



## **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 25, 2026**

Directors Present: Chair Mark Parker  
Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brienen  
Leroy Dekens - left at 10:39 a.m., returned at 10:49 a.m., left at 11:05 a.m., returned at 11:10 a.m.  
Martin Elphee  
Judy Greenaway  
Clint Lambert - arrived at 10:22 a.m.  
Linda McGuire  
Shirley Moon  
Kevin Moutray  
Chris Newell  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Stoney Stoltenberg  
Sarraah Storey - returned from lunch at 12:42 p.m.  
Henry Wiebe

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - left at 11:41 a.m.  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services - left at 11:31 a.m., returned at 11:34 a.m., left at 12:05 p.m.

Others: Merewyn Comeau, LD News - Black Press - via Zoom  
Joan Isac, Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Lead, Pacific Northern Gas - left at 10:30 a.m.  
David Keir, Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations, Pacific Northern Gas - left at 10:30 a.m.

Ron Poole, Poole Consulting - arrived at 12:41 p.m.  
Herb Pond, Steering Committee, RBA - via Zoom -  
arrived at 12:50 p.m.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **First Nations Acknowledgement**

### **AGENDA**

**June 25, 2026**

**2026-BM-448**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Agenda for June 25, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **MINUTES**

**Board Meeting Minutes - June 11, 2026**

**2026-BM-449**

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Moon

That the Board Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Rural Services Committee Meeting Minutes - June 11, 2026**

**2026-BM-450**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Rural Services Committee Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2026 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS - David Keir, Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations and Joan Isac, Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Lead**

Re: 2025-2027 Revenue Requirement Application - BCUC Decision and PNG's Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Chair Parker welcomed David Keir, Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations and Joan Isac, Indigenous and Stakeholder Relations Lead, Pacific Northern Gas (PNG).

Mr. Keir and Ms. Isac provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. Status Update

- Revenue Requirement Decision
- Pipeline Integrity Management
- Integrity Management Program
- Integrity Dig Work in Progress
- Right-of-way after Registration and Regrowth
- Automatic Metre Reading (Modernization)
- PNG.ca/Rebates
- Case Study: REALice Technology for community ice rinks
- Supporting Regional Economic Development
- Supporting Community Growth.

The following was discussed:

- Remote mines and industry rely on propane
  - Liquefaction of gas
  - PNG continues to assess possibilities including compressed natural gas (CNG)
    - Economics is dependent on transportation cost
    - Becoming more involved finding solutions to utilize natural gas in addressing the de-carbonization move from propane/diesel to natural gas
- Ms. Isac will follow up regarding the process of applying a patch to the pipeline

- Manual removal of trees on pipeline right-of-way
- BC Utilities Commission decision regarding the deferral of PNG's revenue requirement through to 2029 and increasing clientele
- Rebate program public education
- Automatic Metre Program
  - PNG comparison to BC Hydro Smart Metre Program
  - PNG Automatic Metre Program is not a time of use program
  - Date will create a more accurate reading of usage and billing.

Chair Parker thanked Mr. Keir and Ms. Isac for attending the meeting.

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Referrals**

#### **Trevor Moffat, Planning Summer Student - Crown Land Referral 7410409 Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)**

##### **2026-BM-451**

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application No. 7410409.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Other**

#### **Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner - Special Events Licence Application SEL A-01-25 – Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)**

##### **2026-BM-452**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Atrill

That the Board approve the issuance of Special Event Licence A-01-25 to allow a three-day secondary school reunion for up to 750 attendees at 1545 Highway 16 East.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services - Section 57 Notice on Title Process**

**2026-BM-453**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Elphee

That staff change their approach to the Section 57 notice on title process by submitting recommendations to the Board for the placement of notices on title as a routine first step where a non-compliance is noticed and compliance is not immediately obtained.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services - Budget 2027 Presentation on Affordable Housing**

**2026-BM-454**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Board receive the Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services' Budget 2027 Presentation on Affordable Housing memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION BYLAWS**

**Bylaw for First, Second and Third Reading**

**Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Southside Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2114, 2026**

**2026-BM-455**

Moved by Director Lambert

Seconded by Director Moutray

That Southside Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2114, 2026 be given first, second, and third reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services - Committee Meeting Recommendations - June 11, 2026**

#### **2026-BM-456**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Greenaway

That the Board approve recommendations 1 and 2 as written.

#### **Rural Services Committee Meeting – June 11, 2026**

##### **Recommendation 1:**

##### **Re: Grant Funding Review**

That the Board direct staff to research RBA funding options for ownership/partnership possibilities for infrastructure owned by societies.

##### **Recommendation 2:**

##### **Re: Community Hall Insurance**

That the Board direct staff to explore pooled insurance for community halls within the region and bring forward a report at a future Board meeting.

### **John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - Directors' Remuneration Update**

Discussion

CAO Helgesen provided an overview of the Directors' Remuneration Update memorandum and supporting documentation along with neighbouring Regional Districts public SOFI reports.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Fair and equitable remuneration
- Recognizing the duties and responsibilities and increasing demands that elected officials are experiencing
- Travel costs for Directors traveling to events within the region but more than 100-200 km distances
  - Mileage reimbursements not fully accounting for vehicle wear
- Recognizing the challenges for small communities to provide equitable compensation packages in relation to larger local governments and Regional Districts
- Technology provided to all Directors, including municipal Directors to address security requirements
- Reviewing meal allowances for travel outside the RDBN
- Chair and Directors remuneration below the provincial median and needs review

- Third-party review process to assess remuneration and provide recommendations
  - Challenges to find qualified participants and coordinating the review process
  - Consideration of an independent review process
- Collaboration with other local governments to share data collection and compensation reviews
- Remuneration in relation to attracting diverse candidates, including younger residents, professionals, and those with families
- Factors impacting elected officials:
  - increasing workloads
  - downloading of responsibilities
  - mental health impacts
  - public scrutiny
  - absence of pension plans
- Consumer Price Index adjustments included in the current Bylaw
- Compensation appropriately reflecting the value and complexity of the role
- Mindful of taxpayer impacts
- Review remuneration relative to provincial medians and comparable regional districts
- Adjustments overtime to ensure remuneration compensation does not fall further behind the provincial average
- Cost analysis including remuneration increase scenarios and tax implications
- Bringing forward the Directors' Remuneration Bylaw for consideration in August 2026.

**John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - Appointment of a Director to the Chinook Community Forest Board**

**2026-BM-457**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That Mr. Bill Miller be appointed to the Chinook Community Forest Board effective at the next Chinook AGM for a period of 4 years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services- Grant in Aid for Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 Smithers - Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)**

**2026-BM-458**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Atrill

That the Board approve a Regional Grant in Aid of \$13,388 from the Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) allocation to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 Smithers for a Veterans Crosswalk project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services- Grant in Aid for Ootsa Lake Bible Camp Geothermal Heating Project - Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

**2026-BM-459**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Board approve a Regional Grant in Aid of \$10,000 split 50/50 between the Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) allocations for a geothermal heating system project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Build Communities Strong Fund, Community Stream Grant to District of Fort St. James for Cottonwood Marina Upgrade Project - Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)**

**2026-BM-460**

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Board approve a Regional Grant in Aid of \$13,388 from the Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) allocation to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 Smithers for a Veterans Crosswalk project.

**(participants/weighted/majority)**

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services – Build Communities Strong Fund, Community Stream Grant to District of Fort St. James for Fort Forum Upgrade Project - Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)**

**2026-BM-461**

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Elphee

1) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$50,000 of Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Build Communities Strong Fund allocation monies to the District of Fort St. James for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the Fort Forum Arena, and;

**(participants/weighted/majority)**

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services and Kia Nitchie First Nations Liaison - Grant to Saik'uz First Nation for Community Garden Project - Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)**

**2026-BM-462**

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Storey

1) That the Board approve a \$1,000 Regional Grant in Aid from the Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) allocation to Saik'uz First Nation, and;

2) That the Board approve a \$7,000 grant to Saik'uz First Nation from the RDBN's allocation of Northwest BC Regional Funding (RBA) for the Community Garden Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Cameron Hart, Community Development Coordinator - Business Facade Improvement Program Guide Update**

**2026-BM-463**

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That the Board approve the amendments to the Business Facade Improvement Program Guide to include permanent signage on the applicant property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Cameron Hart, Community Development Coordinator - Business Facade Improvement Program Application – Tatalrose Corner Store**

Director Lambert removed himself from the meeting at 11:38 a.m. due to a conflict of interest regarding a business interest in Tatalrose Corner Store.

**2026-BM-464**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Newell

That the Board approve a \$5,000 grant to Tatalrose Corner Store & Custom Meats through the 2026 Business Facade Improvement Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Lambert returned at 11:39 a.m.

**Cameron Hart, Community Development Coordinator - 2025 Annual Report**

**2026-BM-465**

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Board approve the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako 2025 Annual Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief - Bill M214 – Firefighters Health Act**

**2026-BM-466**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Moutray

That staff draft a letter to the Honourable David Eby outlining the RDBN's concerns regarding Bill M214-Firefighters Health Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Regional District of Fraser-Fort George - 9-1-1 Call Answer Repatriation Project Update**

**2026-BM-467**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George regarding 9-1-1 Call Answer Repatriation Project Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Regional District of Okanagan-Smilkeem - National Economic Infrastructure Priority West Coast Corridor Resiliency Partnership**

**2026-BM-468**

Moved by Director Brien

Seconded by Director Storey

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Regional District of Okanagan-Smilkeem regarding National Economic Infrastructure Priority West Coast Corridor Resiliency Partnership.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Atrill spoke of considering a similar initiative in northern B.C. and Chair Parker noted the inclusion of CN Rail.

### **Community Farmland Trust - Request for Endorsement and Partnership Support**

**2026-BM-469**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Moon

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Community Farmland Trust regarding Request for Endorsement and Partnership Support.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding staff providing a response noting the RDBN's interest in hearing if land within the RDBN is identified and keeping the Board apprised of the project's progression.

**Union of B.C. Municipalities - 2025 CEPF: Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) Exercise and Evacuation Workshop**

**2026-BM-470**

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities - 2025 CEPF: Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) Exercise and Evacuation Workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

Village of Granisle - Director McGuire

- Father's Day Fishing Derby was successful, with an 8.4 lb winning char by a Burns Lake resident
- Mall remediation is progressing and hopefully by the end of summer the commercial property space will be completed and can be advertised and marketed
- Moving in a positive direction regarding the water issues, awaiting Northern Health's guidance the most recent results
- Hired a new Grant Writer working remotely
- Planning for Canada Day celebrations is underway, although securing vendors for a mid-week event is challenging.

Village of Burns Lake - Director Wiebe

- Construction of previously burned buildings is underway
- The proposed Tim Horton's build is currently on hold.

Village of Telkwa - Director Dekens

- Construction of a new water line on Highway 16 will begin July 6 to be completed in September
- Road maintenance work is ongoing
- Paving of Phase 3 of the Cycle 16 Trail is commencing and Phase 4 will follow completion of the water line project
- Director Dekens announced the recent sale of his Gas Station business and extended congratulations to the new owners.

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

- Attended a meeting at Wisteria Hall with Rio Tinto and discussed future plans
- Lightening caused wildfires started yesterday and this morning on the Southside with resources and response efforts ongoing.

### Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural - Director Greenaway

- Nak'azdli Whut'en, the District of Fort St. James, and Electoral Area C have jointly hired Jamie Fraser, Healthcare Attraction position for Fort St. James and area. She has been in the position for a couple of weeks and will focus on attracting healthcare professions to the community
- Attended a meeting with Northern Health, along with Chair Parker and CAO Helgesen to discuss impacts to healthcare from work camps and industrial development
- Received a letter from Pinche Lake residents regarding woodlot logging activities in the area
  - Brought forward environmental and biodiversity concerns
  - Will send a letter to the concerned residents and forward the information to the District Manager, Stuart-Nechako, Ministry of Forests.

### Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) - Director Newell

- Ministry of Forests conducted grading work on the Morice-Owen Forest Service Road recently
- Expressed condolences and the impacts of a recent loss of a young person in the community from illicit drugs
- Brought forward concerns with licensees moving harvested timber out of the region.

### Town of Smithers - Director Atrill

- Council approved moving forward with the HEART (Homeless Encampment Action Response Team) and HEARTH (Homeless Encampment Action Response Temporary Housing) program with 25 interim, year-round shelter with a pathway toward permanent supportive housing proposed to be operational by November 2026 with the goal of closing the temporary shelter
- On June 17th the Town of Smithers presented the Freedom of the Municipality to Chief Timberwolf, Mabel Forsythe, Gitdumden (Bear Clan), this is the first time the honour has been bestowed upon a woman and an indigenous person
  - The ceremony took place at Town Hall with a well attended event at the Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre with a short film showcasing Chief Timberwolf's

contributions

- Community 2 Community (C2C) forum at Glenwood Hall followed on June 18th
- Town of Smithers and Office of the Wet'suwet'en hired Tyler McCreary for the Wet'suwet'en Ambassador position.

District of Houston - Director Brien

- Summer construction and infrastructure projects are moving forward with the support of grant funding
  - Bike/walking path being developed along Mountain View
  - Bymac Park upgrades was awarded to a local contractor through the competitive bid process
  - Indigenous partnered projects
    - Friendship Centre
    - Daycare Facility
    - 40-unit housing project
  - Recruiting a new CAO
- On going forestry sector financial challenges of a \$1.2 M shortfall in property taxes from the Canfor Sawmill closure
  - District created a transition reserve fund when West Fraser closed its sawmill in the community which has helped to offset the transition budget shortfall from the more recent closure of the Canfor sawmill
  - A small amount of the budget shortfall has been relieved by RBA and other grant funds
  - Hired Bloom Centre for Municipal Education, an Alberta consulting company to develop a plan to transition the economy.

**Break for lunch at 12:05 p.m.**

**Returned at 12:41 p.m.**

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) - Director Moon

- Cattle prices remain strong
- Concerns regarding feed shortages and pasture conditions
- Current conditions may potentially increase livestock sales and feeding challenges.

### Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) - Director Stoltenberg

- Attended Keeping-it-Rural Conference in Kelowna
  - Received information regarding renewable energy initiatives, including solar and a vehicle mounted systems road condition monitoring technology
- Father's Day Fishing Derby at Tyhee Lake was well attended and successful.

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

- Attended a virtual information session with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health regarding recruitment and retention
  - Noted the work being completed by the Village of Burns Lake and Areas B and E regarding recruitment of physicians
  - Discussed working with UBCM to create a data bank of information
  - Main issue facing recruitment and retention of medical professionals is the lack of available housing.

### District of Vanderhoof - Director Moutray

- 100-year Centennial Celebration July 4-5
  - VIP Invitations - those wanting to attend may reach out to Mayor Moutray.
- RCMP
  - Staffing position shortage
  - Brought forward concerns to the Province
    - Traffic RCMP members were diverted to assist during the FIFA games
- Health Career Access Program (HCAP)
  - Received notification that the HCAP has been canceled at the Collage of New Caledonia due to a lack of registrants
  - Impact to staffing levels with the need for Care Aids.
- Canfor Sawmill closure
  - Concerns brought forward that since the closure under Harvest License A18157 there has been just under 490,000m<sup>3</sup> of timber that has been transported elsewhere
- Discussion with provincial representatives regarding youth employment rates and labour force challenges.

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

- Apollo Forest Products mill operations have increased to five days per week following a recent curtailment
- Three years of the five-year water connection project completed
- Completion of Spirit Square upgrades and the acquisition of an adjacent property.

### Village of Fraser Lake - Director Storey

- Work to focus on a Community Waterfront Development Plan
- Hotel development announcement was made during National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations
- Participating in the recruitment of a new Executive Director for UBCM.

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

- Signed protocol agreement with Saik'uz First Nation at the end of May
- Attended the following:
  - Rio Tinto meeting at Wisteria
  - Sturgeon release in Vanderhoof
    - Approximately 900 students in attendance
    - Opportunity to interact with community members
  - Ministry of Forest regarding the European Union regulations regarding deforestation and the impacts to the agriculture landowners
    - Attended a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) meeting
      - Follow up with provincial and federal representatives to provide an understanding of impacts to local agriculture landowners and Canada's low risk of deforestation
  - Northern Health to discuss camps and industrial pressures on health care in the region
    - Will attend a future Board meeting as a delegation
  - Met with the new UNBC President
- Thanked Director Atrill for presenting on behalf of the Regional District to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on the provincial Budget 2027 Consultation regarding affordable housing.

## **RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS**

### **2026-BM-471**

Moved by Director McGuire

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Provincial Update**

Director Moutray brought forward concerns regarding the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship inconsistencies between information regarding drought conditions and wildfire danger ratings in the region. Current drought assessments may not accurately reflect agricultural conditions and local soil moisture levels across the region.

Chair Parker mentioned the research being conducted by UNBC that uses soil moisture sensors in agricultural fields and the data is being uploaded and mapped to provide more accurate measurements of on the ground conditions. Sensors have been installed in Chair Parker's fields.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Possibility of expanding monitoring locations
- Significant difference in soil conditions across the area
- Challenges with different ministries arriving at differing conclusions with similar information.
  - Level 1 drought conditions with extreme wildfire danger ratings.

### **2026-BM-472**

Moved by Director Moutray

Seconded by Director Lambert

That the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and BC Wildfire Service requesting clarification regarding the different ministries arriving at different conclusions for drought ratings and fire rating for the region with similar information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Recruitment and Retention

Director Newell brought forward the importance of encouraging Northern Health, Ministry of Education, RCMP and other agencies to purchase housing in rural communities to encourage and attempt to eliminate housing as a barrier to recruitment and retention of professionals to rural communities. Director Riis-Christianson noted that housing is provided in some communities and recognized the Province canceling funding for community housing projects that may of helped ease the strain for housing in communities. Discussion took place regarding the challenges that still arise with housing being provided. The Board discussed possible advocacy initiatives.

### Community Pastures

Director Moon noted that along with Chair Parker and Trevor Tapp, RDBN Agriculture Coordinator attended a meeting with the Ministry of Forests Range representatives in Vanderhoof to discuss challenges associated with community pastures and access for young farmers. Director Moon requested staff provide some time to research community pastures in other areas of the province and neighbouring Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

#### **2026-BM-473**

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Newell

That the Board direct staff to research community pastures and community pasture initiatives in other areas of the Province and the neighbouring Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan; and further, community fire buffers be considered for new range development to assist with fire mitigation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **IN-CAMERA MOTION**

#### **2026-BM-474**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1)(c), and 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* for the Board to deal with matters relating to:

- Labour Relations
- Connectivity
- First Nations
- RBA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2026-BM-475**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Newell

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mark Parker, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services