



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
AGENDA**

Thursday, September 5, 2019

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	<u>INVITATION</u>	
31	Northern Health – Invitation to meet with Cathy Ulrich, President and Chief Executive Officer and Coleen Nyce, Chair, Northern Health at the 2019 UBCM Convention in Vancouver, B.C.	Direction/Receive
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKOCOMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGThursday, June 6, 2019

**PRESENT:**

Chair	Gerry Thiessen
Directors	Taylor Bachrach – arrived at 1:14 p.m. Shane Brienen Mark Fisher– arrived at 1:14 p.m. Dolores Funk Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Brad Layton– arrived at 1:14 p.m. Linda McGuire Rob Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Bev Playfair Michael Riis-Christianson Kim Watt-Senner
Staff	Cheryl Anderson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Manager of Administrative Services Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – arrived at 2:13 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 2:30 p.m. Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner 1 – arrived 1:27 p.m., left at 2:16 p.m. Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 2:26 p.m. Maria Sandberg, Planner – left at 2:16 p.m. Sam West, Planning Summer Student – left at 2:16 p.m. Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Others	Chuck Braun, Loop Resources – arrived at 1:40 p.m. Sean Staplin, Senior Water Stewardship Officer, Land and Water Section – Smithers, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – left at 2:16 p.m. Johanna Wick, Regional Hydrogeologist, Land and Water Section – Smithers, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – left at 2:16 p.m.
Media	Blair McBride, Lakes District News – arrived at 1:18 p.m.
<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

**AGENDA &  
SUPPLEMENTARY**

Moved by Director Watt-Senner  
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-5-1

"That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of June 6, 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 – May 2, 2019

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2019-5-2

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 2, 2019 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATION**

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Sean Staplin, Senior Water Stewardship Officer, and Johanna Wick, Regional Hydrogeologist, Land and Water Section – Smithers RE: *Water Sustainability Act* –Overview**

Chair Thiessen welcomed Sean Staplin, Senior Water Stewardship Officer, and Johanna Wick, Regional Hydrogeologist, Land and Water Section, Smithers, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Mr. Staplin and Ms. Wick provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

**Water Sustainability Act – Overview**

- Overview
  - o *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA)
  - o WSA regulate in three areas
    - Use
    - Management
    - Protection
- Authorizations
  - o Section 5 – Water Vested in the Crown
    - Stream
    - Groundwater
  - o No diversion/use without authorization (or permission)
  - o Authorizations
    - Section 9 – Licences
    - Section 10 – Use Approvals
    - Section 11 – Changes in and about a stream
  - o Water Licenses: Water Use Purposes
  - o Application Process – Established in Regulations
    - On-line only
    - FrontCounterBC can assist
- Application Fees/Rental Rates
  - o Rate Comparisons

## DELEGATION (CONT'D)

### MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Sean Staplin, Senior Water Stewardship Officer, and Johanna Wick, Regional Hydrogeologist, Land and Water Section – Smithers RE: *Water Sustainability Act* –Overview (Cont'd)

- Flood Response
  - o The British Columbia Flood Response Plan
  - o Flood Response – Roles/Responsibilities
  - o Post event funding potential
- Drought Response
  - o Info source
  - o BC Drought Response Plan
  - o Drought Indicator Summary
  - o Drought Levels – Fall 2018
  - o Snow Map – May 1, 2019
  - o Current Streamflow – Upper Bulkley
  - o Key Early Messaging

Discussion took place regarding:

- Domestic well use for livestock
- Effective date of changes– February 29, 2016
  - o Waived until March 1, 2022
- Establishing the date of first in time/first in right framework
- Fees and rates in regard to municipalities
  - o Not charged total licenced volume only the amount of water used
- The development of the rate structure being utilized
- *Water Act* first came into effect in 1909 – came from the *Gold Fields Act* – vested in the Crown
- British Columbia is one of the last Provinces to change its *Water Act* to include domestic water use
- Province rates for bottled water facilities and the rationale in regard to rates
  - o Mr. Staplin will provide further information to RDBN staff in regard to the rates and agreements associated with bottled water facilities
- Enforcement of authorized volumes re: farmers
  - o The Land and Water Section (FLNRORD) has an understanding of volumes taken and the water being licenced is the water being used
  - o Licenced volumes over a certain threshold will have a metering system to be implemented in the future
    - Eg. heavier industrial level uses – bottling plants/pulp operations
  - o Rio Tinto
- Applicants not receiving follow up or any communication from Land and Water Section, FLNRORD
  - o recognized there is short comings and the need for improvements
  - o Extension on implementation timeline will assist in improving the process
- Increased awareness
  - o highlighting benefits of compliance under the regulations
  - o understanding the regulations
  - o advantageous
- International and large corporation interest in water
  - o Currently in legislation:
    - prohibition of bulk exports (doesn't include bottled water)
    - prohibition on moving water from one significant drainage to another
  - o Sustainability paramount in the updated legislation
  - o Tools within the *Water Sustainability Act* for stakeholders and local governments to meet water objectives, water sustainability plans, land use implications
  - o Legislation and protective measures in regard to sustainability

## DELEGATION (CONT'D)

### MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Sean Staplin, Senior Water Stewardship Officer, Land and Water Section – Smithers and Johanna Wick, Regional Hydrogeologist, Land and Water Section – Smithers RE: *Water Sustainability Act* –Overview (Cont'd)

- Corporations
  - o Can't put a reserve on water
  - o Must show beneficial use
  - o Regulations in place in regard to usage
- First in time/first in right in current *Water Sustainability Act* – prior to First in time/first in right legislation is:
  - o Critical household use – curtailment of regular quantity of domestic water
  - o Critical environmental flow
- Flood mitigation funding re: Village of Telkwa dyke
- Equity Mine impact to water resources
  - o Under purview of Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- Drought Conditions – regulating water conservation re: municipalities
  - o Often municipalities implement restrictions
  - o Mr. Staplin spoke to the 2018 drought levels and the areas of interest being small to medium sized water bodies – tributaries to the Bulkley River that have significant agriculture irrigation demands – very little of the irrigation demand allocated was used
  - o Land and Water Section wanting to improve efforts in contacting local governments earlier
- Green lawn = wildfire prevention
  - o Water preservation can be in conflict
  - o There is consideration and sensitivity to fighting fires.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mr. Staplin and Ms. Wick for attending the meeting.

## REPORTS

### Provincial Nominee Program -Regional Pilot

Moved by Director Fisher  
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

### C.W.2019-5-3

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to proceed and participate in the Provincial Nominee Program – Regional Pilot within the Regional District.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to possible benefits and economic development opportunities of the Provincial Nominee Program. Director Funk explained, as identified in the staff report, that the Nominee has identified a rural property more appropriate than a property within the Village of Burns Lake boundaries and for this reason the Village will provide initial host duties. Concerns were brought forward in regard to the potential staff time required to participate in the program. Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator noted that the program is new and staff will provide an update to the Regional Board in regard to staff time used for the program.

### REPORTS (CONT'D)

RDBN Resolutions to North  
Central Local Government  
Association (NCLGA)

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Brienen

C.W.2019-5-4

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Manager of Administrative Services/Acting CAO's May 27, 2019 memo titled "RDBN Resolutions to North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Six Month Budget  
Update

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Playfair

C.W.2019-5-5

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer's May 14, 2019 memo titled "Proposed Six Month Budget Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Futurpreneur/ThriveNorth  
Letter of Support

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Playfair

C.W.2019-5-6

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator's May 29, 2019 memo titled "Futurpreneur/ThriveNorth Letter of Support."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### CORRESPONDENCE

UBCM – ALC No Longer  
Reviewing Cannabis Production

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Playfair

C.W.2019-5-7

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from UBCM titled "ALC No Longer Reviewing Cannabis Production."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## INVITATION

Rio Tinto RE: Water Engagement – Rio Tinto Water Engagement Initiative Update -FLNRORD – Letter to Rio Tinto Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2019-5-8

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors participate in Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative with Rio Tinto's agreement to the commitments outlined in the March 25, 2019 Letter from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) to Rio Tinto as follows:

- Fulsome engagement with First Nations in the process;
- Potential water licence changes as a result of the outcomes of the process;
- Provision of an independent consultant to lead this engagement; and,
- Provision of technical resources regarding the availability and understanding of hydrological information to the community, interested parties, and Indigenous nations. This technical support is critical to increasing the understanding of the local communities and to better enable them to meaningfully contribute to this initiative."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rio Tinto RE: Water Engagement – Rio Tinto Water Engagement Initiative Update -FLNRORD – Letter to Rio Tinto Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2019-5-9

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of Directors and one staff member in Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

University of Northern British Columbia – Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium – Public Presentation: New Tools for Assessing the Cumulative Impacts of Resource Development Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-5-10

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the invitation from the University of Northern British Columbia Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium titled "Public Presentation: New Tools for Assessing the Cumulative Impacts of Resource Development."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **INVITATION (CONT'D)**

University of Northern British Columbia – Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium – Public Presentation: New Tools for Assessing the Cumulative Impacts of Resource Development Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-5-11

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the University of Northern British Columbia Cumulative Impacts Research Consortium thanking them for providing the Public Presentations regarding New Tools for Assessing the Cumulative Impacts of Resource Development and request that the presentations be held throughout northern B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Director Brienen will forward the information to the RBA. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning indicated staff is attending the presentation in Vanderhoof, B.C. June 11, 2019.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

#### **REPORT**

RDBN Resolution to Union of BC Municipalities -Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2019-5-12

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding resolution for submission to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for consideration at its 2019 Convention."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Playfair

C.W.2019-5-13

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:58 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors**

**FROM: Wendy Wainwright**  
**Executive Assistant**

**DATE: August 26, 2019**

**SUBJECT: Union of B.C. Municipalities Meetings 2019**  
**- Lead Speakers**

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Following are the UBCM Minister Meeting requests that were submitted for the upcoming UBCM Convention.

- The Honourable John Horgan, Premier
  - Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (meeting requested by all 21 local governments)
- The Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture
  - New ALR Regulations
  - Northern Panel
- The Honourable Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services
  - Broadband Strategy Plan
  - Cell Coverage
- The Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
  - Environmental Assessment Process
  - BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) Permitting Process
- The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment
  - ICI – (Industrial, Commercial, Institutional)
    - Provincial EPR or Northern Program
    - Agriculture Plastics – Include as EPR (2018 UBCM)
    - Follow up meeting with Minister Heyman (August 15, 2019 RDBN Special (In-Camera) meeting)
      - ICI and lack of consolidation centres in the region

- The Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
  - Timber Rights
  - Funding for FireSmart initiatives
  - Inventory
- The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
  - Escalating Costs of Healthcare
- The Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
  - RDBN Resolutions:
    - Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding
    - Permitting Entry into an Evacuation Order Area
    - Stay and Defend Policy
- The Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
  - Bulkley Nechako Regional Transit
  - Colleymount Road

At this time, staff is requesting that the lead spokesperson for each of the meetings be identified

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**(All/Directors/Majority)**

**Direction**

**Wendy Wainwright**

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**From:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator <UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Anderson; Wendy Wainwright  
**Subject:** UBCM Meeting Request Received

**2019 UBCM Convention**

**DATE:** July 17, 2019  
**TO:** Cheryl Anderson  
 Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of  
**FROM:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator  
**RE: UBCM Meeting Request Received**

Your request to meet with a **Provincial Cabinet Minister** at the 2019 UBCM Convention has been successfully submitted.

Please keep a copy of this email for your records. Information about the status of your meeting request will be sent out via email in late August. The details of your request are as follows:

**Contact Information:**

Meeting ID: 615 **Please use this number in all correspondence regarding your meeting request**

Municipality/Regional District: Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of

Contact: Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative

Phone: 250-692-3195

Email: cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca

Secondary Email: wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca

**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Premier

Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

Bev Playfair, Director; Brad Layton, Director; Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services; Clint Lambert, Director; Curtis Helgesen, CAO; Dolores Funk, Director; Gerry Thiessen, Chair; Jerry Petersen, Director; Kim Watt-Senner, Director; Linda McGuire, Director; Mark Fisher, Director; Mark Parker, Vice Chair/Director; Michael Riis-Christianson,

Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance

**Background:**

The Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) includes 21 local governments across the Northwest from Masset to Vanderhoof. Formed in 2014, the RBA includes all member municipalities and electoral areas of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, and the North Coast Regional District. The RBA was created to negotiate a funding agreement with the province to ensure that the Northwest benefits from the tremendous level of economic development activity in the region. The RBA is undergoing a Sustainability and Livability Plan in order to prove out our business case.

**Request:**

The RBA is requesting a joint 45 minute meeting with the Premier, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The RBA is requesting an ongoing funding agreement with the province.

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**Wendy Wainwright**

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**From:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator <UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:23 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Anderson; Wendy Wainwright  
**Subject:** UBCM Meeting Request Received

**2019 UBCM Convention**

**DATE:** July 16, 2019  
**TO:** Cheryl Anderson  
 Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of  
**FROM:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator  
**RE: UBCM Meeting Request Received**

Your request to meet with a **Provincial Cabinet Minister** at the 2019 UBCM Convention has been successfully submitted.

Please keep a copy of this email for your records. Information about the status of your meeting request will be sent out via email in late August. The details of your request are as follows:

**Contact Information:**

Meeting ID: 392 **Please use this number in all correspondence regarding your meeting request**

Municipality/Regional District: Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of  
 Contact: Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Admin Services  
 Phone: 250-692-3195  
 Email: cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca  
 Secondary Email: wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca

**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Agriculture  
 Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

Bev Playfair, Director; Brad Layton, Director; Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services; Clint Lambert, Director; Curtis Helgesen, CAO; Dolores Funk, Director; Gerry Thiessen, Chair; Jerry Petersen, Director; Kim Watt-Senner, Director; Linda McGuire, Director; Mark Fisher, Director; Mark Parker, Vice Chair/Director; Michael Riis-Christianson,

Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

New ALR Regulations and Northern Panel

**Background:**

Strict regulations have been adopted which limit 2nd dwellings and soil deposit. The RDBN feels that these regulations do not fit the north and have significant negative impacts on northern agriculture. The previous 2 zone system allowed the ALC some ability to develop and implement regulations in consideration of the northern bc context.

**Request:**

The RDBN requests that the regional panels be continued. The Northern Panel is essential in providing a northern perspective and representing northern interests, in addition to identifying economic opportunities.

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**Wendy Wainwright**

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**From:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator <UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 2:22 PM  
**To:** Cheryl Anderson; Wendy Wainwright  
**Subject:** UBCM Meeting Request Received

**2019 UBCM Convention**

**DATE:** July 16, 2019  
**TO:** Cheryl Anderson  
 Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of  
**FROM:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator  
**RE: UBCM Meeting Request Received**

Your request to meet with a **Provincial Cabinet Minister** at the 2019 UBCM Convention has been successfully submitted.

Please keep a copy of this email for your records. Information about the status of your meeting request will be sent out via email in late August. The details of your request are as follows:

**Contact Information:**

Meeting ID: 391 **Please use this number in all correspondence regarding your meeting request**

Municipality/Regional District: Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of

Contact: Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Admin Services

Phone: 250-692-3195

Email: cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca Secondary Email: wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca

**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Citizens' Services

Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

Bev Playfair, Director; Brad Layton, Director; Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services; Clint Lambert, Director; Curtis Helgesen, CAO; Dolores Funk, Director; Gerry Thiessen, Chair; Jerry Petersen, Director; Kim Watt-Senner, Director; Linda McGuire, Director; Mark Fisher, Director; Mark Parker, Vice Chair/Director; Michael Riis-Christianson,

Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

Broadband Strategy Plan

Background:

As a result of a lengthy broadband study completed by TANEx Engineering and commissioned by the Regional District, The Regional District is completing engineering planning and design work in preparation to submit a grant application to Canadian Radio and Television Committee Commission (CRTC) to expand high speed internet to its rural areas.

Request:

Support from the Province of BC both financially as well as a written endorsement of the Regional District's proposal will be critical to the CRTC grant application's success.

**Topic #2:**

Cell Coverage

Background:

Cell coverage for both telephone communication and data transmission is a critical component of modern infrastructure. Many parts of the Regional District are without cell and data services including several larger areas along Highway 16. Lack of coverage along major Northern roadways increases the risk to women and youth along the Highway of Tears Corridor and detracts from the work the Regional District is doing with our Regional Transit System. The South Francois area (South of Burns Lake) and the Buck Flats area (South of Houston) became in crisis during the 2018 wildfire event as landlines were destroyed and the ability to provide safety information to residents were lost.

Request:

That the province work with major cell providers including Telus to install additional cell towers capable of both voice and data transmission through the Regional District. The province may need to subsidize some of the costs associated with cell tower construction and installation.

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**Wendy Wainwright**

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**From:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator <UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** Cheryl Anderson; Wendy Wainwright  
**Subject:** UBCM Meeting Request Received

**2019 UBCM Convention**

**DATE:** July 19, 2019  
**TO:** Cheryl Anderson  
 Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of  
**FROM:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator  
**RE:** **UBCM Meeting Request Received**

Please note that the deadline for meeting requests has passed, and this submission will be considered a late request.

Your request to meet with a **Provincial Cabinet Minister** at the 2019 UBCM Convention has been successfully submitted. Please keep a copy of this email for your records. Information about the status of your meeting request will be sent out via email in early September. The details of your request are as follows:

**Contact Information:**

Meeting ID: 696 **Please use this number in all correspondence regarding your meeting request**

Municipality/Regional District: Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of

Contact: Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Admin Services

Phone: 250-692-3195

Email: cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca

Secondary Email: wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca

**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

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Fisher, Director; Mark Parker, Director; Michael Riis-Christianson, Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

Environmental Assessment Process and OGC Permitting Process

Background:

Coastal GasLink had been largely unresponsive to the specific mitigation requests made by the RDBN as part of the Environmental Assessment process and the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) permitting process. As the pipeline construction process has begun, the RDBN Board is concerned that Coastal GasLink will remain unresponsive to community and RDBN concerns that arise during the construction process.

Request:

The RDBN would like to discuss the level of oversight the OGC will provide to ensure that community issues are adequately addressed during the construction process.

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**Wendy Wainwright**

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**2019 UBCM Convention**

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 Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of  
**FROM:** UBCM Meeting Request Coordinator  
**RE:** **UBCM Meeting Request Received**

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**Contact Information:**

Meeting ID: 388 **Please use this number in all correspondence regarding your meeting request**

Municipality/Regional District: Bulkley-Nechako, Regional District of

Contact: Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Admin Services

Phone: 250-692-3195

Email: cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca

Secondary Email: wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca

**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

Bev Playfair, Director; Brad Layton, Director; Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services; Clint Lambert, Director; Curtis Helgesen, CAO; Dolores Funk, Director; Gerry Thiessen, Chair; Jerry Petersen, Director; Kim Watt-Senner, Director; Linda McGuire, Director; Mark Fisher, Director; Mark Parker, Vice Chair/Director; Michael Riis-Christianson,

Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

ICI Recycling

Background:

ICI recycling continues to be a challenge in most areas of the province due to the poor market conditions and lack of private sector collections options. There is a need for an ICI EPR program within rural and northern communities. Local Governments are faced with either directing ICI material to landfill or setting separate collection programs with tax payer dollars. In the RDBN, we are forced to landfill most of these ICI materials where like products can be recycled through residential recycling.

Request:

RDBN requests that the Ministry increase the scope of work to include a sector of commercial PPP waste.

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**Wendy Wainwright**

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**To:** Cheryl Anderson; Wendy Wainwright  
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Email: cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca

Secondary Email: wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca

**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development  
 Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

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Mark Parker, Vice Chair/Director; Michael Riis-Christianson, Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

Timber Rights

**Background:**

Timber Rights play a critical role in community stability in forestry dependent communities. Tenure appurtenance is a critical factor in maintaining major employment in our Region. The closure of Houston Forest Products is still fresh in our minds and is an example of what the province should not allow to happen. Further changes need to happen to tie local timber rights to local employment.

**Request:**

Further changes to legislation should be made ensure that timber rights provide the greatest economic benefit to local communities. We acknowledge that Bill 22 has provided some limited assurance to communities; however, with the recent mill closures in both Quesnel and near Clinton we feel that fu

**Topic #2:**

Funding for FireSmart Initiatives

**Background:**

The Regional District contains a vast and relatively unpopulated area. Much of this area is forestland. The activities that our Regional District can do to prevent wildfire is very different than those populous municipalities with a defined wildland urban interface area. The Regional District must follow a different strategy of land holder education, collaborative efforts of working with our local forest industry partners including and especially our local community forests. Because this strategy does not follow the current "Community Wildfire Protection Plan" model, it is our understanding that government funding may be limited.

**Request:**

The province should fully fund a program for citizen education including FireSmart Education for rural area residents. Further, the province should jointly fund FireSmart activities carried out by rural property owners that help prevent the spread of wildfires.

**Topic #3:**

Inventory

**Background:**

It is our understanding that LIDAR inventory mapping was carried out in several community forests held by our member municipalities and directly by the Regional District. The managers of these community forests report that Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch has declined to update the forest inventory of these community forests based on this new information. Not having the best and most recent information may cause the Chief Forester to improperly assess the timber supply.

**Request:**

LIDAR should be accepted as an appropriate tool to update forest inventory in Community Forests.

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**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Health

Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

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Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

Escalating Costs of Healthcare

Background:

The cost of health related infrastructure is increasing by over 10% per annum. Hospital Districts have seen this increase from Greater Victoria to our Hospital District of Stuart-Nechako. The Stuart Lake Hospital in Fort St. James had an estimated cost of \$35 M just 10 years ago now has an estimated cost of \$85M. To fund this new hospital the Stuart Nechako Hospital District has had to raise its taxes to the highest in the province.

Request:

That the Minister confirm that the Hospital Districts shared cost for major designated "hospital" infrastructure over \$5 M be set to 20% to avoid further tax increases and hardship tax payers of Stuart-Nechako.

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Cabinet Minister: Public Safety and Solicitor General

Preference: 1

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Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding

Background:

After the 2018 wildfires the province provided recovery funding for residents impacted through organizations other than the local government which proved to be ineffective. The Emergency Program Act requires local government must prepare or cause to be prepared local emergency plans respecting preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters.

Request:

The RDBN would like the Province to work with local government to establish policy and best practices relating to the provision of disaster recovery assistance, and thereafter make all funding for this purpose available directly to local governments in support of their legislated responsibilities.

**Topic #2:**

Permitting Entry into an Evacuation Order Area

Background:

During the 2018 wildfires the RDBN experienced a significant increase in residents, displaced from their homes for longer periods of time, exerting more pressure on local governments to allow resident's re-entry into an evacuation area. Re-entry permitting poses a difficult political, ethical, and operational challenge for local government staff. Administering re-entry permits is time consuming for both the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) staff and BC Wildfire Service staff. The process also requires the RDBN, and Province, to accept inherent risk.

Request:

The RDBN would like the Province to consider the need for legislation that addresses the risk management issues associated with allowing entry into an evacuation order area.

**Topic #3:**

Stay and Defend Policy

Background:

During the 2018 wildfires there was an increase in residents choosing to stay and defend their property. The Emergency Program Act doesn't require residents over the age of majority to evacuate. These residents are putting pressure on local government to provide support such as resources to support their ability to fight the fire, to be transported into the evacuation order area either by them exiting and re-entering the evacuation order area or others entering into the evacuation order area, which would cause the RDBN, and Province, to accept inherent risk.

Request:

The RDBN would like the province to work with local governments to develop policy and best practices regarding stay and defend issues with consideration given to formally recognizing a person's right to stay and defend their property from wildfire.

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**Cabinet Minister in attendance:**

Cabinet Minister: Transportation and Infrastructure

Preference: 1

**Council Attendees:**

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Director; Rob Newell, Director; Shane Brienen, Director; Taylor Bachrach, Director; Tom Greenaway, Director

**Topic #1:**

Bulkley Nechako Regional Transit

**Background:**

The Regional District has an agreement with B. C. Transit to provide a para-transit system along Highway 16. This agreement expires on March 31, 2022. The Regional District is anxious to renew this agreement with the same terms as the current agreement. Currently your ministry provides a \$60,000 grant per year to the Regional District to help pay for the staff costs associated with managing the transit service. The end of this agreement is fast approaching on March 31, 2020. We hope that the Minister will consider providing some assistance into the future.

**Request:**

Renewal of the B. C. Transit agreement for a further five years at the current terms and the continuation of the per annum grant to defray staff costs.

**Topic #2:**

Colleymount Road Improvements

**Background:**

Lack of maintenance and general safety concerns have been identified for many years in regard to Colleymount Road.

**Request:**

The Regional District would like an update on the improvements to date.

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## INVITATION

August 26, 2019

Chair Jerry Peterson  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District  
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Dear Chair Peterson:

**Re: Union of BC Municipalities Convention & Awards, Vancouver, BC**

We are pleased to inform you of the Northern Health's participation at the upcoming UBCM Convention in Vancouver, BC.

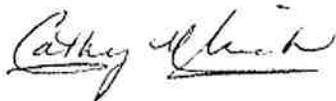
At the upcoming UBCM convention I will be joining Colleen Nyce, Northern Health Board Chair, for the opportunity to meet one-on-one with local government representatives to discuss health care issues and to answer questions. If you are interested in meeting with us, we invite you to contact our offices to arrange a time convenient for you.

We will be hosting meetings throughout Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held in **Nootka Meeting room located in the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel (900 Canada Place)**.

To book an appointment please contact Irma Trudel, Administrative Assistant, at (250) 649-7038 or by email at [nhadministration@northernhealth.ca](mailto:nhadministration@northernhealth.ca) no later than **Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you can please provide the names of attendees and the specific topics you would like to discuss that would be helpful. A reminder to provide as much detail as possible to assist us in preparing for the discussion.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,



Cathy Ulrich  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Health