

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Thursday, March 9, 2023

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION – via Zoom Christina Ianniciello, Executive Director, Clean Transportation Branch Re: Clean BC - Clean Transportation Action Plan

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2-3 RDBN Letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Receive Low Carbon Innovation – Clean BC – Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) Request for Input

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February 28, 2023

Christina Ianniciello, Executive Director, Clean Transportation Branch Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation PO Box 9341 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9N1 Via email: <u>cleantransport@gov.bc.ca</u>

Dear Ms. Ianniciello,

Clean BC – Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) Request for Input

On behalf of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide input and insight into the CTAP that the Province is developing through the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030. The Board brought forward concerns and questions regarding the questions being asked to inform the CTAP:

1. Reduce Distance Traveled and Increase Mode Shift

- a. lack of adequate available transit in rural and northern communities
- b. lack of alternate modes of infrastructure (e.g. cycling)
- c. distances to travel and access to federal/provincial and other agency services

2. Adopt ZEVs

- a. may not be suitable in cold weather climates
- b. what is the provincial plan for fossil fueled vehicles
- c. concerns regarding the value of currently owned fossil fueled vehicles
- d. potential impacts on food security in northern B.C. with ZEV technology in large transport trucks

3. Use Clean Fuels

- a. lack of infrastructure and programs in northern B.C. from recycling to transportation, etc.
- b. environmental (weather) impacts to alternate uses of fuel and long distances required to travel.

There are a number of opportunities and potential solutions that northern rural residents want to embrace in addressing a climate plan that reduces climate pollution and builds a cleaner, stronger economy for <u>all</u> residents of British Columbia. Therefore, the RDBN would like to request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation consider developing a Clean BC Plan in consultation with northern stakeholders that includes initiatives and opportunities that can be successfully applied by northern residents to embrace the Province's Clean BC – Clean Transportation Action Plan.

The RDBN will also be forwarding a resolution to the North Central Local Government Association and the Union of B.C. Municipalities to lobby the Provincial Government to develop a Clean BC Plan specific to rural and northern communities that addresses the unique challenges and identifies how the targets can be achieved.

Thank you for considering our request and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mark Parker Chair