

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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
Kim Watt-Senner

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

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

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director Environmental Services – arrived at 10:47 a.m.
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator
Brittany Evans, Protective Services Assistant
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Protective Services
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:47 a.m.
Rebecca Rodriguez, Interim Emergency Services Manager
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Elaine Wiebe, Environmental Services Assistant – arrived at 10:47 a.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services administered the Oath of Office to Doug Bysouth, Alternate Director, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural).

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2019-2-1

"That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of March 7, 2019 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Minutes –January 3, 2019

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-2-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 3, 2019 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Travel Reminders

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Layton

C.W.2019-2-3

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s February 26, 2019 memo titled “Travel Reminders.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Remuneration Bylaw Policy Update

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Playfair

C.W.2019-2-4

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s February 26, 2019 memo titled “Remuneration Bylaw Policy Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wildfire/Emergency Preparedness and Response Strategic Priorities

Moved by Director Brienon
Seconded by Director Layton

C.W.2019-2-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Planning and Protective Services’ February 27, 2019 memo titled “Wildfire/Emergency Preparedness and Response Strategic Priorities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the Regional Board of Directors continuing to advocate for Emergency Preparedness and Response Resolutions that are presented on the March 7, 2019 Special Board Meeting Supplementary Agenda.

Director Fisher spoke of meeting with community partners, BC Wildfire Service, RDBN Staff and Fire Chiefs in regard to neighborhood response. Director Layton noted that as RDBN Forestry Chair he is working to have presentations brought forward to the RDBN Forestry Committee.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

RBA Strategic Priority

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2019-2-6

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Administrative Officer's February 26, 2019 memo titled "RBA – Strategic Priority."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table Update

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-2-7

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator's February 22, 2019 memo titled "Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Peace of Mind Campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society Kordyban Lodge -Request for Support

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-2-8

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to include an increase to the Regional Grant in Aid budget of \$25,000 to contribute \$25,000 to the Peace of Mind Campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society Kordyban Lodge."

Opposed: Director Fisher
Director Funk
Director Lambert
Director Parker

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Jim Snetsinger, RPF - Lakes TSR Update

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-2-9

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from Jim Snetsinger, RPF – Lakes TSR Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATIONS

Community Futures Nadina
Making Resilience and
Recovery the New Norm

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

C.W.2019-2-10

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the invitation from Community Futures Nadina –Making Resilience and Recovery the New Norm.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Request for Feedback
Broadband Study

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

C.W.2019-2-11

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s March 6, 2019 memo titled “Request for Feedback – Broadband Study;” and further, that the Regional Board may provide feedback to staff by March 12, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary
Secretary for Emergency
Management

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2019-2-12

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Management.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concerns were brought forward in regard to the impact to Volunteer Fire Department road rescue and medical assist functions in regard to EMBC not issuing task numbers to reimburse fire departments for road rescue services in areas covered by any type of road rescue service supported by local government bylaw.

Staff are currently completing a comprehensive report to be brought forward to the Regional Board in May, 2019 and will bring forward a report in regard to road rescue and medical assistance in April, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Playfair

C.W.2019-2-13

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:28 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant