

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 8
VIRTUAL

Thursday, May 27, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – left at 10:30 a.m., returned at 11:30 a.m.
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

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Brooke Anderson, Protective Services Student – left at 12:03 p.m.
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services
Darrell Hill, Bylaw Enforcement Officer – arrived at 10:52 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Emma Moore, FireSmart Student – left at 12:03 p.m.
Jacob Newkirk, Planning Student – left at 10:11 a.m.
Tiarri Rushton, Environmental Services Student – left at 10:11 a.m.
Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit/Planner – arrived at 10:13 a.m., left at 11:05 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Shawna Williams, Economic Development/Agriculture Student – left at 10:11 a.m.

Summer Student Introduction

Protective Services

Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services introduced Brooke Anderson, Protective Services Student and Emma Moore, FireSmart Student.

Planning

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning introduced Jacob Newkirk, Planning Student.

Environmental Services

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services introduced Tiarri Rushton, Environmental Services Student.

Regional Economic Development

Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development introduced Shawna Williams, Economic Development/Agriculture Student.

Chair Thiessen welcomed the RDBN summer students.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Layton

2021-8-1

"That the Board Meeting Agenda of May 27, 2021 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2021 &
Special Board Meeting
Minutes May 13, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-8-2

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2021 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Minutes

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-8-3

"That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
-May 13, 2021
- Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
-May 13, 2021
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
- May 13, 2021
- Waste Management Committee Meeting minutes
-May 13, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 3rd Reading & Adoption

Rezoning Application
RZ A-04-21 1st and 2nd Reading
Rezoning Bylaw No. 1949, 2021
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-8-4

1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1949, 2021 be given first and second reading this 27th day of May, 2021.

2. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1949, 2021 be waived."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors) (CONT'D)

OCP Amendment and Rezoning Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Application RZ B-01-21 Seconded by Director Funk
1st & 2nd Reading for OCP
Bylaw 1945, 2021 and Rezoning
Bylaw 1946, 2021

2021-8-5

1. "That the Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist for OCP Amendment Application No. RZ B-01-21 and OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2021.

2. That Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2021 be given first and second reading this 27th day of May, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1946, 2021 be given first and second reading this 27th day of May, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

4. That the Public Hearing for Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1945, 2021 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1946, 2021 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area B."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OCP Amendment and Rezoning Moved by Director Greenaway
Application RZ C-01-21 Seconded by Director Petersen
1st & 2nd Reading for OCP
Bylaw 1947, 2021 and Rezoning
Bylaw 1948, 2021

2021-8-6

1. "That the Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist for OCP Amendment Application No. RZ C-01-21 and OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 1947, 2021.

2. That Fort St. James Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1947, 2021 be given first and second reading this 27th day of May, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1948, 2021 be given first and second reading this 27th day of May, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

4. That the Public Hearing for Fort St. James Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1947, 2021 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1948, 2021 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Report

OCP Amendment and
Rezoning Application
RZ A-01-21 Request to put
Application on Hold
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2021-8-7

1. "That the Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist for OCP Amendment Application No. RZ A-01-21 and OCP Amendment Bylaw number TBD.

2. That further consideration of OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application RZ A-01-21 be deferred until the RDBN has had an opportunity to evaluate the application information to be submitted by Telkwa Coal Ltd. as part of their Environmental Assessment Certificate application process for the Tenas Project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Advisory Planning Commission
Member Appointment

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-8-8

1. "That the Board remove Mary-Anne Larson from the APC for Electoral Area D.

2. That the Board appoint Carol Gibson, Elijah Newell and Mary Robinson; and remove Vera Boyce, Chris Newell, Jerry Botti, Jeff Schering, and Simone Groth from the APC for Electoral Area G."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Application

Non-Adhering Residential Use
Application 1226 Electoral
Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-8-9

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Adhering Residential Use Application No. 1226 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the history of the property, sewer, water, and zoning considerations as well as steps moving forward. Staff will follow-up regarding property tax information.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors) (CONT'D)

ALR Application (Cont'd)

Non-Farm Use Application 1227 Moved by Director Fisher
Electoral Area "A" Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-8-10 "That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1227 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval with the further recommendation that the Agricultural Land Commission ensure appropriate reclamation once the proposed mine has closed."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral

Cheslatta Land Transfer,
District Lot 491 Electoral
Area "E" Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-8-11 "That the Board direct staff to inform the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation that the Board has no objection to the proposed land disposition of the East ½ of District Lot 491, Range 4, Coast District."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Endako Weir Project Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-8-12 "That the Board send the letter attached to the Director of Planning's Endako Weir Project Staff Report to the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance in response to their letter regarding the Endako Weir Project as amended to include the Board's concerns."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Potential erosion and sending a letter to permitting agencies regarding the completion of an erosion study
- Impacts downstream from the Endako Weir Project
- First Nations and Nechako First Nations awareness and consultation
 - o Staff will forward report to the Nechako First Nations
- Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance Consultation Process
- Consultation with all communities potentially affected by the Endako Weir Project
- Lakeshore property septic systems.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (All Directors)

RDBN Bylaw Ticketing System Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-8-13

“That the Board direct staff to work with member municipalities to explore interest in establishing a Bylaw Dispute Adjudication (BDA) system, and report back to the RDBN Board with an implementation strategy and budget implications.”

Opposed: Director Lambert CARRIED
 Director Petersen

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) system
- Bylaw Dispute Adjudication (BDA) system
- Enforcement
 - o RCMP ability to enforce RDBN ticketing system if implemented
 - o Regulating the use and activities that may occur on RDBN parks and trails
- Capacity
 - o RDBN Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

REGIONAL TRANSIT

2021/2022 Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-8-14

“That the Board receive the 2021-2022 Annual Operating Agreement and that the Board approve entering into the Agreement with BC Transit.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the expiration of the partnership agreement. Staff will provide the Bulkley Nechako Transit partner funding information to the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Purchase of a New Tractor Truck for Eastern Waste Hauling Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Storey

2021-8-15

“That the Board approve the purchase of a 2022 Peterbilt 367 SBFA Tandem Axle Tractor Truck for \$209,000 plus applicable taxes.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting Recommendations -May 13, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brienen

2021-8-16

"That the Board approve Recommendations 1 and 2 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 13, 2021

Recommendation 1:

Re: Chinook Community Foundation NDIT Matching Funds Application

"That the Board support the Grant Application from the Chinook Community Society to Northern Development's Community Foundation Matching Grant program for \$30,000 with the communities to be identified with the grant application as Area "B" and Area "E"."

Rural/Agriculture Committee – May 13, 2021

Recommendation 2:

Re: Agriculture Newsletter

"That the Board approve a subscription-based Agriculture Newsletter."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Room Technology Upgrade

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-8-17

"That the Board authorize staff to enter into a contract with PJS Systems Inc for the Board Room Technology Upgrade project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Riis-Christianson removed himself from the meeting at 11:41 a.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to Lakes District Arts and Culture Fund Request – Lakes District Museum Society due to being employed by the Society.

Lakes District Arts and Culture Fund Request – Lakes District Museum Society

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-8-18

"That the Lakes District Museum Society be given \$5,000 in Lakes District Arts and Culture Fund monies for a Burns Lake Centennial Book Publishing Project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Riis-Christianson returned at 11:42 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

BC Provincial Nominee
-Program Entrepreneur
Immigration-Regional
Pilot Extension

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Fisher

2021-8-19

"That the Board approve continued participation in the extension of the BC Provincial Nominee Program – Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COVID-19 Relief Funds

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-8-20

"That the Board approve the following COVID-19 Relief Funds Applications as outlined in the Manager of Regional Economic Development's Supplementary Agenda COVID-19 Relief Funds memorandum:

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Smithers Multicultural Society – Virtual Festival - \$1,250.00
- Round Lake Community Hall – Hall Insurance - \$3,014.00
- Friends of the Smithers Library – Operational - \$2,500.00
- Smithers Bikes – Virtual GoByBikeBC Active Transportation - \$2,500.00
- BV Search and Rescue – Equipment Replacement - \$2,500.00

Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

- Burns Lake Legion – Operating Expenses - \$3,045.09
- Eagle Creek Recreation Commission – Insurance - \$1,317.00

Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

- Fort St. James Curling Club – Hydro - \$6,326.16
- Stuart Lake Seniors Association – Kitchen Improvements for Sanitization - \$3,500.00
- Fort St. James Music Makers – Natural Gas and Hydro Expenses - \$4,436.00
- Stuart Lake Recycling Co-op – Hand washing station - \$2,466.45

Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fraser Lake Public Library – Meeting Expenses - \$150.00
- Fort Fraser Community Hall – Hall Insurance - \$2,920.00
- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society – Insurance - \$2,371

Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Vanderhoof Children's Theater – Insurance and Rental - \$3,000.00
- Mapes Blackwater Lake Community Club – Insurance - \$3,104.00
- Vanderhoof Chamber of Commerce – COVID-19 Safety Supplies - \$2,000.00."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Landfill Closure Reserve

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

2021-8-21

“That \$350,000 be transferred from the Operational Reserves for Environmental Services to the Landfill Closure Reserve for Environmental Services.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NDIT Application Resolution
Request – Lakes District Airport
Society

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-8-22

“That the Board supports the Lakes District Airport Society’s application to Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Economic Infrastructure Program for the Baker Airport Automated Refueling Station Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NDIT Application Resolution
Request – Fort St. James
Snowmobile Club

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-8-23

“That the Board supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Fort St. James Snowmobile Club for the Fort St. James Snowmobile Clubhouse Phase II Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax – Area “A”
(Smithers Rural) Smithers-
Telkwa Transfer Station

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-8-24

1. “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$27,000 of Electoral Area ‘A’ (Smithers Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a Solid Waste Infrastructure Project at the Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$27,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax – Area “A”
(Smithers Rural) Village of
Telkwa – Woodland Park Rink

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-8-25

1. “That the Board authorize contributing up to an additional \$7,140 of Electoral Area ‘A’ (Smithers Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Woodland Park Rink, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$7,140 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax – Area “B”
(Burns Lake Rural) Lakes
District Airport Society
-Automated Refueling Station
Project

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-8-26

1. “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$27,117 of Electoral Area ‘B’ (Burns Lake Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a Regional Airport Infrastructure Project at the Baker Airport, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$27,117 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Climate Action Revenue
Incentive Program (CARIP)

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-8-27

“That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO Helgesen spoke of the Provincial changes to the CARIP and the impacts to local government budgets.

2021 UBCM Resolution
Deadline

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-8-28

“That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services 2021 UBCM Resolution Deadline memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for Lunch at 12:03

Reconvened at 12:30

VERBAL REPORTS

Connectivity Meetings

Director Riis-Christianson mentioned that he has begun scheduling teleconference meetings in relation to connectivity grant applications.

Round Lake Hall Annual General Meeting

Director Fisher commented that he attended the Round Lake Hall Annual General Meeting via Zoom. He spoke of the amount of volunteer hours that community groups undertake.

UNBC Agriculture Research Network Project

Director Parker announced that UNBC Alumnus Serena Black's contract was not renewed with UNBC for its Agriculture Research Network Project. He noted that it was a great project and he will provide further information if it becomes available.

Rainbow Sidewalk – Smithers

Director Atrill reported that the Rainbow Sidewalk in Smithers has been installed once again.

Wildfire Mitigation – Phase 2

Director Brienien mentioned that Phase 2 of burning to address wildfire mitigation in Houston will hopefully begin soon.

Highway 16 Upgrades

Director Brienien spoke of upgrades being completed on Highway 16 to include underground hydro from Buckflats. They are widening two intersections and implementing new sewer and water infrastructure. In one years' time the price increase for the project was significant and increased 30%. He mentioned that the project is being completed with Northern Capital Planning Grant funding. He spoke of the importance of informing the Province of the utilization of the NCPG funding to assist communities in addressing their infrastructure deficits.

Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance

Director Brienien commented that the RBA had a meeting with Provincial staff on May 20th. He thanked the Regional Board for the letters of support. The RBA is working to schedule a meeting with Premier Horgan and he noted that the 2022 Local Government Elections are a consideration for the RBA as well as the completion of the LNG Project.

Grant Approval Delays

Director McGuire spoke of the delays in regard to Grant approvals and escalating project costs.

Canada Celebrations -Village of Granisle

Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle is planning to move forward with a modified Canada Day celebration following COVID-19 Provincial Guidelines.

Economic Development Officer -Village of Burns Lake

Director Funk announced that the Village of Burns Lake is in the process of hiring a new Economic Development Officer. She mentioned that the Village is looking forward to having an advocate to move forward its Tourism Plan and with the Provincial COVID-19 Restart Plan is hoping there will be more tourists in the community this summer.

Director Funk commented that a Tourism Planning Meeting is scheduled for next week and spoke to building strong partnerships.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

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| <u>Anglican Church Project</u> | Director Funk noted that the Village of Burns Lake is working to complete a restoration project at the Burns Lake Anglican Church but a recent estimate to complete the project has seen a significant increase in relation to the escalating costs of construction for the project. |
| <u>Burns Lake Vaccination Rate</u> | Director Funk provided an update regarding the current rate of COVID-19 vaccinations for the community of Burns Lake. |
| <u>National Indigenous Day -Fraser Lake</u> | Director Storey spoke of planning for National Indigenous Day in Fraser Lake on June 21, 2021 based on Provincial COVID-19 protocols. |
| <u>Canada Day – Fraser Lake</u> | Director Storey announced that the Village of Fraser Lake is also planning an epic fireworks display for its Canada Day celebrations. |
| <u>UBCM Advocacy Days</u> | Director Storey commented that she is now Past President of NCLGA but remains as a member of UBCM until September 2021 and recently participated in the UBCM Advocacy Days. She spoke with the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in regard to the maintenance of Highway 16. Director Storey noted that if the Board has any comments please forward them to her to follow up with Minister Fleming. |
| <u>Fort St. James Arena</u> | Director Motion mentioned that the District of Fort St. James recently approved a tender for a new ice plant at the Fort Forum Arena. |
| <u>Cottonwood Park -Fort St. James</u> | Director Motion reported that the District of Fort St. James is installing power to Cottonwood Park campground area. |
| <u>Prince George Timber Supply Apportionment Announced</u> | Director Motion spoke of the announcement by the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding the Prince George Timber Supply Apportionment Allocation. He noted the breakdown to the licensees is not yet known. |
| <u>Cultural Tourism Centre -Vanderhoof</u> | Chair Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof received grant funding in 2020 for its Cultural Tourism Centre and they are hoping construction will begin in the near future. |
| <u>Thank You to Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) -Riverside Park Project</u> | Chair Thiessen expressed his appreciation to Jerry Petersen, Director, Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for his funding assistance and support of the Riverside Park project. The trail pavement has been completed. He noted that it is a great asset for the community. |
| <u>COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics</u> | Chair Thiessen provided an update regarding the percentage of residents in Vanderhoof that have received their first COVID-19 vaccination shots and the number of clinics being held in the community. |

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Meeting with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Chair Thiessen spoke of meeting with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the RDBN and west of the Province. He mentioned the different communities having different needs and it showcased the importance of the RBA.

Federation Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Convention

Chair Thiessen noted that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Convention will take place May 31 to June 4, 2021. It will be streamed virtually at the District of Vanderhoof and the Regional District offices for those wanting to attend.

COVID-19 Provincial Restart Plan

Chair Thiessen brought forward the COVID-19 Provincial Restart Plan and the Board meeting in person. The Board will meet in person for its June 10, 2021 Committee Meetings.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-8-29

"That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-8-30

"That the Board receive the following Administration Correspondence:

- Union of B.C. Municipalities – Provincial Response to 2020 Resolutions
- Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Funding
- Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Limited Response Time re: Fraser Basin Council
- Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Nechako First nations
- Canadian Forest Products Ltd. – Logging Truck Driving Practices and Safety Concerns

ACTION LISTS

-March and April 2021 Action Lists."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSIENSS

Highway 16 Traffic Safety

Director Lambert brought forward concerns regarding traffic safety on Highway 16. He spoke of the importance of increasing passing lanes on Highway 16 within the RDBN. Chair Thiessen mentioned that he had contacted the RCMP in regard to data concerning traffic safety.

Discussion took place in regard to having representatives from the Bulkley Stikine and Fort George Districts of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) to attend a future RDBN meeting. Director Funk commented that the Village of Burns Lake has requested a safety study of Highway 16.

Maintenance of passing lanes during the winter months was also discussed.

Chair Thiessen spoke of having representatives from the MoTI for a two-hour meeting.

Northern Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign

Director Lambert spoke of Northern Health's COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-8-31

"In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Sections 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations, 90(1)(l) – discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report], and 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 must be closed to the public, therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-8-32

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:12 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant