REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2019

PRESENT: Acting Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher

Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Jerry Petersen

Michael Riis-Christianson

Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer

Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services

Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator John Illes, Chief Financial Officer

Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services

Rory Mckenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Acting Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

AGENDA Moved by Director Petersen

Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-1 "That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for November 7, 2019 be

approved."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee

Meeting Minutes
-October 10, 2019

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2019-9-2 "That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of October

10, 2019 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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REPORTS

Nechako Watershed Roundtable - Request for Committee

Discussion took place in regard to Electoral Area grant in aid contribution to the Nechako Watershed Roundtable. Rural Directors

Grant in Aid – Electoral Areas "B", "C" "D", "E", and "F"

can contact staff to provide contribution levels. Director Greenaway mentioned that he would be willing to give up his seat if others would like to participate at the Nechako Watershed Roundtable. Discussion took place in regard to more frequent updates from the Nechako Watershed Roundtable and the different agencies and organizations at the Roundtable.

Fort St. James Sled Dog Association -Request for Grant in Aid - Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-3

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the Fort St. James Sled Dog Association be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the 2020 Caledonia Classic Sled Dog Races."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Electoral Area "C"

Fort St. James Secondary Sr. Moved by Director Greenaway Boys Soccer Team -Request for Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2019-9-4

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the Fort St. James Secondary Sr Boys Soccer Team be given \$750 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Provincial Championships in Burnaby, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Fraser Lake Business Expo Draw Prize

-Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Greenaway Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-5

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the draw prize in the amount of \$223.99 for the Fraser Lake Business Expo be paid out of Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) grant in aid monies."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Studies 11 Class -Request for Grant in Aid Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Greenaway

Electoral Area "D"

RDC.2019-9-6

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Studies 11 Class be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with a Parliamentary Tour."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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REPORTS (CONT'D)

Connexus Community in Aid- Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen Resources - Request for Grant Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-7 "That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that

Connexus Community Resources be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with the

Seniors' Christmas Dinner."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Nechako Valley Rodeo Association - Request for Grant Seconded by Director Greenaway

Moved by Director Petersen

in Aid- Electoral Area "F"

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the RDC.2019-9-8

> Nechako Valley Rodeo Association be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with the

7th Annual Rodeo."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Rocha Canada - Northern in Aid- Electoral Area "G"

Moved by Director Petersen

BC Project – Request for Grant Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2019-9-9

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that A Rocha Canada – Northern BC Project be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) for the purchase of a

portable generator and stereo microscope."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area Directors' Forum – February 5-7, 2020 -Richmond, B.C.

Moved by Director Fisher

Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-10

1. "That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors Committee wishing to attend the Electoral Area Directors' Forum from February 5-7,

2020 in Richmond, B.C.

2. That the Rural Directors Committee submit discussion items for the

Forum to the CAO prior to November 22, 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke of submitting rural and municipal joint service governance models and Federal Gas Tax third party service providers as

topics for discussion.

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson Street Lighting Services

Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2019-9-11 "That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Board include

the Street Lighting Services in the 2020 Financial Plan."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (All/Directors/Majority)

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REPORTS (CONT'D)

Establishing an Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC. 2019-9-12

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Board establish an Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Funding for Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve Moved by Director Fisher Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-13

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Board allocate \$100,000 region-wide Northern Capital and Planning Grant funding to the Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve for consideration of a RDBN Food Hub Feasibility Study and a Non-Timber Forest Product Study."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Funding of RDBN Food Hub Feasibility & Non-Timber Forest Product Studies -Northern Capital & Planning Grant

Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2019-9-14

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's November 7, 2019 memos titled "Funding of RDBN Non-Timber Forest Product Study by the Rural Directors Committee, Northern Capital & Planning Grant and Funding of RDBN Food Hub Feasibility Study by the Rural Directors Committee, Northern Planning Grant."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

and Planning Grant

Distribution of Northern Capital Moved by Director Riis-Christianson Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2019-9-15

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Board that the following allocations be made from the Northern Capital & Planning Grant general fund:

Administrative Building Retrofit \$300,000 Replacement of spare Bobcat \$ 75,000

Creation of new (additional) Septage Receiving Beds at Burns Lake Transfer Station and Knockholt Landfill \$ 50,000

Contribution to Environmental Services 2020

Capital Projects \$102.752 Agriculture Planning Capital Reserve \$100,000 \$627,752

And, That the Electoral Area allocation for Areas A through G be allocated as per the November 7, 2019 staff report and spreadsheet."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke of allocating funding to forestry economic development planning. He will bring it forward at a future meeting for discussion.

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REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electoral Area Allocation of Federal Gas Tax Funds

-Third Quarter 2019

Moved by Director Lambert

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2019-9-16 "That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Accounting Clerk's

October 21, 2019 memorandum titled "Electoral Area Allocations of

Federal Gas Tax Funds - Third Quarter 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

Federal Gas Tax

Discussion took place regarding:

- Third party service providers
 - Discussed with UBCM staff
 - Issue is at the Federal Government Level
 - Misunderstanding how the RDBN provides service to rural residents
 - Need to develop a broader definition
 - How do other Regional Districts address
 - The need for a preapproval process
 - o Currently Federal Government only approves project at audit
 - UBCM recommends withholding 10% of funding

Director Fisher will work with staff to bring forward the topic at the Electoral Area Directors' Forum, February 5-7, 2020 in Richmond, B.C.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Greenaway "That the meeting be adjourned 2:35 p.m."	
RDC.2019-9-17		
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Mark Parker, Acting Chair		Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant