

## **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Thursday, May 8, 2025**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Mark Parker
	Directors	Gladys Atrill Shane Brien Leroy Dekens Martin Elphee Judy Greenaway Linda McGuire Shirley Moon Kevin Moutray Chris Newell Michael Riis-Christianson Stoney Stoltenberg Sarrah Storey – via Zoom – left at 10:43 a.m., returned at 10:44 a.m., left at 11:09 a.m., returned at 11:10 a.m., left at 11:11 a.m., returned at 11:13 a.m., left at 11:39 a.m., returned at 11:40 a.m. Henry Wiebe
	Director Absent	Clint Lambert, Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Cole Bender, FireSmart Coordinator – arrived at 10:27 a.m., left at 10:29 a.m. Krish Chandhok, Finance Summer Student – left at 10:29 a.m. Jordan Illes, Economic Development Summer Student– left at 10:29 a.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer – left at 10:41 a.m., returned at 10:46 a.m. Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services – arrived at 10:29 a.m., left at 10:59 a.m., returned at 11:03 a.m., left at 11:20 a.m. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services Aryana Persson, FireSmart Summer Student– left at 10:29 a.m. Anusha Rai, Human Resources Advisor – left at 10:29 a.m. Chloe Taylor, Planning Summer Student– left at 10:29 a.m. Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Staff (Cont'd)	Grace Zayac, Emergency Management Technician – left at 10:29 a.m. Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services – left at 11:50 a.m.
Other	Susan Brookes, Coordinator, Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society – via Zoom – left at 10:37 a.m.
Media	Jake Wray, Lakes District News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

C.W.2025-3-1

"That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 8, 2025 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Committee of the Whole  
Minutes –April 10, 2025

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

C.W.2025-3-2

"That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2025 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**STAFF INTRODUCTIONS**

The following Staff were introduced:

- Cole Bender, FireSmart Coordinator
- Krish Chandhok, Finance Summer Student
- Jordan Illes, Economic Development and Agriculture Summer Student
- Aryana Persson – FireSmart Summer Student
- Chloe Taylor, Planning Summer Student
- Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services
- Grace Zayac –Emergency Management Technician

## **DELEGATION**

### **BULKLEY VALLEY LAKES DISTRICT AIRSHED MANAGEMENT SOCIETY – Susan Brookes, Coordinator Re: Update Clean Air Plan**

Chair Parker welcomed Susan Brookes, Coordinator, Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society.

Ms. Brookes provided a PowerPoint presentation.

- CLEANAIRPLAN.CA
  - o General Goals of the Plan
  - o PurpleAir Results
  - o The goals met
  - o PurpleAir Website live.

The following was discussed:

- Funding request sent to Granisle
- Monitors in Burns Lake
  - o Public Library
  - o Carrier Sekani Family Services
- Air quality impacts from wildfires
  - o Air scrubbers at Community Halls in the region
  - o Sharing information on BVLD AMS website of the location of air scrubbers in region.

Chair Parker thanked Ms. Brookes for the update.

## **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **Enforcement Policy and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw**

CAO Helgesen noted that the Board deferred Enforcement Policy and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw from the April 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting due to the public feedback and concerns. He commented that the policy is a tool for staff to implement and enforce bylaws. The Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw (ticketing) is for existing bylaws.

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services along with Director Lambert attended two meetings in Electoral Area E. The Southside of Francois Lake meeting had approximately 60-70 attendees that were highly engaged and indicated opposition to visible enforcement. The meeting at Francois Lake Hall had approximately 20 attendees with fewer concerns after clarification was provided regarding the policy. At the Board's direction staff can visit other communities.

Mr. Llewellyn noted that staff provided a binder for each Director with the draft Enforcement Policy and draft Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw with all relevant bylaws included. Staff reviewed each bylaw with the Board highlighting and cross referencing some aspects where misinformation was circulating with the public.

## **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)**

The Board discussed:

- Ability for Electoral Areas to remove themselves from the function
- Including Section 39 proposed wording allowing Electoral Areas to opt out of policy application on private lands with enforcement still applying to Regional District owned lands
- Exemption from individual bylaws
- Streamlining the process and making it more efficient for staff and the public
- Concerns regarding a ticketing system for some electoral areas
- Service provision to area residents
- Municipalities having Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaws pertaining to properties within municipalities

Director Riis-Christianson spoke of the importance of respecting the will of the Board and respecting those around the table and individuals right to vote however they determine is the best.

Enforcement Policy and  
Bylaw Notice Enforcement  
Bylaw

Moved by Director Moon  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2025-3-3

"That the Board direct staff to bring forward to the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting the following wording in relation to Bylaw Enforcement Policy and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Electoral Areas:

"In Electoral Area(s) (to be identified) Bylaw Notices may only be issued for contraventions of the Solid Waste Management Bylaw (Bylaw No. 1764, 2016) and the Parks Use Regulatory Bylaw (Bylaw no. 1989, 2023)."

Opposed: Dir. Moutray      CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Lakes District Arts and Culture  
Funding – Lakes District Fair  
Association

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Dekens

C.W.2025-3-4

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve entering into a funding agreement for \$10,500 per year for five years with the Lakes District Fair Association through the Lakes District Arts and Culture Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Grant in Aid – Omineca  
Ski Club

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

C.W.2025-3-5

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve a grant of \$20,000 to Omineca Ski Club, split equally between Electoral Areas B (Burns Lake Rural), and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) from Regional Grant in Aid."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw Review Process

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2025-3-6

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Bylaw Review Process memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Red Dress Day – May 5

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

C.W.2025-3-7

"That the Board receive the First Nations Liaison's Red Dress Day – May 5 memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Agriculture and  
Food – BC Agricultural Council  
And BC Food & Beverage  
Representation – Northern BC

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2025-3-8

"That the Board receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food regarding BC Agricultural Council and BC Food & Beverage Representation – Northern BC."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Recess for lunch at 11:54 a.m.**

**Reconvened at 12:40 p.m.**

**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA  
BOARD MOTION**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Dekens

C.W.2025-3-9

"That Under Section 220 of the *Local Government Act*, a special meeting has been called at the request of the Chair and that this meeting must be closed pursuant to Section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter* for the Board to deal with legal matters."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Dekens  
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2025-3-10

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 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