Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
PRESS RELEASE

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board sworn in, Chair and Vice-Chair Elected

Burns Lake, B.C. – The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors was sworn in at the inaugural Board meeting of this term on November 12, 2026.
Directly following the Oaths of Office, the Board elected the Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming year. The re-elected Chair for the coming year is Mark Parker, Director for Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural). The elected Vice-Chair for the coming year is Linda McGuire, Mayor of the Village of Granisle.

The RDBN Board of Directors for the next term is:

Stoney Stoltenberg, Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)
Michael Riis-Christianson, Area B (Burns Lake Rural)
Riley Willick, Area C (Fort. St. James Rural)
Mark Parker, Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)
Clint Lambert, Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Shirley Moon, Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)
Chris Newell, Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural)
John Buikema (Town of Smithers)
Derek Meerdink (Village of Telkwa)
Linda McGuire (Village of Granisle)
Shane Brienen (District of Houston)
Charlie Rensby (Village of Burns Lake)
Sarrah Storey (Village of Fraser Lake)
Kevin Moutray (District of Vanderhoof)
Martin Elphee (District of Fort St. James)

"I am honoured to begin this new term as Chair of the RDBN Board. I look forward to working with my fellow Directors as we bring our perspectives, experience, and shared commitment to serving the people and communities of our region. As we look ahead, we have an opportunity to build on past accomplishments, address emerging challenges, and continue shaping a strong and vibrant future for the Regional District."

- Mark Parker, RDBN Board Chair

"I welcome the opportunity to serve the region as Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. Collaboration with Directors from both municipalities and electoral areas creates a strong voice for residents in our region, and I am pleased to be able to support this important work."

- Linda McGuire, RDBN Vice-Chair

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Back Row: Dave Van Dolah, Derek Meerdink, Riley Wilick, Chris Newell, Clint Lambert, Shane Brienen, Constable Jordan Della-Paolera
Middle Row: Constable Josefin Larsson, Shirley Moon, Stoney Stoltenberg, Michael Riis-Christianson, Mark Parker
Front Row: Jolene Webb, John Buikema, Linda McGuire, Martin Elphee, Charlie Rensby