302</u>

See notes to the financial statements.

**Schedule of Remuneration & Expenses: Directors  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Remuneration</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Total</b>
Atrill, Gladys	Board Member	19,882	3,905	23,787
Brienen, Shane	Board Member - Vice Chair	25,962	2,024	27,986
Cochran, Linda	Commissioner	1,716		1,716
Cochran, William	Commissioner	1,716	125	1,841
Dekens, Leroy	Board Member	17,026	2,831	19,857
Elphee, Martin	Board Member	19,802	2,640	22,442
Fennema, Audrey	Alternate Board Member	657		657
Frenkel, Brian	Alternate Board Member	366	187	552
Greenaway, Judith	Board Member	40,398	17,246	57,643
Kulchar, Alex	Alternate Board Member	362	178	540
Lambert, Clint	Board Member	30,066	10,687	40,753
McGuire, Linda	Board Member	18,894	2,743	21,637
Moon, Shirley	Board Member	35,838	13,124	48,962
Morgan, Annette	Alternate Board Member	361	177	538
Moutray, Kevin	Board Member	18,474	3,534	22,009
Newell, Christopher	Board Member	30,598	13,221	43,819
Parker, Mark	Board Member - Chair	57,631	11,805	69,436
Riis-Christianson, Michael	Board Member	37,334	10,760	48,094
Stoltenberg, Harold	Board Member	32,030	8,260	40,290
Storey, Sarrah	Board Member	17,228	1,345	18,573
Webster, Don	Commissioner	1,716	125	1,841
Webster, Frederick	Commissioner	1,716		1,716
Wiebe, Henry	Board Member	19,184		19,184
Wray, Frank	Alternate Board Member	369	195	564
<b>Total Director Remuneration</b>		<b>429,326</b>	<b>105,111</b>	<b>534,437</b>

<b>Forward from Table</b>	<b>534,437</b>
DIRECTORS' HEALTH BENEFITS	54,346
RECEIVER GENERAL	15,214
EMPLOYER HEALTH TAX	8,372
	<b>612,368</b>

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Directors' Expenses included in supplies	38,070
Directors' Remuneration	480,914
Directors' Travel and Expenses	93,384
	<b>612,368</b>

## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Schedule of Remuneration & Expenses: Employees  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Name	Position	Remuneration	Expenses	Total
Anderson, Cheryl	Director of Corporate Services	153,574	10,333	163,907
Berlin, Jason	Chief Building Inspector	115,716	3,497	119,213
Blackwell, Jason	Regional Fire Chief	98,528	4,178	102,705
Davis, Nellie	Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services	96,939	3,597	100,536
Davis, Steve	Building Inspector	90,865	3,652	94,517
Demarce, Lenard	Landfill Operator 3	103,914	376	104,289
Derksen, Janette	Waste Diversion Supervisor	123,182	3,854	127,035
Dufour, Joseph	Waste Haul Driver Class 1	75,671	904	76,575
Eriksen, Alex	Director of Environmental Services	153,272	619	153,891
Fields, Kimberly	Accounting Clerk 2	79,324	1,476	80,799
Finstad, Jay	Environmental Technician	88,599	1,187	89,786
Halbert, Lawrence	Waste Haul Driver Class 1	83,145	241	83,386
Helgesen, Curtis	Chief Administrative Officer	210,747	14,183	224,930
Illes, John	Chief Financial Officer	175,685	14,616	190,302
Lewarne, Austin	Landfill Attendant	75,414	1,074	76,488
Llewellyn, Jason	Director of Planning	154,203	8,798	163,001
Miller, Crystal	Accounting Clerk 2	77,014	3,743	80,757
Minger, Cole	Environmental Services Operations Supervisor	116,744	3,535	120,279
Neufeld, Rodney	Landfill Operator 2	81,683	202	81,884
Patterson, Danielle	Senior Planner	83,489	4,620	88,109
Peters, Philip	Environmental Services Field Assistant	94,253	-	94,253
Rai, Anusha	Human Resources Advisor	100,507	3,130	103,637
Roberts, William	Training and Safety Supervisor	112,161	2,125	114,285
Sandberg, Maria	Planning and Parks Co-ordinator	97,095	725	97,820
Thompson, Jason	Bylaw Enforcement Officer	84,365	3,681	88,046
Wainwright, Amy	Deputy Director of Planning	75,183	1,759	76,942
Wainwright, Wendy	Deputy Director of Corporate Services	110,923	3,582	114,504
Walker, Christopher	Emergency Services Manager	94,060	6,292	100,352
Wiebe, Daniel	Waste Haul Driver Class 1	82,310	-	82,310
Wiebe, Kenneth	Environmental Services Field Assistant	91,626	-	91,626
Zayac, Scott	Director of Protective Services	125,583	9,079	134,663
<b>Total for Employees &gt; \$75,000</b>		<b>3,305,774</b>	<b>115,054</b>	<b>3,420,828</b>
Total of Employees with remuneration of \$75,000 or less		2,592,592	52,599	2,645,191
<b>Total Employee Remuneration</b>		<b>5,898,366</b>	<b>167,653</b>	<b>6,066,019</b>
<b>Forward From Table</b>		<b>6,066,019</b>		
HEALTH BENEFITS		407,060		
RECEIVER GENERAL (Employers portion of CPP and EI)		348,769		
MUNICIPAL PENSION PLAN		458,964		
EHT		114,166		
WORKSAFE		147,938		
ADJUSTMENT FOR ACCRUALS		12,282		
		<b>7,555,198</b>		
<b>Audited Financial Statements (Page 27)</b>				
Staff Remuneration and Benefits		7,449,315		
Staff Travel and Expenses		105,883		
		<b>7,555,198</b>		

## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

### Schedule of Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Vendor	Amount
1118662 BC LTD DBA OK TIRE	\$ 32,299
ACERA Insurance	\$ 88,448
ADT SECURITY SERVICES CANADA INC	\$ 44,845
ALLIANCE SECURITY LIMITED	\$ 43,867
B V AQUATIC CENTRE MANG. SOCIE	\$ 728,373
B. V. HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOC.	\$ 25,606
BARSNESS SALES & SERVICE INC	\$ 31,360
BC HYDRO	\$ 112,915
BCTRANSIT	\$ 173,974
BESWICK HILDEBRANDT LUND	\$ 31,973
BLACK PRESS GROUP LTD	\$ 50,276
BRANDT TRACTOR LTD	\$ 927,045
BRYANT ELECTRIC LTD	\$ 36,093
BURNS LAKE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY	\$ 51,384
BURNS LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 290,400
BURNS LAKE REBROADCAST SOCIETY	\$ 32,500
BV JET CONTROLS CO	\$ 27,139
BV SEARCH & RESCUE	\$ 26,000
CARO ANALYTICAL SERVICES	\$ 60,176
CITYWEST CABLE & TELEVISION CORP.	\$ 110,658
COLLABRIA	\$ 321,555
CONTAINER WEST MANUFACTURING LTD.	\$ 28,386
DALCHAKO ROAD SERVICES LTD	\$ 27,807
DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED	\$ 26,453
DISTRICT OF FORT ST JAMES	\$ 525,661
DISTRICT OF HOUSTON	\$ 25,005
DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF	\$ 761,587
E. LEES & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING LTD	\$ 61,485
EAGLE AUTOMOTIVE CENTER	\$ 26,323

ENDAKO ROD & GUN CLUB	\$	25,000
ESRI CANADA LIMITED	\$	25,767
FORT GARRY FIRE TRUCKS LTD	\$	1,417,362
FORT SAINT JAMES TV SOCIETY	\$	163,000
FORT ST JAMES LIBRARY	\$	27,029
FORT ST JAMES SKI CLUB	\$	40,000
FRASER LAKE LIBRARY BOARD	\$	66,734
FRASER LAKE REBROADCASTING SOC	\$	90,000
GETSET SOLLUTIONS LTD.	\$	31,728
GRASSY PLAINS COMMUNITY HALL	\$	199,349
HEAVY METAL CO	\$	25,539
HOUSTON SMITHERS REBROADCASTIN	\$	60,000
I.B.E.W. LOCAL 213	\$	46,858
IDEAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$	69,017
IMPACT ENERGY ENGINEERING LTD	\$	29,925
INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMERS	\$	278,237
INLAND KENWORTH	\$	643,585
ION UNITED INC.	\$	37,697
KAL TIRE - BURNS LAKE	\$	34,588
LAKE KATHLYN PROTECTION SOCIETY	\$	39,088
LAKES DISTRICT AIRPORT SOCIETY	\$	250,000
LAKES DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY	\$	66,000
LEKO PRECAST LTD	\$	40,347
M 4 ENTERPRISES	\$	61,684
MAYFAIR INDUSTRIES INC	\$	26,095
MERIK CONTRACTING LTD	\$	33,765
MORBEN CONSTRUCTION LTD	\$	101,829
MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASS. OF BC	\$	281,577
N.W. INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL	\$	52,571
NECHAKO VALLEY EXHIBITION SOC.	\$	50,000
NEIGHBOURLINK	\$	50,000
NORS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CAN GW	\$	34,015
NORTHERN SOCIETY FOR DOMESTIC PEACE	\$	44,907
OMINECA SKI CLUB	\$	39,000
PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD.	\$	78,873
PARKLAND CORPORATION	\$	72,821

PHILIP'S ELECTRIC LTD	\$	60,609
PROVINCE OF BC	\$	121,000
RECEIVER GENERAL	\$	1,793,538
REG. DIST.OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE	\$	472,966
RIDE BURNS MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOC.	\$	25,000
ROUND LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOC.	\$	86,750
SKYBLUE SERVICES CORPORATION	\$	37,737
SMITHERS MOTORS INC.	\$	48,093
SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$	123,689
SOUTHSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	\$	30,236
STELLAT'EN FIRST NATION	\$	42,500
SULLIVAN MOTOR PRODUCTS	\$	59,373
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	\$	369,344
SUNCORP VALUATIONS LTD.	\$	33,122
T & I SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$	26,203
TELKWA MUSEUM SOCIETY	\$	30,000
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$	56,290
TELUS MOBILITY	\$	45,469
THE SMITHERS MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION	\$	40,000
TOPLEY FIRE PROTECTION SOC.	\$	35,075
TOWER COMMUNICATIONS	\$	218,016
TOWN OF SMITHERS	\$	1,007,336
TRACE ASSOCIATES	\$	190,237
ULINE CANADA CORPORATION	\$	25,105
UPLAND AGRICULTURAL CONSULTING LTD.	\$	77,911
VALLEY DIESEL LTD	\$	79,996
VANDERHOOF & DISTRICTS CO-OP	\$	389,500
VANDERHOOF MACHINE WORKS LTD	\$	32,797
VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE	\$	688,165
VILLAGE OF FRASER LAKE	\$	173,442
VILLAGE OF TELKWA	\$	204,651
WEST FRASER CONCRETE LTD.	\$	26,632
WEST POINT RAIL & TIMBER CO.	\$	42,023
WESTECH DIESEL LTD	\$	35,254
WOODMERE EMERGENCY SERVICES SOCIETY	\$	55,000
WORKSAFE BC	\$	147,938

WSP CANADA INC	\$	52,759
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<b>Total of aggregate payments exceeding \$25,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,347,333</b>
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Consolidated total for suppliers paid \$25,000 or less	\$	1,964,870
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>18,312,203</u></b>
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### Reconciliation to Financial Statements

<b>Total Payments to Suppliers as per Table</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,312,203</b>
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Add Decrease in Prepaid expenses	\$	164,812
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Subtract GST included in list of Suppliers	\$	(398,940)
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Subtract Capital Expenditures	\$	(4,231,848)
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Subtract Payroll Expenses	\$	(2,713,398)
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<b>Adjusted Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>11,132,830</u></b>
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<b>Purchased Service and Supplies as per Schedule</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,536,119</b>
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Less Staff and Directors Costs included in Service and Supplies	\$	(100,151)
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Municipal Grants	\$	3,419,639
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Grants to Society	\$	3,277,223
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<b>Adjusted Amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>11,132,830</u></b>
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## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

### Payments for the Purposes of Grants and Contributions For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Jurisdiction	Amount
District of Fort St. James	525,661
District of Houston	25,005
District of Vanderhoof	761,587
Town of Smithers	998,629
Village of Burns Lake	688,165
Village of Fraser Lake	173,442
Village of Telkwa	204,651
Village of Granisle	0
Total Municipal Grants and Contributions	3,377,139
Grants to Indigenous Governments	42,500
<b>Total Grants to Local Governments</b>	<b><u>3,419,639</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation to Financial Statements</b>	
<b>Total Municipal Grants and Contributions as Per Schedule 1</b>	<b>3,313,620</b>
Payments to Local Governments included in Grant in Aid	<b>106,019</b>
<b>To Municipal Grants and Contribution as per Table</b>	<b><u>3,419,639</u></b>

## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

### Payments for the Purposes of Grants and Contributions For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

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### Reconciliation to Financial Statements

<b>Total Municipal Grants and Contributions as Per Schedule 1</b>	<b>3,313,620</b>
Payments to Local Governments included in Grant in Aid	<b>106,019</b>
<b>To Municipal Grants and Contribution as per Table</b>	<b><u><u>3,419,639</u></u></b>

## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

### Payments for the Purposes of Grants and Contributions For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Society	Amount
B V AQUATIC CENTRE MANG. SOCIE	728,373
B. V. HISTORICAL & MUSEUM SOC.	25,606
BULKLEY VALLEY BOWMEN ASSOCIATION	6,700
BULKLEY VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY	15,000
BURNS LAKE AIRSOFT ASSOCIATION	12,850

BURNS LAKE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	5,000
BURNS LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY	290,400
BURNS LAKE REBROADCAST SOCIETY	32,500
BV SEARCH & RESCUE	26,000
CHINOOK EMERGENCY RESPONSE SOCIETY	15,000
CLUCULZ LAKE VOL. FIRE DEPT	16,284
DECKER LAKE REC. COMMISSION	12,000
ENDAKO ROD & GUN CLUB	25,000
FORT FRASER VOL. FIRE DEP.	20,000
FORT SAINT JAMES TV SOCIETY	163,000
FORT ST JAMES LIBRARY	27,029
FORT ST JAMES SKI CLUB	40,000
FRASER LAKE LIBRARY BOARD	66,734
FRASER LAKE REBROADCASTING SOC	90,000
FT. ST. JAMES SNOWMOBILE CLUB	15,000
GRASSY PLAINS COMMUNITY HALL	199,349
GROUNDBREAKERS AGRICULTURAL ASSOC	14,065
HOUSTON FLYING CLUB	23,703
HOUSTON HIKERS SOCIETY	15,000
HOUSTON MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOC.	7,500
HOUSTON SMITHERS REBROADCASTIN	60,000
HOUSTON SNOWMOBILE CLUB	5,000
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH	5,000
LAKE KATHLYN PROTECTION SOCIETY	39,088
LAKES DISTRICT 4-H SENIOR COUNCIL	5,000
LAKES DISTRICT AIRPORT SOCIETY	250,000
LAKES DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL	8,500
LAKES DISTRICT FAIR ASSOC	12,390
LAKES DISTRICT FAMILY ENHANCEMENT SOCIET	18,785
LAKES DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY	66,000
LAKES DISTRICT ROPING CLUB	5,000
LAKES OUTDOOR RECREATION SOC	17,000
MAPES BLACKWATER LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB	18,186
MOUSE MOUNTAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL	7,500
NECHAKO VALLEY EXHIBITION SOC.	50,000
NECHAKO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOC.	8,000
NECHAKO VALLEY SEARCH & RESCUE	6,325
NEIGHBOURLINK	50,000
NORTHERN SOCIETY FOR DOMESTIC PEACE	44,907
NORTHERN SUMMIT VOLLEYBALL CLUB	5,000
OMINECA SKI CLUB	39,000
PAUL LYCHAK COMMUNITY HALL	10,000

RIDE BURNS MOUNTAIN BIKING ASSOC.	25,000
ROUND LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOC.	86,750
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - BRANCH #249	9,345
SMITHERS ART GALLERY	11,540
SMITHERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	6,500
SMITHERS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	15,000
SMITHERS PUBLIC LIBRARY	123,689
SOUTHSIDE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	30,236
SPIRIT NORTH	15,000
STUART LAKE GOLF CLUB	10,000
STUART LAKE NORDIC SOCIETY	10,000
STUART LAKE SENIORS ASSOC.	5,000
TELKWA MUSEUM SOCIETY	30,000
THE SMITHERS MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION	40,000
TOPLEY FIRE PROTECTION SOC.	35,075
TYEE MOUNTAIN TRAIL SOCIETY	15,000
VANDERHOOF AND DISTRICT 4-H	9,500
WOODMERE EMERGENCY SERVICES SOCIETY	55,000

<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,155,408</b>
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Grants to Organizations for a total \$5,000 or less in 2023	121,814
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<b>Total Grants To Societies and School Districts</b>	<b><u>3,277,223</u></b>
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#### **Reconciliation to Financial Statements**

<b>Grants to Societies as per Schedule</b>	<b>2,717,775</b>
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<b>Electoral Area Grant in Aid as per Schedule</b>	<b>559,448</b>
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<b>Grants to Society as per Table</b>	<b><u>3,277,223</u></b>
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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako*****Schedule of Guarantee & Indemnity Agreements***

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

NIL

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has not given any guarantees or indemnities under the Guarantees and Indemnities Regulation.

***Statement of Severance Agreements***

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

There were no severance agreements by the corporation in respect of its employees excluded from coverage under collective agreements.



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board

**From:** Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator and  
Christopher Walker, Emergency Services Manager

**Date:** June 11, 2026

**Subject:** **Seasonal Drought Preparedness and Monitoring**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

Receive.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Following discussions about water availability in the region and the potential for drought conditions in the early spring, staff are providing some information on provincial and regional drought monitoring approaches.

Moving into the late part of spring and the first part of summer, drought levels as of June 3, 2026, are at Level 1 (abnormally dry) for Skeena-Bulkley, and at Level 0 (normal or wetter than normal) for Nechako-Lakes (source: [BC Drought Information Portal](#)). The BC Drought Information Portal has the link to maps indicating drought levels (note the colour scheme change for the different drought levels to reflect the fact that the assessments are data driven), as well as the latest Drought and Water Scarcity Bulletin(s).

In addition to the frequently updated information on the BC Drought Portal, the BC Wildfire Service has a [2026 Season Update](#) that they published mid-April that provides background information with respect to the wildfire potential heading into the latter part of the spring.

Protective Services Staff monitor drought conditions, water scarcity, and snowpack accumulation throughout each year as indicators for several hazards and the risks to the region which is reflected in the Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Analysis. Groundwater Level Conditions in the mapped aquifers can be found through the [River Forecast Centre \(RFC\)](#).

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:

4. Community and Economic Sustainability

Additionally, the recommendation supports the following objective(s) related to this Focus Area(s):

4.2 Revisit, prioritize and advance recommendations of the RDBN Food and Agriculture Plan and the work of the Agriculture Coordinator.



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board

**From:** Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

**Date:** June 11, 2026

**Subject:** **Lakes Resiliency Project Draft Public Engagement**

**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

Receive

### **BACKGROUND**

The Lakes Resiliency Project was initiated following the April 2019 Northern Conference for Wildfire Resiliency in Burns Lake and the Ministry of Forests initial public engagement session in the fall of 2019.

Tara Dunphy, Director, Strategic Initiatives and Forest Landscape Planning, Skeena, Ministry of Forests last presented at the Community of Whole on October 9, 2025 regarding the project.

The Ministry of Forests has invited residents of the Lakes District to share feedback on the draft forest landscape plan (FLP) and associated Land Use Objective Order (LUOR) amendment (attached). The background and project details are outlined at [Lakes Resiliency Project - Forest Landscape Planning Pilot Project - Project Comments - Planning in Partnership](#).

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Lakes Resiliency Project – Engagement Opportunity

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:  
2. Advocacy with the Province

# Lakes Resiliency Project

The Lakes Resiliency Project is one of four provincial pilot Forest Landscape Plan (FLP) projects shaping a new framework for sustainable forest management in British Columbia.

## ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Residents of the Lakes District are invited to share feedback on the draft forest landscape plan (FLP) and associated Land Use Objective Order (LUOR) amendments which will direct forest management in the area.

FLPs are a new approach to forest stewardship that establishes clear direction for the management of forest-related values, such as old forests, biodiversity, ecosystem health, climate change, watershed health and wildfire risk.

FLPs must align with higher-level landscape plans. Land Use Orders set strategic objectives for land use and resource management, through legal orders established under the Land Act. Updating the LUOR for Lakes TSA was not only essential to complete the FLP draft in adherence, but to reflect changing biodiversity objectives due to evolving science and to reflect of the current ecology of the landscape.

People can review the draft FLP and LUOR amendments and share their thoughts through a short survey, open from May 28 to July 31. Feedback may include whether the forestry practice directions in the draft are clearly articulated, or if certain values should be given greater emphasis. Documents can be viewed online and survey can be accessed at [PlanningInPartnership.ca](http://PlanningInPartnership.ca) or via the QR code below.

## VIEWING LOCATIONS

### Skeena Regional Office

3726 Alfred Street, Smithers B.C. V0J 2N0

### Nadina Natural Resource District Office

185 Yellowhead Highway, Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0



PlanningInPartnership.ca



[SIFLP.SkeenaRegion@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SIFLP.SkeenaRegion@gov.bc.ca)



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board

**From:** Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

**Date:** June 11, 2026

**Subject:** **Items to be brought forward to the public agenda from the In-Camera Meeting - April 30, 2026**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** **(all/directors/majority)**

Receive.

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### **BACKGROUND**

As per the Board recommendation, the following motion is being brought forward from the In-Camera meeting of April 30, 2026.

#### **Support for the Village of Fraser Lake's proposal to Amend the Depreciation of Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvements Regulation**

2026-ICM-097

That the Board authorize Regional District staff to work with staff from the Village of Fraser Lake to manage the contract to complete the Economic Impact Study on the Industrial and Electrical Power Generating Facility Improvement Regulation, and;

That the Board allocate to a maximum of \$96,900 from the Regional District's Administrative and/or Economic Development Northern Capital Planning Grant Reserves to contribute towards the costs of this report on behalf of its member municipalities and electoral areas.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:  
2. Advocacy with the Province



BRITISH  
COLUMBIA

May 25, 2026

Reference: 645415

Mark Parker  
Chair  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Email: [mark.parker@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:mark.parker@rdbn.bc.ca)

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am writing to thank you for your participation in the Local Government Advisory Committee on EDMA Regulations (LGAC) and for your involvement in providing input into regulations under the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* (EDMA).

I am pleased to inform you that an Order in Council has now been made to bring into force the EDMA risk assessment and planning requirements for municipalities and regional districts, effective January 1, 2027, and to amend the Emergency and Disaster Management Regulation to support those requirements. These changes follow many meeting hours, thoughtful discussion, and critical feedback that you have provided as a member of the LGAC.

Your passion for emergency management and advocacy on behalf of local governments was clear and integral to the development of these regulations. Thank you for your time and dedication to the committee. I look forward to continued collaboration and conversation with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Greene".

Kelly Greene  
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

CC: Monica Cox, Assistant Deputy Minister, Reconciliation, Strategic Partnerships, Policy and Legislation  
Keith Preston, Executive Director, Policy, Appeals, and Legislation Branch

Dear partners,

On behalf of the BC Road Safety Strategy Steering Committee, I invite you to participate in engagement about the upcoming refresh of the BC Road Safety Strategy.

In 2021 the Steering Committee published the [BC Road Safety Strategy 2025: A Collaborative Framework for Road Safety](#), which brought partners together to develop a collaborative, whole-of-government approach to road safety. Now we are refreshing that work with a new strategy, which will build on the BCRSS 2025.

The new Strategy is being developed by RoadSafetyBC, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, the Ministry of Health and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. It will consist of a high level framework and rolling action plans, with the framework and the first action plan set to be published this fall.

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of injury and death in British Columbia. The BCRSS Steering Committee recognizes the significant role municipalities play in road safety, and the importance of working together to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roads, as a step toward our ultimate goal of Vision Zero. As part of developing the 2030 Strategy and its action plans, we wish to better understand local governments' perspectives and their challenges – shared and unique – around road safety.

The BCRSS engagement sessions are a chance to review and give feedback on the general structure and draft priorities of the BCRSS 2030, along with its first rolling action plan. We want to understand how well the draft Strategy's contents reflect your road safety concerns, and where there may be opportunities for refinement.

Following the engagement, participants will also receive a high-level summary of the feedback that was heard through the conversation.

We also anticipate future opportunities for engagement, as we develop the second rolling action plan for the BCRSS 2030, and when the next road safety strategy is developed.

If you are unable to participate in one of these virtual sessions, written feedback may also be provided by August 31, 2026. If you are interested in providing written feedback, please let us know and we will share additional information to support your submission.

Sincerely,



Toby Louie  
Superintendent of Motor Vehicles  
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

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INCLUDE OTHER REGIONAL DISTRICT LOGOS

File: 0400-20

April , 2026

Sent via email only: [EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Honourable Kelly Greene  
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Dear Minister:

**Re: Request for Continued and Enhanced Funding for Emergency Management**

We are writing to respectfully request the continuation of grant funding for our emergency management programs. Sustained investment in this area is critical to ensuring that our communities remain prepared and resilient.

Given the fiscal climate and the messaging received from the Minister and staff last year, core funding from the Province for emergency management is not a realistic expectation. Further, grant funding programs have not been guaranteed in future years and therefore as regional districts we risk losing critical capacity and momentum. Given the increasing risk of wildfire and extreme weather events, this could compromise our readiness when it is needed the most. For most local governments, grant funding makes up most of our operational budgets for emergency services.

Speaking alongside several regional districts, we can share numerous examples where provincial grant funding is helping to implement new legislative requirements and build and strengthen relationships with Indigenous communities. The outcome of that work is to improve our collective abilities to respond and adapt to climate change and emergencies. Below are several examples from regional districts to reinforce the value Provincial grant funding provides:

**Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding program**

- The CVRD is partnering with K'ómoks First Nation on a climate resilience project at Pélxwikw/ Goose Spit to protect against storm surge, coastal flooding and sea-level rise threats.

*The Comox Valley Regional District respectfully acknowledges the land on which it operates is on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.*

**Indigenous Engagement Requirements Funding program**

- The Comox Valley Emergency Management service provided capacity funding for an emergency liaison for K'ómoks First Nation which is critical for operational efficiency and meaningful partnerships.
- The CVRD has also used Indigenous witnessing to implement cultural safety and protocols for emergency management and long-range planning projects and lay the groundwork for future agreements with Indigenous Governing Bodies.

**Disaster Risk Reduction Climate Adaptation**

- The CVRD has completed flood mapping for the regional district and flood mitigation planning for the K'ómoks Estuary, as well as the restoration and climate adaptation of Dyke Road Park, in partnership with K'ómoks First Nation.

We are asking that grant funding to support the range of emergency management activities continues in the Province of BC. As evidenced in the examples above, community adaptation and resilience is strengthened as result of grant funding. And further, trust and reciprocity between local governments and Indigenous communities is a direct outcome that we can all acknowledge. Over the coming months, and at the UBCM conference in September, many regional districts will share with you more success stories to make the case for continued grant funding. Thank you for taking the time to understand the local impacts that provincial funds make on community readiness. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Will Cole-Hamilton  
Chair, Comox Valley Regional District

**INCLUDE OTHER REGIONAL DISTRICT CHAIR SIGNATURES**



The Corporation of the  
District of Central Saanich

May 21, 2026

Honourable Christine Boyle, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4  
Via email: [HMA.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:HMA.minister@gov.bc.ca)

The Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance  
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9E2  
Via email: [FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Ministers Boyle and Bailey,

**RE: Request for Dedicated Provincial Funding to Support Municipalities That Achieve Provincially Mandated Housing Targets**

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On behalf of the Council of the District of Central Saanich, I am writing to acknowledge the Province of British Columbia's leadership in addressing the housing crisis through the establishment of mandatory housing targets for local governments. We share the Province's commitment to increasing housing supply and supporting complete, livable communities across British Columbia.

The District of Central Saanich has proactively responded to provincial housing initiatives and requirements. Council and staff have undertaken significant planning, policy, and regulatory work to facilitate increased housing supply, including substantive housing-related land use policy changes, zoning bylaw amendments, and updates to our Official Community Plan. These actions required considerable municipal resources and reflect Council's strong commitment to meeting, and in several cases exceeding, our provincially mandated housing targets.

While Central Saanich is proud of its progress, the rapid pace and scale of housing delivery required to meet provincial targets generates corresponding growth-related pressures on municipal operations, neighbourhood livability, and community infrastructure. Increased development activity places added demands on staff capacity, traffic and transportation systems, water, sewer, stormwater, and utility infrastructure, as well as parks, recreation facilities, and other public amenities that support a high quality of life.

Local governments that demonstrate leadership and compliance with provincial housing mandates play a critical role in achieving shared provincial objectives. To that end, Council respectfully requests that the Province establish a dedicated funding stream for municipalities that have successfully implemented housing-enabling policy and regulatory changes and achieved or exceeded their housing targets. Such a program would recognize municipal leadership, incentivize continued housing creation, and ensure communities have the tools necessary to manage growth responsibly.

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Specifically, the District of Central Saanich urges the Province to consider funding that may be allocated to:

- Municipal operational capacity, including staffing and systems required to manage increased development activity and service demands;
- Neighbourhood infrastructure improvements, such as traffic calming initiatives, pedestrian safety enhancements, and active transportation infrastructure;
- Civil infrastructure upgrades, including water, sewer, stormwater, and utility capacity expansions required to support additional housing; and
- Public amenities, including parks, recreation facilities, community spaces, and other infrastructure that contributes to complete, livable, and resilient neighbourhoods.

Central Saanich has demonstrated strong alignment with provincial housing objectives through timely policy implementation and regulatory reform. However, without dedicated growth-related funding, municipalities risk falling behind in delivering the infrastructure and services needed to support the very housing supply the Province seeks to accelerate.

We would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Province to further refine this approach and to share Central Saanich's experience as a community that has embraced housing reform. Council also intends to share this correspondence with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and neighbouring local governments to support broader regional and provincial advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and leadership in addressing British Columbia's housing challenges. We look forward to your consideration of this request and to ongoing collaboration to support sustainable growth and livable communities. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Planning and Building Services, at [Jarret.Matanowitsch@csaanich.ca](mailto:Jarret.Matanowitsch@csaanich.ca).

Sincerely,

Mayor Ryan Windsor

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)



# Rebrand: CCBF is now the Build Communities Strong Fund–Community Stream

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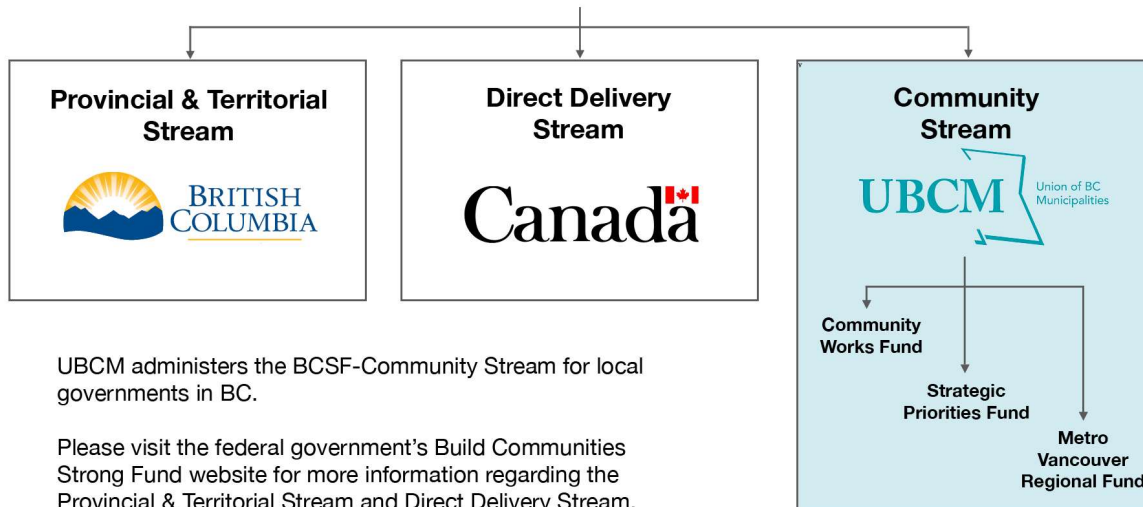
Funding will be unchanged for BC local governments, but the name of this regular allocation has been changed to the Build Communities Strong Fund–Community Stream.

What was the Canada Community-Building Fund has been integrated into the federal government’s Build Communities Strong Fund which has three national streams: Community Stream; Direct Delivery Stream; and Provincial/Territorial Stream.

UBCM will continue to administer the BCSF-Community Stream as we had done for CCBF in BC since 2005 (when it was called the Gas Tax), with no change to the existing delivery streams. This includes the existing three streams for BC local governments:

1. Community Works Fund: Allocation based funding, transferred twice a year to all local governments in BC.
2. Strategic Priorities Fund: Application based funding for regionally significant projects.

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3. Metro Vancouver Regional Fund: Pooled from the CWF allocation local governments in the Metro Vancouver area for transportation investments through TransLink.

Information on the Provincial/Territorial and Direct Delivery Stream can be found on the [Federal Housing and Infrastructure website](#).

The Build Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream provides predictable, long-term and stable funding to local governments in British Columbia for investment in infrastructure and capacity-building projects. Over the 10 years of the Agreement, British Columbia is expected to receive a transfer of \$3.6 billion in funding from Canada.

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Dear Chair and Board,

Once again, BC Hydro will be participating in the 2026 UBCM Convention in Vancouver, the week of September 14. During the convention, our executives and senior staff will be available to meet with local government officials. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity for focused discussions on topics that matter most to your community.

To request a meeting, please complete and submit our [Meeting Request Form](#) by **Tuesday, June 30**. Meeting times are limited to 20 minutes to accommodate as many local governments as possible. As time is limited, we ask you to focus on a single topic to ensure a productive and meaningful discussion.

While we welcome the chance to connect at UBCM, please know you never need to wait for the convention to meet with us or to raise issues important to your community - we're always available to connect whenever it is helpful. Feel free to reach out to me at any time to schedule a meeting.

For questions related to the [Meeting Request Form](#), please contact Matt Lahti, [matt.lahti@bchydro.com](mailto:matt.lahti@bchydro.com).

Full meeting details, including date, time and location, will be shared in early September.

Sincerely,  
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