

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, September 5, 2019

PRESENT:	Chair	Tom Greenaway
	Directors	Gladys Atrill Shane Brienen Mark Fisher Clint Lambert Brad Layton Linda McGuire Mark Parker Bev Playfair Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Gerry Thiessen Kim Watt-Senner
	Directors Absent	Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator – arrived at 1:10 p.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 1:10 p.m. Deneve Vanderwolf, Planning Technician/Regional Transit Coordinator Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
	Others	Dave Christie, EDO, Village of Fraser Lake Melany Helmer, CAO, District of Fort St. James
	Via Tele- Conference	Brenda Anderson, Financial Officer, Village of Granisle Linda Harmon, Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement, Transit Branch, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure Debbie Joujan, CAO, Village of Telkwa Jim Martin, CAO, Regional District Fraser-Fort George Rob Ringma, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit Tiina Schaeffer, Manager of Sustainable Community Development and Transit, City of Prince George Aaron Thompson, Transit Planner, BC Transit
	Media	Blair McBride, Lakes District News
	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Chair Greenaway called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
	<u>AGENDA</u>	Moved by Director Layton Seconded by Director McGuire
	<u>RTC. 2019-2-1</u>	"That the Regional Transit Committee Agenda for September 5, 2019 be adopted."
	(All/Directors/Majority)	<u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

MINUTES

Regional Transit Committee Minutes – March 7, 2019

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Layton

RTC.2019-2-2

“That the Regional Transit Committee Minutes of March 7, 2019 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Layton

RTC.2019-2-3

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator’s August 19, 2019 memo titled “Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit Feasibility Review

Moved by Director Playfair
Seconded by Director Layton

RTC.2019-2-4

“That the Regional Transit Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako direct staff to work with BC Transit and the RDBN Finance Department in regard to the Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit Feasibility Review.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Greenaway brought forward concerns in regard to the costs of a Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit system. Director Playfair mentioned that the District of Fort St. James Council considered the Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit Feasibility Review at its last council meeting and concerns were raised in regard to the minimal time in Prince George and cost of the system. Rob Ringma, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit mentioned the review was conducted to determine interest in an intercommunity transit and provide preliminary information to local government. With interest shown he noted more work can be conducted and options reviewed to determine next steps.

Director McGuire questioned the Community Transportation Grant. Linda Harmon, Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement, Transit Branch, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure mentioned that the current grant was for a three year term and there is discussion taking place at the Provincial level in regard to next steps but no decisions have been made. She noted that there may be an opportunity to speak with Andrew Brooke, Executive Director, Programs & Corporate Initiatives and Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy & Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure at the 2019 UBCM Convention.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Thiessen spoke of Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake and Fort St. James working in the past to develop an intercommunity busing system and the opportunity to connect to the Highway 16 Transit system. He noted the importance of investigating all possible opportunities available in developing a Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit. Discussion took place in regard to the importance of investigating potential ridership and the capacity of the Highway 16 Transit system.

Historical Ridership

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Layton

RTC.2019-2-5

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator’s August 19, 2019 memo titled “Historical Ridership.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ridership

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

RTC.2019-2-6

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator’s August 19, 2019 memo titled “Ridership.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Layton

RTC.2019-2-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:23 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tom Greenaway, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant