

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING

(VIRTUAL)

(Committee of the Whole)

Thursday, April 8, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson

Director Absent Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Chantal Wentland, Local Government Intern

Others Dave Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation & Technical Services, City of Prince George
Michael Coulson, Transit Planner, City of Prince George
Lindsay Taylor, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit
Aaron Thompson, Planner, BC Transit
Scott Hickling, General Manager of Operations, Takla First Nation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Parker

RTC.2021-1-1

“That the Regional Transit Agenda of December 10, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Regional Transit Committee Minutes – December 10, 2020 Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

RTC.2021-1-2 “That the Regional Transit Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

BC TRANSIT – Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations RE: 2021 Bulkley Nechako Transit Service Review

Chair Thiessen welcomed Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit.

Ms. Taylor provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Highway 16 Service Review

- Overview
- Hwy 16 Overview
- Highway 16 Service Review
- Service Review Process
- Community Context
- Community Context Q's (Questions)
- Engagement Strategy.

The following was discussed:

- The review process including collaboration and communication among various transit providers
- Granisle – recipient of the Community Vehicle Program
 - Unable to connect to the Highway 16 Transit Bus
- Fort St. James – no public transportation
 - Would like to see a public transit system
 - Will be reviewed by BC Transit
- BC Transit review process
 - All transit services in the north to determine effectiveness and efficiencies
 - Scheduling
 - Review Granisle and Fort St. James
 - Include GPS for the buses for riders to determine locations in real time
 - Highlight potential needs and resources to be the most efficient and most seamless transportation corridor
- Residents daily commute between Houston and Smithers and Houston and Burns Lake
 - Current schedule does not accommodate most commuters
- Road conditions on the Highway 16 Corridor in the winter and summer
- Possible provincial/federal funding.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Taylor for attending the meeting.

REPORT

Bulkley-Nechako Transit
Service Review

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Atrill

RTC.2021-1-3

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Planner
1/Regional Transit Coordinator’s 2021 Bulkley Nechako Transit
Service Review memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Funk

RTC.2021-1-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant