

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NO. 3

Thursday, March 7, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Jerry Petersen

Directors Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
Absent Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)
Kim Watt-Senner, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Director Doug Bysouth, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

2019-3-1 "In accordance with Section 220 of the *Local Government Act*, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors calls a Special Board Meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-3-2 "That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of March 7, 2019 be approved as amended to include an In-Camera Motion; and, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

REPORTS

RDBN Agenda Distribution for April 4 Committee Meetings

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brien

2019-3-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize distribution of agendas on March 29, 2019 for the April 4, 2019 Committee meetings.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds -Electoral Area “C”; Fort St. James Rural – RDBN Recycle Depot – Set-up

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-3-4

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$150,000 (plus recoverable GST) of Electoral Area “C” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies if no alternative funding is available for the set-up of the Recycle Depot, located at the Fort St. James Transfer Station, and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$150,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds -Electoral Area “G”; Houston Rural – RDBN Recycle Depot – Set-up

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brien

2019-3-5

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$95,000 (plus recoverable GST) of Electoral Area “G” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies if no alternative funding is available for the set-up of the Recycle Depot, located at the old landfill site on Mountainview Drive in Houston, and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$95,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Budget Update and
Environmental Services
Proposal

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-3-6

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's February 26, 2019 memo titled "Budget Update and Environmental Services Proposal;" and,
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to include the Environmental Services budget in the 2019 Budget on March 21, 2019; and,
3. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to include a \$50,000 contribution to operational reserves be added to General Government in 2019"; and,
4. That if the Houston Transfer and Recycling Station is an eligible capital expense under the recently announced Northern Capital and Planning grant being provided to the Regional District that \$700,000 be provided to this project to offset general taxation for years 2020 to 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Budget Update and
Environmental Services
Proposal

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brien

2019-3-7

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's February 26, 2019 memo titled "Budget Update and Environmental Services Proposal;" and,
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to include the Environmental Services budget in the 2019 Budget on March 21, 2019; and,
3. That if the Houston Transfer and Recycling Station is an eligible capital expense under the recently announced Northern Capital and Planning grant being provided to the Regional District that \$700,000 be provided to this project to offset general taxation for years 2020 to 2023."

Opposed: Director Petersen CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Memo

Northern Conference for Wildfire Resilience

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-3-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the RDBN’s Agriculture Coordinator and Director of Protective Services attendance at the Northern Conference for Wildfire Resilience April 24-26, 2019 in Burns Lake, B.C.;

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

2019-3-9

“That Motion 2019-3-8 be amended as follows:

and further, that Agriculture Chair Mark Parker and Forestry Chair Brad Layton be authorized to attend the Northern Conference for Wildfire Resilience with costs being allocated to General Government Budget; and further, that the RDBN Board of Directors authorize any Rural Directors wanting to attend may do so with costs being allocated from the Rural Directors Discretionary Travel Budget.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

“That the question be called on Motion 2019-3-8 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Rio Tinto’s BC Works -Water Engagement Initiative -Follow up to Recent Correspondence/Information Session for Rio Tinto’s Water Engagement Initiative

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-3-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to write a letter to Rio Tinto’s BC Works providing notification that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors will participate in Rio Tinto BC Works – Water Engagement Initiative as observers only; and will consider engaging once the First Nations, Province of British Columbia and Government of Canada are engaging in the process; and further, that the letter be cc’d to the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD); Ted White, Director and Controller of Water Rights, Resource Stewardship Division, FLNRORD; the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and First Nations stakeholders.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION BYLAWS

Bylaws for First, Second and Third Reading

No. 1862 –RDBN Emergency Program Service Establishment Amendment Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Brienen

2019-3-11

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Program Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1862, 2019” be given first, second and third reading this 7th day of March, 2019.”

OPPOSED: Director Petersen CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

No. 1863 –Cluculz Lake Emergency Response Team (CLERT) Contribution Local Service Establishment Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brienen

2019-3-12

“That “Cluculz Lake Emergency Response Team (CLERT) Contribution Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1863, 2019” be given first, second and third reading this 7th day of March, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Asset Management Plan -RDBN Office Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-3-13

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s February 26, 2019 memo titled “Asset management Plan – RDBN Office.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NCLGA Resolution – Provincial Download Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-3-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the North Central Local Government Resolution titled “Provincial Download.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Emergency Preparedness and Response Resolution

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-3-15

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors request that the North Central Local Government Association accept a late submission for the following resolutions:

- Community Resilience Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding
- Permitting Entry into an Evacuation Order Area; and,
- Stay and Defend Policy”.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATION

Minister of Citizens’ Services -Invitation – Connecting B.C.’s Rural Communities – March 8, 2019

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-3-16

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Director Fisher’s attendance at the Minister of Citizens’ Services – Connecting B.C.’s Rural Communities – March 8, 2019 announcement in Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Agriculture Recovery -Wildfire Event 2018

Director Parker brought forward concerns in regard to payment for agriculture recovery for the wildfire event in 2018. He brought forward an issue where due to the timeline to determine if a farmer is eligible for funding decisions were made to sell off part of the herd thus impacting the future operation of the farm. The recovery funds received are taxable and impact the receipt of their agriculture stability funding thus impacting the operations further. Director Parker spoke with Ministry of Agriculture staff and there is an awareness of the issue and a letter has been requested from the Regional Board in regard to the issue.

Write a Letter to the Ministry of Agriculture re: Agriculture Recovery-Wildfire Event 2018

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-3-17

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff in consultation with Director Parker to write a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture outlining the issues associated with the Wildfire Event 2018 Agriculture Recovery funding being taxable and the impact to farming operations.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-3-18

“In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations, may be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Playfair
Seconded by Director Fisher

2019-3-19

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant