

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, June 16, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Chris Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Gerry Thiessen – arrived at 2:01 p.m.

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 2:00 p.m., left at 2:22 p.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers – via Zoom  
Shane Brienen, District of Houston – arrived at 2:01 p.m.  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 1:52 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2022-6-1

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for June 16, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes  
-May 12, 2022

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2022-6-2

“That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of May 12, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGRICULTURE REPORTS**

Meat Processing Training Development

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2022-6-3

“That the Committee direct staff to continue supporting the development of increased meat-cutting training opportunities in the region.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **AGRICULTURE REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Discussion took place regarding:

- Supporting local producers and getting product to local stores
- Staff follow up and continue the conversation with Coast Mountain College to determine the additional information that is required before they can commit resources to increasing meat processing trades training
- Providing training is impacted by housing crisis – no available housing – multifaceted issue
- Concerns regarding labour issues
  - o Foreign workers and immigration
- Providing information to BC Cattlemen's Association
- Butchering workshops
- On farm slaughter regulations.

FCC Farmland Values  
Report 2021

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-6-4

"That the Committee receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's FCC Farmland Values Report 2021 memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **RURAL REPORTS**

### **Crown Land Referral**

Crown Land Application  
Referral No. 7410232  
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2022-6-5

"That Comment Sheet regarding Crown Land Application No. 7410232 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Mine Referral**

Mine Application  
Referral No. 14999968-004  
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2022-6-6

"That Comment Sheet regarding Mine Application Referral No. 14999968-004 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Including additional information in future reports to clearly identify waterways and applications being brought forward by the province was discussed.

## **RURAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

### **COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

### **RDC.2022-6-7**

“That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:

**-Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)**

-Glenannan Community Association – Insurance - \$1,628

**-Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

-Eagle Creek Recreation Commission – Insurance \$1,244

**-Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)**

-Pleasant Valley Horse Club – Insurance and Society Fees - \$995.85.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **COVID-19 Relief Funds Remaining Allocation**

Discussion took place regarding:

- Allocation of funding and funding formula
- RDBN Building Re-wiring – included in budget
- Use of remaining COVID-19 Relief Funds for transit
- Staff will bring forward additional information regarding funding for transit
- Encouraging organizations to provide applications
- Director Fisher spoke of considering funding for the Smithers Airport.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM**

### **July 21, 2022 Meeting – RCMP Delegation Re: Topics for Discussion**

- Committee to provide topics to staff by the end of June
  - o Incident in the Houston area regarding Coastal GasLink and receiving updates
- Staff will provide the information provided by its member municipalities to the RCMP Staff Sergeant attending the meeting
- Each RCMP Detachment Staff Sergeant provides a different level of communication
- Encourage all Staff Sergeants to provide communication equally across the region.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Lambert

### **RDC.2022-6-8**

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:47 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mark Parker, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services