



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

Supplementary AGENDA Thursday, February 27, 2025

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ADJOURNMENT



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplementary

To: Chair and Board

From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services

Date: February 27, 2025

Subject: **Nechako Watershed Roundtable Resolutions for Consideration**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Direction.

BACKGROUND

The Fraser Basin Council has provided the attached resolutions to regional districts requesting consideration for submission to NCLGA. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) resolved to approve both resolutions for submission to both NCLGA and UBCM.

If the Board is supportive of the resolutions, it may vote in favour of the resolutions at the upcoming NCLGA AGM & Convention or submit its own resolutions for consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolutions for Consideration:

- Local Watershed Governance Organizations
- Biodiverse Climate Resilient Ecosystems



Date: February 19, 2025

2025 RESOLUTIONS SUBMISSION NECHAKO WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE CORE COMMITTEE APPROVED

LOCAL WATERSHED GOVERNANCE ORGANIZATIONS

Whereas recent legislation supporting watershed governance, and the 2024 NDP-Green Party Accord recognize the importance of local knowledge around water management; and
Whereas well established multi-interest watershed health organizations are working throughout BC to restore watershed ecosystems from past excessive resource exploitation, and future proof them to adapt to climate impacts;

Therefore be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM request the Government of British Columbia share a portion of natural resource royalty income to provide financial support to local watershed governance organizations.

BIODIVERSE CLIMATE RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS

Whereas community based ecological knowledge, combined with scientific data and understanding is the best way to plan for climate adaptation; and
Whereas future forest and water management must protect and restore ecosystem services to ensure a resilient and biodiverse landscape;

Therefore, be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM work with the Province of BC to establish and empower collaborative landscape level planning tables with the goal to restore biodiverse climate resilient ecosystems.



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplementary

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services
Date: February 27, 2025
Subject: **CWF for Topley Fire Hall Generator**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

- 1) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$16,000 in Canada Community Building Fund BC monies, \$12,800 from Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) and \$3,200 from Area B (Burns Lake Rural), to a Fire Hall Infrastructure project at the Topley Fire Hall and further,

(participants/weighted/majority)

- 2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$16,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.
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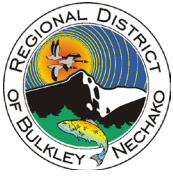
BACKGROUND

The rural Topley Fire Hall is vulnerable to service disruption in the event of a power outage, and installing a permanent generator will significantly reduce this risk. Because the Topley Fire Hall does not already have a generator, there are installation costs in addition to the purchase included in this project.

The available Area G CWF allocation is \$596,002

The available Area B CWF allocation is \$574,085

Directors Newell and Riis-Christianson are supportive of the application and of contributing funds to this project.



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplementary

To: Chair and Board
From: Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator
Date: February 27, 2025
Subject: **RDBN Gathering for Food-Producer, Non-Profit Organizations**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive.

BACKGROUND

The RDBN Regional Agriculture Coordinator is collaborating with Michelle Roberge, MR Concepts, to host a gathering of non-profit, agriculture organizations for local food producers. A facilitator experienced with non-profit organizations will lead the group through the following discussion topics:

- Strengths and challenges for each organization. We are encouraging participating groups to submit a description of their organization that includes their current projects.
- Key features of healthy not-for-profit organizations, and steps to get there or make improvements.
- Explore synergies between the different organizations that could be used to improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Evaluate what a communication framework would look like between the different organizations, and is there interest in maintaining this framework? Explore potential outcomes.

Planning is ongoing. Invitations to agricultural organization will go out shortly. The meeting will be held in Burns Lake on March 22, 2025.

This idea was developed following an agricultural organization meeting held in Vanderhoof earlier this year. There are several large project ideas being discussed within many of our local agricultural organizations including food hubs, greenhouses, and facilities for meat processing. Our local agriculture organizations all have some of the same challenges when it comes to both resourcing money and people. The report that will come out of this meeting will include recommendations for increasing collaboration and facilitating information exchange between our regional agricultural organizations.