

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA Thursday, March 11, 2021

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DELEGATIONS

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT Hans Erasmus, RPF – Licensed Authorizations Officer – Skeena Region Garth O'Meara, RPF – Licensed Resource Specialist & Fire Rehab Lead – Nadina Natural Resource District Patrick Ferguson, RPF – Wildfire Risk Reduction Officer – Skeena Stikine District Wes Bender, Wildfire Technician - Prevention RE: Wildfire Mitigation

REPORTS

11-12Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative
Services – RDBN Response Letter to the
Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests,
Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural
Development – Consultation – Lakes and Prince
George Timber Supply Area (TSA) ApportionmentRecommendation

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 Province of BC Response to 2020 Resolution:
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Chair Funk, Natural Resources Committee

• Natural Resource Issues/Concerns

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NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, February 11, 2021

PRESENT:	Chair	Gerry Thiessen		
Directors		Gladys Atrill Shane Brienen Mark Fisher Dolores Funk Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Brad Layton Linda McGuire Bob Motion Chris Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Sarrah Storey – left at 1:55 p.m.		
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administra Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Ad Nellie Davis, Regional Manager of Alex Eriksen, Director of Environr 11:00 a.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Haley Jeffrey, Emergency Service Deborah Jones-Middleton, Direct Jason Llewellyn, Director of Plane Wendy Wainwright, Executive As	ministrative Services of Economic Development mental Services – arrived at es Manager – left at 11:32 a.m. tor of Protective Services ning	
	Others	Nadine Frenkel, Chair School District 91 Nechako Lakes – lef 11:04 a.m. Manu Madhok, Superintendent, School District 91 Nechako Lakes – left at 11:04 a.m. Mike McDiarmid, Superintendent, School District 54 Bulkley Valley – left at 11:04 a.m. Matthew Monkman, Assistant Superintendent, School District Bulkley Valley – left at 11:04 a.m.		
CALL TO ORDER		Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.		
AGENDA		Moved by Director McGuire Seconded by Director Layton		
<u>C.W.2021-2-1</u>		"That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 11, 2021 be approved."		
		(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

<u>MINUTES</u>

<u>Committee of the Whole</u> <u>Minutes – January 14, 2021</u>	Moved by Director Peterse Seconded by Director Lay	
<u>C.W.2021-2-2</u>	"That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 14, 2021 be adopted."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

<u>SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES – Nadine Frenkel, Chair and Manu Madhok,</u> <u>Superintendent RE: Update</u>

Chair Thiessen welcomed Nadine Frenkel, Chair and Manu Madhok, Superintendent, School District 91 Nechako Lakes.

Ms. Frenkel and Mr. Madhok provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

School District 91 Nechako Lakes

- SD 91 Board of Education
- SD 91 Leadership Team
- Strategic Plan 2020-2025
- Superintendent Monthly Reports
- 2020 Capital Investments RDBN Schools
- K-12 Enrolment RDBN Schools 2013-2020
- SD 91 Enrolment Sept. 2020
- Teacher Recruitment
- Recruitment Strategies
- SD 91 asks of the RDBN.

Discussion took place regarding:

- RDBN Solid Waste Management initiatives
 - Engagement with schools
 - Including youth on the RDBN Waste Management Committee
 - o Schools are considered institutional facilities under the ICI (Industrial,
 - Commercial, Institutional) cardboard recycling
 - Students have indicated they want change
- RDBN Broadband initiatives
 - Improving connectivity for unserved and underserved areas of the Regional District
 - Identified priority projects
 - Southside of Francois Lake
 - Buck Flats area in Houston
 - RDBN staff have connected with Superintendent Madhok
 - RDBN has received letters of support from SD 91 and 54
 - Investigate working together collaboratively
- Career days at the schools
 - Community involvement
 - Student interaction with community members and local government representatives
- Tucker Goes to City Hall: A Kid's Guide to Local Government by Jill Lewis & George B. Cuff
- Sowchea Elementary School
- Food Hub utilization of facilities
- Shared transportation BC Transit/Northern Health/School District/Regional Districts

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 NECHAKO LAKES – Nadine Frenkel, Chair and Manu Madhok, Superintendent RE: Update (Cont'd)

Province has developed an emergency management program for Grades 5-6

 RDBN staff willing to assist schools to provide the program.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Frenkel and Mr. Madhok for attending the meeting.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 Bulkley Valley – Mike McDiarmid, Superintendent and Matthew Monkman, Assistant Superintendent RE: Update

Chair Thiessen welcomed Mike McDiarmid, Superintendent and Matthew Monkman, Assistant Superintendent, School District 54 Bulkley Valley.

Messrs. McDiarmid and Monkman provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Strategic Plan – Board of Education School District 54 Bulkley Valley

- SD#54 Mission Statement
- The Board of Trustees of School District 54 commits to Core Values
- Learning Priorities
 - Goal Increase graduation and success rates for all learners
 - Goal Support all students to achieve optimal physical and mental wellness
 - Goal Increase community involvement for students
- Indigenous Education Priorities
 - Goal Increase graduation and success rates for Indigenous learners
 - Goal Increase Indigenous culture and the presence of Witsuwit'en language in all schools, particularly Secondary Schools
 - Goal Support everyone in SD 54 school community to increase their knowledge of and value for Indigenous worldviews and perspectives
- Operational Priorities
 - Goal Promote and support outdoor experiential learning programs
 - Goal Provide more updated, flexible and modern learning spaces
 - Goal Increase environmental stewardship in District operations
- Facilities available to the wider community
- Choice and Flexibility Priorities
 - Goal Promote and support Innovative instruction practices and learning opportunities for students
 - Goal Promote and support a broad variety of courses and programs for students
 - Goal Provide professional development opportunities that support innovation

Discussion took place regarding:

- Athletics importance
 - Funding for buses and drivers
 - Priority of School District 54
 - Sport Performance exploring a new program
 - Having national level elite athletes training at School District 54 facilities
 - Always exploring options to include athletics in schools
 - School District 91 recognizes the importance of athletics
 - Accessibility for students to participate in sports and removing barriers

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

- Music programs
 - SD 54 substantial program
 - Based on student enrollment
 - Adapting to COVID-19 regulations
 - o SD 91
 - Strong music program in Vanderhoof
 - Recruitment to make a music program equitable across the region
 - Announced that SD 91 has purchased 100 ukuleles for Grades 2-5
 - Expressed appreciation for individuals in the smaller communities within SD 91 that provide their fine arts expertise
- Strong music community programs that absorb children
- Strong programs within the school are supported by strong programs within the community
- Navigating and negotiating challenging issues
- Walnut Park School in Smithers located close to the historical Indian Town and the burning down of Indian Town
- Superintendent McDiarmid spoke as an indigenous person building bridges has been part of his career work
- Strong Indigenous education department
- Address in a respectful way and honouring the history that has taken place.

Chair Thiessen thanked Messrs. McDiarmid and Monkman for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

Moved by Director Parker Seconded by Director Petersen		
remain	"That staff be directed to repeal Bylaw No. 1460 and that the remaining funds in the service be distributed to the participating areas."	
(All/Dire	ectors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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"That the Board allocate \$218,574 of the COVID Safe Restart Grant to 2021 identified projects and incorporate these amounts into the 2021 budget, and to allocate \$132,047 based on population to each Electoral Area, and the remaining \$132,007 to the Electoral Areas to be allocated later in 2021."		
(All/Dire	ectors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 Discussion took place regarding: COVID Safe Restart Grant monies to support community not for profit organizations Audio visual for the RDBN Board room and grant application Overview of the Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting discussion regarding the Provincial COVID-19 Relief Funds Per capita allocation to rural areas to provide support 		
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• Commitment by rural directors to each of their areas.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Revised Financial Assistance for Emergency Response Costs – A Guide for BC First Nations and Local Authorities	Moved by Director Storey Seconded by Director Lambert		
<u>C.W.2021-2-5</u>	1. That the Committee of the Whole recommend the Board direct staff to prepare and submit a response letter regarding the Financial Assistance for Emergency Response Costs – A Guide for BC First Nations and Local Authorities (Financial Guidelines) prior to the comment period deadline of February 28, 2021.		
		e Whole recommend the RDBN ber municipalities to send a letter from the RDBN."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
	Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services provided an overview of the Revised Financial Assistance Emergency Response Costs – A Guide for BC First Natior Local Authorities staff report.		
	 The following was discussed: Focus on a few key concerns Municipal Council meeting timelines and deadlines to provide a letter of support Hobby Farms and farm status under Livestock EOC Administrative Operating Costs Payroll, overtime and assistance from municipalities at the time of an emergency Chair Thiessen and CAO Helgesen addressing the issue with the Emergency Management BC. 		
Bylaw Limits on Taxation	Moved by Director Storey Seconded by Director Layton		
<u>C.W.2021-2-6</u>	"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer's Bylaw Limits on Taxation memorandum."		
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

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REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u> Update – Agricultural Plastic</u>	Moved by Director Fisher
Recycling – Clean Farms Pilot	Seconded by Director Parker
Program	

<u>C.W.2021-2-7</u> "That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Environmental Services' Update – Agricultural Plastic Recycling – Clean Farms Pilot Program memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the Board receiving the Agricultural Waste Characterization Study from Clean Farms in its entirety at a future Board meeting. The RDBN supporting a local (regional) processing project was discussed. The agricultural community has indicated that they will not support trucking the products long distances.

Committee Terms of Reference (ToR)

The following was discussed:

- Committee operating procedures
 - Connectivity Committee ToR
 - Committee Mandate
 - Strategic priorities
 - Support efforts to gain internet that meets the minimum CRTC upload and download internet speed mandate
- Providing a list of Committee members
- Committees working with each member municipality moving forward.

Break for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

- Rural and Agriculture Committees
 - o Separating the Rural/Agriculture Committee
 - History of the Rural/Agriculture Committee
 - Agriculture sector impacts in relations to municipalities
 - Municipalities blending with rural areas
 - o Combining the Rural and Agriculture Committee and Terms of Reference
 - Regional Board member expertise on subject matters brought forward at Committee Meetings
- Regional Board member support
- Committee minutes and recommendations come forward to subsequent Board Meetings for approval
- Opportunity for Board members to attend all committee meetings
- Smaller committees and Committee of the Whole structure, select and standing committees
- RDBN Procedure Bylaw
 - Committee meeting participation
- All RDBN Directors have the option to provide information to the Chair of a Committee to be brought forward
- Natural Resources Committee ToR
- Waste Management Committee ToR
 - Youth Engagement
 - Non-voting representatives
 - Participating electronically

REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (RSWAC)
 - RSWAC a component of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) approved by the Province
 - Provides the ability for public input
 - Remuneration for external stakeholders
 - Has to be outlined in the Terms of Reference
- Staff to bring forward to the February 25, 2021 Board Meeting.

Committee Terms of Reference Moved by Director Riis-Christianson Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2021-2-8	"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Manager of
	Administrative Services' Committee Terms of Reference
	memorandum."

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Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area Apportionment		by Director Layton ded by Director Lambert	
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CORRESPONDENCE

	Emergency Management BC -EMBC Update: Emergency Management Legislation – RDE	Moved by Director McGuire Seconded by Director Lambert <u>BN</u>	
IN-CAMERA MOTION Moved by Director Layton Seconded by Director McGuire C.W.2021-2-11 "In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(c) - labour relations or other employee relations and Section 90(2)(b) – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (First Nations Relations/Connectivity), must be closed to the public, therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting." ADJOURNMENT Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Layton C.W.2021-2-12 "That the meeting be adjourned at 2:09 p.m."	<u>C.W.2021-2-10</u>	"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Correspondence from Emergency Management BC – EMBC Update: Emergency Management Legislation – RDBN."	
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		(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

OF BULLATEY & NEC

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEMORANDUM

то:	Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
FROM:	Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
DATE:	March 11, 2021
SUBJECT:	RDBN Response Letter to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - Consultation – Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area (TSA) Apportionment

RECOMMENDATION:

(all/directors/majority)

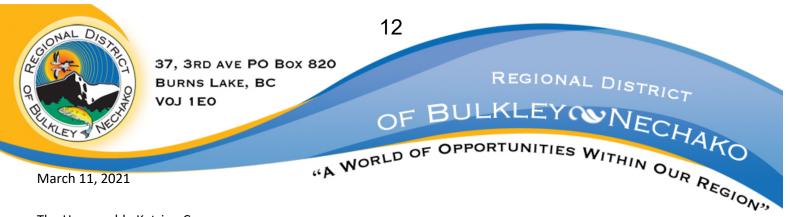
"That the Board direct staff to send the March 11, 2021 letter to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development in response to the Consultation for the Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area (TSA) Apportionment."

BACKGROUND

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) staff attended the January 28, 2021 Board Meeting as a delegation to provide information regarding the Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Apportionment. At that meeting, the Board requested additional information and an extension to the February 15, 2021 FLNRORD response deadline.

The RDBN also sent a letter to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to request an extension.

On February 25, 2021, Assistant Deputy Minister Eamon O'Donoghue and Ministry staff presented to the Board to provide additional information and extended the deadline to March 31, 2021 to provide input. Attached is a draft letter in response to the Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area (TSA) Apportionment.



The Honourable Katrine Conroy Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development PO Box 9049 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Conroy,

RE: Consultation – Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area (TSA) Apportionment

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) Board of Directors appreciated the opportunity to discuss the Lakes and Prince George TSA Apportionment with Assistant Deputy Minister Eamon O'Donoghue and Ministry staff on February 25th. We also appreciate the extended deadline of March 31, 2021 for providing input.

The Board recognizes that First Nation Reconciliation is the responsibility of all Canadians, and we should all contribute and work towards a unified goal of reconciliation. It could be construed that the Province is using the fibre resource in our region, while maintaining its stumpage revenue, as a means to achieve reconciliation. The Province will continue to maintain its revenue stream while our region's economy may suffer as a result. It is critical that the Province considers the impacts on all communities in the region while considering the AAC apportionment.

As identified in our February 2, 2021 letter to you, the forest sector is a very important and vital component of the economy of this region. As a region we are stronger with economically stable and vibrant communities. The majority of our region depends on the forest sector, providing employment to many of our residents; both indigenous and non-indigenous. Any decisions regarding apportionment need to take the resources of each community into consideration in order to achieve a balance that will ensure stability. Any long-term impacts and secondary effects will be directly felt by each resident in the region as our rural communities and municipal member communities are interconnected.

Please consider the impact to all residents of the region in your consideration of the Lakes and Prince George AAC apportionment as the harvesting of fibre in the region is a renewable and invaluable resource to all the region's residents.

Sincerely,

www.rdbn.bc.ca

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

MUNICIPALITIES: SMITHERS F1.S1. JAMES VANDERHOOF FRASER LAKE HOUSTON TELKWA BURNS LAKE GRANISLE

ELECTORAL AREAS: A-SMITHERS RURAL B-BURNS LAKE RURAL C-FORT ST. JAMES RURAL D-FRASER LAKE RURAL

F-VANDERHOOF RURAL E-FRANCOIS & OOSTA LAKES G-HOUSTON RURAL PH: 250-692-3195 FX: 250-692-3305 TF: 800-320-3339 From: NCLGA Admin <admin@nclga.ca>
Sent: February 18, 2021 4:15 PM
To: Gerry Thiessen <gerry.thiessen@rdbn.bc.ca>
Cc: Curtis Helgesen <<u>curtis.helgesen@rdbn.bc.ca</u>>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Province of BC Response to 2020 Resolution: Municipal Solid Waste - ICI EPR
Program

Dear Chair Thiessen,

I am pleased to forward the response from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to RDBN's 2020 resolution "*Municipal Solid Waste – ICI EPR Program*". Please refer to following response in a letter from Deputy Minister Kevin Jardine last fall regarding several environment related resolutions.

"Resolution Municipal Solid Waste – ICI EPR Program was not put forward at the UBCM Convention as it was similar to other endorsed resolutions (EB54-57) for which responses are forthcoming. The Province announced that it is exploring options to expand recycling programs and launched an intentions paper available for comment until November 20, 2020:

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/recycling-regulation-policy-intentions-paper. Local governments will also be invited to provide feedback through webinars."

The Province of BC has since outlined next steps from this engagement process on its website - <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/waste-management/recycling/extended-producer-responsibility/recycling-regulation</u>. Details are provided below:

"The ministry is currently reviewing consultation comments and feedback. This feedback will be summarized and made publicly available early in the New Year. The input received through this engagement will be presented to the new government to help inform the development of a multi-year strategy, which may include further outreach and engagement, on proposed priorities for amending the Recycling Regulation or pursuing other policy approaches."

My apologies for not forwarding this information to you sooner. I thought that I had already emailed it. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Susan Chalmers Executive Coordinator North Central Local Government Association T: 250-564-6585 E: admin@nclga.ca NCLGA Website | Facebook | Twitter

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Hello,

On Saturday, February 20, 2021, a proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) for 17 terrestrial species was published in part I of the *Canada Gazette*. **Three of these species are found in British Columbia.** The proposal can be found on the Species at Risk Registry at: https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2021/2021-02-20/html/reg1-eng.html

This marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period during which you can share your comments on the proposal either by writing to <u>ec.LEPreglementations</u>. <u>SARAregulations.ec@canada.ca</u> or calling 1 800 668-6767. The public comment period will end on **Monday, March 22, 2021.**

The Minister of the Environment will take into consideration comments and any additional information received following this publication and make a listing recommendation for each species to the Governor in Council. After species are listed, recovery strategies must be published within one year for endangered species and within two years for threatened species.

Species found in British Columbia (BC) that are included in the proposal are the following:

Species proposed for addition to Schedule 1 of SARA

• Transverse Lady Beetle (special concern)

Species proposed for reclassification on Schedule 1 of SARA

• Rusty Cord-moss (from endangered to special concern)

Species proposed to be removed from Schedule 1 of SARA

• Sonora Skipper (from special concern to not at risk)

Please do not hesitate to contact our Pacific region office via e-mail at <u>ec.ep.rpy-sar.pyr.ec@canada.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Respectfully, **Regulatory Affairs Unit** Canadian Wildlife Service / Pacific Region Environment and Climate Change Canada / Government of Canada 5421 Robertson Road, Delta, BC, V4K 3N2 <u>ec.ep.rpy-sar.pyr.ec@canada.ca</u>