

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, September 5, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Bev Playfair
Michael Riis-Christianson
Kim Watt-Senner

Via- Teleconference Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Director Absent Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake

Alternate Director Darrell Hill, Village of Burns Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
– arrived at 11:00 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others John Pousette, Provincial Bark Beetle Coordinator, Office of the Chief Forester Division, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – arrived at 10:43 a.m.
Ken White, Entomologist - Skeena, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – arrived at 10:36 a.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News – arrived at 10:41 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Office to Gladys Atrill, Director, Town of Smithers.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2019-6-1

“That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of September 5, 2019 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – June 6, 2019

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2019-6-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of June 6, 2019 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT/DISCUSSION

Union of B.C. Municipalities Meetings 2019 – Lead Speakers/Expanded Minister of Environment
Topics for Discussion

- The Honourable John Horgan, Premier – Lead Speakers: Chair Thiessen, Directors Brien and Funk
- The Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture – Lead Speaker: Director Parker
- The Honourable Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens’ Services – Lead Speaker: Director Newell (tentative)
- The Honourable Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – Lead Speaker: Director Layton (tentative)
- The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment – Lead Speaker: Director Fisher
- The Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Lead Speaker: Director Layton
- The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health – Lead Speaker: Directors Petersen and Brien
- The Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Lead Speaker: Director Lambert
- The Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Lead Speaker: Director Greenaway.

Director Fisher mentioned that a second meeting with Minister Heyman is not required at this time and at the conclusion of the 2019 UBCM Convention Minister Meetings further discussion can take place in regard to the need for an additional meeting with Minister Heyman and or Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy staff.

INVITATION

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. Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

C.W.2019-6-3

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide the following discussions to Northern Health for a meeting at the 2019 UBCM Convention in Vancouver, B.C.:

- Stuart Nechako Manor Update
- Fort St. James Hospital Update
- Fort St. James Primary Care Facility Update
- RDBN provide information re: impact to seniors care due to Ministry of Agriculture Regulations re: second dwellings on properties within the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR).

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Meetings with Opposition Critics at the 2019 UBCM Convention

Director Parker spoke of scheduling a meeting with the Opposition Critic for the Minister of Agriculture at the 2019 UBCM Convention. The Regional Board directed staff to also schedule meetings with the Opposition Critics for the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Staff has spoken with UBCM staff and will schedule a meeting at the 2019 UBCM Convention to discuss Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) criteria once Minister Meetings are scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

C.W.2019-6-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:04 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant