

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Via Video/Teleconference

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey

Directors Absent Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers
Judy Greenaway, District of Fort St. James
Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 12:20 p.m.
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Haley Jeffrey, Emergency Services Manager
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, TC Energy – left at 12:58 p.m.
Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, TC Energy – left at 12:58 p.m.
Rachel Kulasa, Public Affairs, Calgary, TC Energy – left at 12:58 p.m.
Tamara Trabelian, Public Affairs, Prince George, TC Energy – left at 12:58 p.m.
Brenna Herbert, SocioEconomic Advisor, TC Energy – left at 12:58 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2020-5-1

"That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 7, 2020 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – March 5, 2020

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-5-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 5, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

TC ENERGY – Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager RE: Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Update

Chair Thiessen welcomed Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, TC Energy. Mr. Giddens introduced Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Rachel Kulasa, Public Affairs, Calgary, Tamara Trabelian, Public Affairs, Prince George and Brenna Herbert, SocioEconomic Advisor, TC Energy.

Mr. Giddens provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Update

- About TC Energy
- Coastal GasLink is Connecting Cleaner Energy to the World
- Prioritizing local & Indigenous Contracting & Hiring
- Recent Project Milestones
- Prioritizing Safety & Community Support
- Coastal GasLink Progress at May 2020
- Progress in RDBN Region
- Pipe Hauling and Stockpiling
- Workforce Accommodations: Purpose
- Workforce Accommodations in RDBN
- Preparing for 2020 Mainline Construction
- What is a Compressor Station?
- SEEMP Engagement Overview
- SEEMP Effects
- SEEMP Reporting
- Public Communications & Response
- Building a Legacy of Safety and Respect.

Mr. Giddens mentioned that TC Energy will provide an updated solid waste report to RDBN staff by mid May 2020.

Discussion took place regarding:

- TC Energy's building of internet and cell infrastructure
 - Future partnering and use of its connectivity infrastructure
 - Working with Telus and RigStar
 - Working to be a net contributor in the region
 - Connectivity infrastructure will be in place prior to camp employees arriving on sites
- Pipeline location in Area 7
 - Route approved beginning of 2019 - no changes
- LNG Market and long-term contracts for LNG
- TC Energy's assistance in regard to Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) recycling
 - Mr. Giddens indicated a willingness to have further discussions

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

TC ENERGY – Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager RE: Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project Update (Cont'd)

- TC Energy hosting a roundtable with Provincial Agencies/Ministries
 - Postponed due to COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Potential opportunity to bring forward ICI recycling concerns in the region
 - Ms. Herbert will follow up with CAO Helgesen and Mr. Giddens regarding local government representation at future roundtable discussions.

Director Parker thanked TC Energy for working with communities and providing local business support.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mr. Giddens for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

Elected Officials Emergency Management Handbook

Haley Jeffrey, Emergency Services Manager provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

RDBN Elected Officials Emergency Management Handbook

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)
- Objectives of the CEMP
- Current CEMP Addendums
- CEMP Addendums being developed
- CEMP Structure Example
- Purpose of the handbook
- Mitigation
 - RDBN Role in Disaster Mitigation
- Preparedness
 - Roles and Responsibilities
- Response
 - EOC Activation Levels
 - RDBN EOC Organizational Structure
- Issuing Hazard Notices and Evacuation Alerts
- Declaring a State of Local Emergency (SOLE)
- Extraordinary Powers Under SOLE
- Issuing Evacuation Orders
- Policy Group Responsibilities
 - Operational Responsibilities
- Recovery
 - Community Recovery Goals
- RDBN Emergency Response Quick Reference Guide for Elected Officials.

Discussion took place in regard to having more than one policy group.

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2020-5-3

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board approve the Elected Officials Emergency Management Handbook and Quick Reference Guide.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Northern Development Initiative Trust – Business Façade Improvement Program Funding Update Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2020-5-4

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator’s May 7, 2020 memo titled Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Façade Improvement Program Funding Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial Update

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2020-5-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s May 7, 2020 memo titled Financial Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

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NEW BUSINESS

Prime Minister Trudeau RE: Implementation of Federal Government’s Firearms Ban

Director Lambert noted that he has received numerous calls regarding Prime Minister Trudeau’s implementation of the Federal Government’s Firearms Ban. Discussion took place in regard to the process in which the Federal Government implemented the ban and residents indicating that the lack of consultation and opportunity to provide feedback is a concern. Discussion took place in regard to impacts to Indigenous people.

Draft Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau RE: Opposition to the Process re: Implementation of Federal Government’s Firearm Ban

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2020-5-6

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Board write a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau in opposition to the process regarding the implementation of the Federal Government’s Firearms Ban, and further, that the draft letter be brought forward to the May 21, 2020 Board meeting for consideration.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2020-5-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:30 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant