

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 12

Thursday, September 23, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill –Teleconference/In-person at 10:27 a.m.
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom

Director Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa

Absent

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
– arrived at 10:10 a.m., left at 10:43 a.m.
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at
11:33 a.m.
Darrell Hill, Bylaw Enforcement Officer – arrived at 10:02 a.m.,
left at 10:54 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Danielle Patterson, Planner – left at 10:05 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Martina Bancroft, Tourism Development Coordinator,
Northern BC Tourism Association– via Zoom – left at 10:40 a.m.
John deWolf, Exhibit Designer, AldrichPears Associates Ltd.
– via Zoom – left at 10:40 a.m.
Clint Fraser, Chief Executive Officer, Northern BC Tourism
Association – via Zoom – left at 10:40 a.m.
Amber Harding, Marketing & Communications Specialist,
Northern BC Tourism Association– via Zoom – left at 10:40 a.m.
Wendy Hunt, CAO, District of New Hazelton – via Zoom – left at
10:40 a.m.
April Moi, Destination Development Specialist, Northern BC
Tourism Association– via Zoom – left at 10:40 a.m.

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

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

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STAFF INTRODUCTION

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning introduced Danielle Patterson, Planner.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-12-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of September 23, 2021 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2021

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-12-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Minutes - September 9, 2021

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-12-3

“That the following Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - September 9, 2021
- Rural Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - September 9, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

NORTHERN BC TOURISM ASSOCIATION – Clint Fraser, Chief Executive Officer and John deWolf, Exhibit Designer, AldrichPears Associates Ltd. RE: The Great Northern Circle Route Signage Masterplan

Chair Thiessen welcomed Clint Fraser, Chief Executive Officer, Northern BC Tourism Association and John deWolf, Exhibit Designer, AldrichPears Associates Ltd.

Messrs. Fraser and deWolf provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

The Great Northern Circle Route Signage Masterplan

Northern BC Tourism Association (NBCTA)– Multiple Partners and projects

- Thematic Framework
- Place Making and Place Branding
- GNCR – Overview of the GNCR signage program
 - Gateway signage
 - Route markers/Banners
 - Directional signage
 - Interpretive signage
 - Informative signage (Trailheads)
- How does this help?
 - Sign family – in development

DELEGATION

NORTHERN BC TOURISM ASSOCIATION – Clint Fraser, Chief Executive Officer and John deWolf, Exhibit Designer, AldrichPears Associates Ltd. RE: The Great Northern Circle Route Signage Masterplan

- When will this happen?
 - Phase 1 – Start up and Discovery – Summer 2021
 - Phase 2 - Signage Program Strategy – Summer/Fall 2021
 - Phase 3 – Concept Design – Fall/Winter 2021
 - Phase 4 – Detailed Design – Winter/Spring 2022
 - Phase 5 – Implementation plan Masterplan (usage guidelines) – Winter/Spring 2022
- What does NBCTA need?
- How to stay informed.
 - Project website launched.

Discussion took place regarding:

- NBCTA's experience regarding the signage installation process with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - RDBN to provide information regarding past signage projects
- Staff will provide an RDBN staff contact to NBCT for the project
- Costs to be incurred by municipalities
 - Further discussions with municipalities to take place while working through the planning phases in regard to signage maintenance
- Longer term development of signage along the corridors
- GNCR geographic area
 - Telling the story of the region
 - Introduce people to the culture and daily life of northern BC
 - Entire northern part of the province and corridors throughout
 - Signage that encourages exploration and provides information
- Consultation process
 - NBCTA working on the master signage framework and the thematic framework concurrently
 - NBCTA is in the process of sending invitations to local governments to identify important areas, overarching themes to support interpretive signage
 - A meeting invitation has been forwarded to the Village of Granisle
 - Director Newell requested a list of stakeholders being invited to participate and questioned if municipalities, First Nation communities, museums and historical societies would be included in the consultation process
- Village of Burns Lake embarking on a wayfinding project with implementation in 2022
 - NBCTA working with Village of Burns Lake to augment ideas and programs.

Chair Thiessen thanked Messrs. Fraser and deWolf for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 1st and 2nd Reading

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Fisher
RZ A-05-21 – 1st & 2nd Reading Seconded by Director Newell
Rezoning Bylaw No. 1958, 2021
Electoral Area "A"

2021-12-4

1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1958, 2021 be given first and second reading this 23rd day of September, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

2. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1958, 2021 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Fisher
RZ A-06-21 – 1st & 2nd Reading Seconded by Director Greenaway
Rezoning Bylaw No. 1959, 2021
Electoral Area "A"

2021-12-5

1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1959, 2021 be given first and second reading this 23rd day of September, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

2. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1959, 2021 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Parker
RZ D-01-21 – 1st & 2nd Reading Seconded by Director Storey
for OCP Amendment
Bylaw 1956, 2021 and Rezoning
Bylaw No. 1957, 2021
Electoral Area "D"

2021-12-6

1. That the Board approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist.

2. That Endako, Fraser Lake, and Fort Fraser Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1956, 2021 be given first and second reading this 23rd day of September, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1957, 2021 be given first and second reading this 23rd day of September, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

4. That the Public Hearing for Endako, Fraser Lake, and Fort Fraser Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1956, 2021 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1957, 2021 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area D."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – September 7, 2021
Electoral Area “A” Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-12-7 “That the September 7, 2021 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes for Electoral Area “A” be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Applications

ALR Non-Farm Use Application No. 1237 – Electoral Area “A” Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-12-8 1. “That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1237 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval with the further recommendations that the Agricultural Land Commission ensure appropriate reclamation for the gravel pit, evaluate the suitability of the proposed peat deposit of future agriculture use, and ensure removal of invasive plants from the property.

2. That staff contact the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation and request that the Ministry ensure that the permit terms for the subject property are developed in consideration of ground water resources (Aquifer 577 and 578).”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the applicant’s compliance with the terms of the RDBN’s 2020 Temporary Use Permit (TUP) where the berm intended to replace the previously existing treed buffer is incomplete and remains unvegetated. Staff will monitor the site in the spring of 2022 and undertake the necessary enforcement action to ensure compliance to the TUP. This may include reporting to the Board to seek direction on voiding the TUP.

ALR Subdivision Application No. 1238 – Electoral Area “A” Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-12-9 “That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1238 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval.”

Opposed: Director Petersen CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Other

ALC Annual Report 2020-2021 Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-12-10 “That the Board receive the ALC Annual Report 2020-2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (All Directors)

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

2021-12-11

1. "That the Board direct staff to prepare bylaws, policies, and agreements for the implementation of the BDA (Bylaw Dispute Adjudication) system provided for in the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*, for the Board's consideration.

2. That the Board direct staff to work with the Court Services Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General to request the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the Province of British Columbia enact a Regulation under section 29 of the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*, applying the Act to the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning provided an overview of the proposed ticket adjudication system and noted a number of municipalities appear interested in partnering with the RDBN on the system.

Discussion took place regarding potential fees to municipalities and cost recovery as well as the role of a Screening Officer being undertaken by the Director of Planning, Building Inspectors or Bylaw Enforcement Officers.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-September 9, 2021

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-12-12

"That the Board approve the September 9, 2021 Committee Meeting Recommendations 1 through 5 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 9, 2021

Recommendation 1:

Re: Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum – October 12 & 13, 2021 (Virtual)

"That the Rural Directors be authorized to attend the Virtual Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum on October 12 & 13, 2021."

Recommendation 2:

Re: Coast Waste Management Association 2021 Conference

"That Director Fisher be authorized to attend the Coast Waste Management Association 2021 Conference to be held October 20-22, 2021 in Victoria, B.C."

Recommendation 3:

Re: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

"That the Board approve the amended Statutory and Legal Holidays Policy."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural/Agriculture Committee – September 9, 2021

Recommendation 4:

Re: Veterinary Shortages in the RDBN

“That the Board write letters to the Ministers of Advanced Education and Agriculture, Food and Fisheries in support of the request made to the Province by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) – Society of BC Veterinarians (SBCV) Chapter to make veterinary training a funding priority and increase the number of seats available to BC students at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine.”

Recommendation 5:

Re: COVID-19 Relief Funds – Remaining Allocation

“That the Board approve \$12,740.89 of the COVID-19 Relief Funds to the Community Group Allocations:

- Lake Kathlyn Protection Society – COVID – related contract work - \$8,430.61
- Colleymount Recreation Society – Insurance, Hydro, Propane - \$2,710.28
- Arocha (Houston Hatchery) – Outdoor Meeting Space - \$1,600.00.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Code of Conduct

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-12-13

“That the Board adopt the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Code of Conduct.”

Opposed: Director Lambert
Director Newell
Director Petersen

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Fort Fraser Community Hall
Grant Local Establishment
Amendment Bylaw
No. 1962, 2021

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2021-12-14

“That Fort Fraser Community Hall Grant Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1962, 2021 be given first, second and third reading this 23rd day of September, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Fort Fraser Fire Protection
Service Establishment
Amendment Bylaw
No. 1961, 2021

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2021-12-15

“That Fort Fraser Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1961, 2021 be given first, second and third reading this 23rd day of September, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Broadband
Infrastructure Service
Establishment

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-12-16

1. That Regional Broadband Infrastructure Bylaw No. 1951, 2021 be given third reading as amended this 23rd day of September, 2021.

2. That, for the purpose of obtaining approval for the Regional Broadband Infrastructure Bylaw No. 1951, 2021 using the Alternative Approval Process, 1,218 be used as the fair determination of 10% of the total number of eligible electors within the service area;

3. That the deadline for receiving elector responses for Bylaw No. 1951 be Monday, February 21, 2022.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding a Communication Plan and staff will bring forward a report at a future Connectivity Committee Meeting. The Elector Response Form was discussed, and staff will bring forward the form with amended wording at a future meeting for Board consideration.

Grant in Aid Request – Lake
Kathlyn Protection Society

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-12-17

“That the Lake Kathlyn Protection Society be given \$8,000 Grant in Aid monies, from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) to support weed harvesting activities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Request – School
District #54 Bulkley Valley
– Walnut Park Totem Pole Project

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-12-18

“That School District #54 Bulkley Valley be given \$30,000 Grant in Aid monies, from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) to support a Totem Pole project at the new Walnut Park School.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

COVID-19 Relief Funds

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-12-19

"That the Board approve the following COVID-19 Relief Funds Applications:

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

-Smithers Zone Canadian Ski Patrol – Insurance and Fees
- \$3,949.44

Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

-Decker Lake Recreation Commission – Insurance and Hydro
- \$2,462.08."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the Remuneration Bylaw

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-12-20

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw Amendment No. 1960, 2021 be given first, second and third reading this 23rd day of September 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LISTS

Action Lists – May, June, July and August 2021

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-12-21

"That the Board receive the following Action Lists:

- May, 2021
- June, 2021
- July, 2021
- August, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Rural/Agriculture Committee

Chair Parker reported that he had met with RDBN staff and Agriculture Coordinators. He expressed his appreciation for the work and local knowledge of both RDBN Agriculture Coordinators.

Connectivity Committee

Chair Riis-Christianson commented that a Connectivity Committee Meeting will take place in October to discuss the importance of developing a strategy and options moving forward to improve connectivity for area residents.

Waste Management Committee -Province exploring Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) Recycling options

Director Fisher mentioned that the Province announced it was taking action to recycle more products as part of a five-year plan to advance recycling in B.C. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy also indicated it will explore how to regulate the recycling of more packaging paper products within the ICI sector.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Northern BC Solid Waste Management (Virtual) Forum -October 12 & 13, 2021

Director Fisher encouraged the Board to register for the Northern BC Solid Waste Management (Virtual) Forum October 12 & 13, 2021. He also spoke of inviting schools within the region to attend.

Teleconference with the Honourable, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health -September 22, 2021

Director McGuire spoke of the teleconference meeting with the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health September 22, 2021 with northern Mayors, Chairs and CAOs to discuss the COVID-19 Pandemic. Director McGuire spoke of providing feedback to Minister Dix's staff regarding the development of a visual meter for communities to show vaccination rates in each community.

Town of Smithers

Director Atrill expressed her gratitude regarding the Town of Smithers having staffing levels return to normal and positions filled. She noted the uncertainty created by vacant job positions.

National Truth and Reconciliation Day at Lejac -September 30, 2021

Director Storey announced that a National Truth and Reconciliation Day Event will be held at the site of the Lejac Residential School on September 30th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. for anyone wanting to attend.

District of Vanderhoof Staffing Levels

Chair Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof has recently had the same experience as the Town of Smithers in regard to staffing. He noted the District has now filled its job postings. He recognized Northern Development Initiative Trust for their Internship Program due to a number of employees that the District of Vanderhoof has hired that participated in the program.

COVID-19 Pandemic

Director Riis-Christianson thanked Chair Thiessen for his opening comments regarding the challenges being felt and observed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current strain on communities. He spoke of the importance of being calm and providing reassurance to residents and providing accurate information for individuals to make informed decisions.

Director Atrill mentioned that the arena is open in Smithers and staff are preparing for the current Provincial COVID-19 regulations and vaccine passport program for adult recreation. She spoke of the impacts of past COVID-19 restrictions and the ability to provide programming under the present COVID-19 regulations.

Director Atrill attended a protest that took place in Smithers concerning businesses addressing the Provincial Vaccine Passport requirements. She noted the number of different issues and the angst with members of the protest. Director Atrill mentioned the importance of focusing on the good and positive to continue to move forward.

Director Newell spoke of the fear that is overwhelming some people and noted that with differing opinions in regard to COVID-19 Vaccine Passports it has become challenging to be inclusive of one another, but it is so important.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

COVID-19 Pandemic – (Cont'd) Director Funk spoke of the challenges of COVID-19 and encouraged the community to be responsive to the Provincial regulations and vaccine passports.

Chair Thiessen spoke of the importance of supporting medical workers and staff at the region's hospitals.

He attended the meeting with Minister Dix as well as meeting with Shirley Bond, MLA Prince George-Valemount and BC Liberal Party Interim Leader. He noted the strain the pandemic has had on provincial leaders as well.

Chair Thiessen spoke of different organizations that have recently announced their support of vaccinations.

He brought forward concerns regarding COVID-19 patients filling hospitals and limiting the ability for accident victims and other medical procedures to receive the care they need. He spoke of removing the focus from vaccines and moving the focus to caring and rebuilding communities. He noted the next 6-8 weeks may be challenging.

Chair Thiessen mentioned that as leaders they can reach out to community groups and hospitals to give thanks and provide support. Director Atrill spoke of individuals in the Town of Smithers working to provide citizen support to healthcare workers.

Director Brienen commented on the importance of messaging from local government leaders and supporting others and one another during these stressful and challenging times.

Discussion took place regarding the pressure and overwhelming workload for health care workers.

2021 UBCM Virtual Convention September 7-17, 2021

The RDBN Board of Directors reported that the 2021 UBCM Virtual Convention Minister Meetings between September 7-17, 2021 went well.

Director Funk noted the Village of Burns Lake had positive and collaborative conversation at the table notably with the Minister of Advance Education and Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Director Fisher commented that he participated in a number of 2021 UBCM meetings from the Town of Smithers Council Chambers. He expressed his appreciation to the Town of Smithers for the opportunity.

Director Storey thanked the Board for its support in electing her as UBCM Director at Large.

The Honourable Lana Popham, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Director Parker thanked those that participated in the meeting and expressed his gratitude to the RDBN Agriculture Coordinators for assisting with the briefing information

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS)

Director McGurie indicated that after meeting with BC Emergency Health Services during the UBCM Convention she looks forward to having further follow up with BCEHS when a meeting can be scheduled between BCEHS and Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District.

Director Storey thanked Director McGuire for her work in regard to concerns with BCEHS staffing levels in small rural communities.

The Honourable David Eby, Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing

Director Atrill mentioned that the Town of Smithers UBCM meetings focused on the topics of land acquisition and housing issues. Director Atrill was also the lead speaker for the RDBN regarding communities in the region experiencing an increase in homelessness due to mental health and addiction struggles. She mentioned that while the meeting took place she witnessed an overdose taking place in the homeless camp located near the Town of Smithers municipal office. Nathan Cullen, Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations and MLA Stikine also participated in the call.

Director Storey commented that the Village of Fraser Lake also met with Minister Eby to discuss housing, respite and senior housing in the community.

The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Director Brienen mentioned that in speaking with Minister Conroy the Modernizing Forest Policy in British Columbia intentions paper was brought forward. He mentioned that as Chair of the RDBN Natural Resources Committee he will bring the Paper forward at the next Committee meeting.

Director Funk mentioned that in discussions with Minister Conroy concerns were raised regarding the potential change from tabular rates to stumpage rates and the impacts to Community Forests. Director Storey also mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake raised the same concern and spoke of the importance of ensuring that Community Forests continue to benefit communities.

Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)

Director Brienen noted that the RBA has a meeting scheduled with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs on September 28, 2021. He spoke of RBA conversations at UBCM and that the Province referenced strong fiscal futures in the long-term but the impact in the north is now.

Chair Thiessen noted that the District of Vanderhoof UBCM meetings with Premier Horgan provided an opportunity to briefly discuss RBA.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

The Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services
Director Storey noted that the Village of Fraser Lake met with Minister Beare to discuss connectivity funding. The Village of Fraser Lake on September 22, 2021 announced it was making a significant investment in the installation of Fiber Optic infrastructure throughout the community in partnership with CityWest. Minister Beare's office requested a follow-up meeting with the Village of Fraser Lake to have further connectivity discussions.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-12-22

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Purchase of a Used Excavator for Wood Waste and Field Operations

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-12-23

"That the Board approve the purchase of a 2011 Hitachi ZX200 LC-3 excavator for \$120,000 plus applicable freight and taxes, subject to an inspection and test drive."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Appreciation -Health Care Workers

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-12-24

"That the Board approve the letter of appreciation to health care workers as amended; and further, that the letter be distributed to the newspapers within the region."

Opposed: Director Lambert CARRIED
Director Motion
Director Newell

(All/Directors/Majority)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-12-25

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:18 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services