



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
Thursday, July 18, 2019

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ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
-BC Government Interior Forest Sector
Renewal Forest Policy Engagement Sessions
-Burns Lake July 25, 2019, Houston July 29, 2019
Smithers July 30, 2019

ACTION

Recommendation
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NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Memo

TO: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors

FROM: Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

DATE: July 17, 2019

SUBJECT: BC Government Interior Forest Sector Renewal Forest Policy Engagement Sessions

The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development District Managers for Smithers, Terrace and Burns Lake have provided an invitation to Engagement Sessions to learn more about the BC Government Interior Forest Sector Renewal Forest Policy initiative as per Premier Horgan's announcement on April 5, 2019.

Sessions are being held in Terrace, Burns Lake, Houston, Smithers and Hazelton (as per the attached e-mail). At this time, authorization is being requested for attendance at the Engagement Sessions for Chair Thiessen, those Rural Directors wishing to attend, as well as the Chief Administrative Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

(ALL/DIRECTORS/MAJORITY)

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of Chair Thiessen, Rural Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer at one of the following BC Government Interior Forest Sector Renewal Forest Policy Engagement Sessions in Burns Lake, July 25, 2019; Houston, July 29, 2019; or Smithers, July 30, 2019."

Subject:

FW: BC Government Interior Forest Sector Renewal Forest Policy Engagement Sessions

BC Government Interior Forest Sector Renewal Forest Policy Engagement Sessions

On April 5th, 2019 the Premier announced the Interior Forest Sector Renewal initiative. This is a regionally driven renewal of the Province's Interior forest industry, aimed at developing a competitive, sustainable future for forest companies, workers and communities. (Read the news release and letter to forest companies [here](#)).

A key element of this initiative is engagement with interior forest sector participants, community leaders and stakeholders on what changes you believe are required in order to build a thriving forest sector and resilient communities throughout BC's interior. Based on feedback from yourself, and others over the years, we know there are policies that can benefit from change. We have themed this feedback into seven key areas we are looking for your further input.

We need to hear from you. With that in mind, I am pleased to invite you to a meeting to learn more about this initiative and provide your input into policy changes for the sector.

Skeena Region **5 communities**

Session 1: Terrace

Date: July 24

Time: 08:00 – 17:00

Location: Best Western Terrace Inn

4553 Greig Ave. Terrace, BC V8G 1M7

250-653-0083

Session 2: Burns Lake

Date: July 25

Time: 12:00 – 17:00

Location: Burns Lake Gathering Place

653 Highway 16 West Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

250-692-9690

Session 3: Houston

Date: July 29

Time: 12:00 – 16:30

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Location: Royal Canadian Legion
3480 11th Street, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0
250-845-8897

Session 4: Smithers

Date: July 30

Time: 12:00 – 17:00

Location: Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge & Conference Centre
3251 East Highway 16 Smithers, BC V0J 2N0
250-847-4581

Session 3: Hazelton

Date: July 31

Time: 12:00 – 17:00

Location: Community Centre near Subway
4633 10th Ave New Hazelton, BC
250-842-6571

How to register/RSVP: email Mary Barrientos at mbarrientos@fraserbasin.bc.ca with the session you want to attend (date and location), and any food allergies or accommodations.

Please note – space is limited and this invite is specifically for you. If you are not able to attend but want to send a proxy, please let **Mary Barrientos** know. If there are others you believe should be included, please contact us so that we can discuss additional participants.

Thanks for your interest. If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Mike Simpson**, Senior Regional Manager with Fraser Basin Council at 250-299-1202.

See attached poster for a printable location details.

Thank you on behalf of,

District managers:

Jevan Hanchard – Smithers

Barry Dobbin – Terrace

Brent May- Burns Lake