

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 8**

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Mark Parker
	Directors	Gladys Atrill – via Zoom Shane Brien Leroy Dekens – arrived at 10:15 a.m. Martin Elphee Judy Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire – arrived at 10:15 a.m., left at 10:38 a.m., returned at 10:43 a.m. Shirley Moon Kevin Moutray Chris Newell Michael Riis-Christianson Stoney Stoltenberg Sarrah Storey Henry Wiebe
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived via Zoom at 10:51 a.m., arrived In Person at 11:52 a.m., left at 11:54 a.m. and remained on Zoom Megan D’Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator – via Zoom - left at 12:06 p.m. Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services – arrived at 12:00 p.m. Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor – arrived at 1:16 p.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer – arrived at 11:04 a.m. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services Christopher Walker, Emergency Services Manager – left at 11:29 a.m. Scott Zayac, Director of Protective Services– left at 11:29 a.m., returned at 1:30 p.m.
	Others	Kris Garneau, Land and Resource Coordinator – Wildfire Risk Reduction, Nadina Forest District, Ministry of Forests – left at 11:29 a.m. David Keir, Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. – left at 10:41 a.m.

Others (Cont'd) Shelby Oe, Land and Resource Coordinator – Wildfire Risk Reduction, Stuart Nechako Forest District, Ministry of Forests – left at 11:29 a.m.  
Amanda Ward, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. – via Zoom– left at 10:41 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**AGENDA &**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Seconded by Director Storey

2025-8-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of May 22, 2025 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting Minutes  
- April 24, 2025

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Moon

2025-8-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2025 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board Meeting Minutes  
- May 8, 2025

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2025-8-3

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting Minutes  
- May 8, 2025

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Elphee

2025-8-4

“That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Moon

2025-8-5

“That the Rural Services Committee Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD. – David Keir, Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations and Amanda Ward, Vice President Regulatory Affairs Re: Notification of 2025-2057 Revenue Requirements Application for PNG - West**

Chair Parker welcomed David Keir, Director, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations and Amanda Ward, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

Mr. Keir and Ms. Ward provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### **Focus of Today**

- PNG – West Revenue Requirements Application
  - Overview
  - PNG Service Areas
  - Background & Context
    - PNG – West System Demand
    - Revenue Requirements Overview
    - PNG Service Areas
    - Total 2024 Revenue Requirement is 2025 Start Point
    - Proposal is to smooth rates over 3 years (2025 – 2027)
    - Rate Mitigation Levers
    - BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) Regulatory Schedule: PNG-West
- Roundtable Discussion.

The following comments were made:

- Mr. Keir expressed that PNG understands and recognizes the concerns regarding the rate increases
- Challenges of rate increases for individuals on fixed incomes
- Addition and process of new industrial clients coming on board with PNG
- BCUC role
  - Opportunity for PNG to change rates
- Why the changes to the rates now?
  - All pipelines ordered to conduct works to manage integrity due to Enbridge incident in 2018 and subsequent investigation
  - As a result, PNG completed an unprecedented amount of work between 2021 to 2024 to provide safe transportation of natural gas
- Why does PNG not have reserve funds to conduct works?
  - Due to regulatory constraints PNG is not able to have reserve funds
- PNG's concerns regarding loss of customers due to the significant increase
- Village of Telkwa Councillor has requested to participate as an Intervener during the BCUC proceedings
- PNG's process to mitigate rate increases
- PNG working to stabilize rates for future years to ensure less impacts to rate payers if there are fluctuations in loss and gain of large-scale customers
- Director Storey requested information regarding net revenue/income and the need for additional information to better understand the need for the significant increase

## **DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)**

### **PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD. (CONT'D)**

- Advocacy
  - o Provincial government introduced regulations to prohibit rebates for proficient natural gas furnaces
  - o Opportunity to potentially advocate for rebates to be reinstated
- Public notification of rate changes and how the public can participate in the BCUC process
- Potential outcome if the rate increase is not approved by the BCUC
- Process if/when new large-scale customers come online with PNG and changes to rates
  - o PNG provides forecasted costs and revenues to BCUC
  - o PNG would then apply for a rate decrease.

Chair Parker thanked the delegation for their presentation.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **MINISTRY OF FORESTS – Shelby Oe, Land and Resource Coordinator – Wildfire Risk Reduction, Stuart Nechako Forest District and Kris Garneau, Land and Resource Coordinator, Nadina Forest District – Re: Wildfire Risk Reduction**

Chair Parker welcomed Shelby Oe, Land and Resource Coordinator – Wildfire Risk Reduction, Stuart Nechako Forest District and Kris Garneau, Land and Resource Coordinator, Wildfire Risk Reduction, Nadina Forest District, Ministry of Forests.

Ms. Oe and Mr. Garneau provided a PowerPoint presentation.

### **Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program**

- Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction (CLWRR) Program
  - o Natural Resource Districts
  - o BC Parks
  - o Mountain Resorts Branch
  - o BCWS Prevention – Fire Centers (FC)
  - o Crown Land
- FireSmart
  - o Indigenous Governments
  - o Municipal Governments
  - o Regional Districts
  - o BCWS Prevention – FC's
    - First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS)
    - Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)
  - o Private, Municipal, Regional, Federal Land

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **MINISTRY OF FORESTS (CONT'D)**

- West Coast Natural Resource Region
  - Skeena Region
    - Nadina NRD
    - Skeena Stikine NRD
  - Omineca Region
    - Stuart Nechako
    - Mackenzie
    - Prince George
- Coastal Fire Center
  - Northwest Fire Center
    - Nadina Fire Zone (FZ)
    - Bulkley FZ
  - Prince George Fire Center
    - VanJam FZ
    - Mackenzie FZ
    - Prince George FZ
- Where does the CLWRR Program Operate
  - Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Areas
  - Assessed in Tactical Plan
  - Vacant Crown Land
- Planning
  - Landscape/Strategic Level
  - Project Level
  - E.g. Burns Lake area, Pendelton Bay area
    - Use of small machines
    - Make areas defensible
    - Labour intensive ground clearing
  - Utilizing Resource Roads as fire breaks.

The following was discussed:

- Current imagery of areas
  - Provincial level data used
  - Ability to amend WUI areas locally
    - Reaching out to local community groups
    - Reviewing evacuation routes
    - New communities being built
    - Living document/plans
    - Sharing WUI areas
      - Information available online and can be provided
- Funding agreements for programs on a yearly basis
  - Prioritize work plans and projects
  - Working with First Nations, communities, displace forestry workers
  - Lobby for consistent funding
  - Money spent on reduction saves money on wildfires
  - Need for wildfire prevention

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **MINISTRY OF FORESTS (CONT'D)**

- Wildfire Risk Reduction is a newer program in northern B.C. and has been implemented in southern B.C. for a longer period of time
- Support from BC Wildfire and local organizations such as BL Community Forest in the Burns Lake Area
  - Funding needed for licensees and woodlot owners to conduct works
- Collaboration with Community Forests and municipalities
- Moving towards chipping in areas with an industrial chipper
  - Cleared ground
  - Assists to maintain moisture in the ground
- Commercially thinning stands
- Reviewing old growth management areas
- Opportunities to conduct wildfire reduction work to support employment in the communities
- Companies that can utilize marginalized timber
- Work and treatment areas in Cluculz Lake and Yekooche First Nations
- Grazing fire guards
- Cultural burns
- Working with First Nations communities
- Fire risk analysis data capture when conducting timber cruising works.

Chair Parker thanked the delegation for attending the meeting.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **Applications**

Temporary Use Permit  
A-01-23 – Electoral Area A  
(Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Dekens

2025-8-6

1. "That the Written Comment for Temporary Use Permit A-01-23 on the Supplementary Agenda be received.
2. That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit A-01-23 to allow aggregate processing at 6165 Donaldson Road for a three-year duration, with operational hours from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CONT'D)**

### **Applications (Cont'd)**

Parcel Frontage Exemption  
D-01-25 Electoral Area D  
(Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2025-8-7

"That the Board exempt Proposed Lot 1 from the minimum 10 per cent perimeter parcel frontage requirement pursuant to Section 512 of the Local Government Act to permit a parcel frontage of no less than five per cent, subject to the subdivision layout being in general compliance with the proposed plan attached to this report as Schedule A."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Other**

Advisory Planning  
Commission Member  
Appointment – Electoral  
Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2025-8-8

"That the Board remove Darren Jakubec from the APC for Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) and appoint Paul Murphy."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Advisory Planning  
Commission Meeting  
Minutes – Electoral Area A  
(Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Dekens

2025-8-9

"That the Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2025 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**ALR Application**

ALR Non-Adhering  
Residential Use Application  
1278 – Electoral Area A  
(Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Dekens

2025-8-10

“That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Adhering Residential Use Application No. 1278 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval as proposed with a covenant prohibiting residential use on the property legally described as the Fractional Northwest ¼ of Section 35 Township 8 Range 5 Coast District Except Plan Attached to 5204- I and Plans 1450 PRP44452 EPP30393 and EPP36986.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Land Referral**

Crown Land Referral No.  
7410336 – Electoral Area D  
(Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2025-8-11

“That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Application No. 7410336.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral No.  
7410361– Electoral Areas C  
(Fort St. James Rural) &  
D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Elphee

2025-8-12

“That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Application No. 7410361.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other**

Coastal GasLink Update

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2025-8-13

“That the Board receive the Director of Planning and Development Services’ Coastal GasLink Pipeline Electrification Environmental Assessment Certificate Amendment.”

Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**Other (Cont'd)**

UBCM News Release Bill 15  
-May 15 and - Update  
Infrastructure Projects Act

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Dekens

2025-8-14

"That the Board receive the UBCM News Release - Bill 15, *Infrastructure Projects Act* – May 15, 2025 and Supplementary Agenda item -Ministry of Infrastructure – *Infrastructure Project Act* (Union of B.C. Municipalities Update on Bill 15)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UBCM News Release Bill 15  
-May 5, 2025

Moved by Director Dekens  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2025-8-15

"That the Board receive the UBCM News Release - Bill 15 Provides Province with Regulatory Override Powers for Major Capital Projects – May 5, 2025."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

Bylaw Notice Enforcement  
Bylaw and Dispute  
Adjudication Registry

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Dekens

2025-8-16

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2041, 2025 be deferred to the June Board meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other**

Bylaw Enforcement  
Policy

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Brien

2025-8-17

"That the Board defer the Bylaw Enforcement Policy to the June Board meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REGIONAL TRANSIT**

2025/2026 Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2025-8-18 "That the Board receive the 2025/2026 Annual Operating Agreement and approve entering into the Agreement with BC Transit."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Purchase of a Used Crawler Dozer Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2025-8-19 "That the Board approve the purchase of a used 2023 John Deere 700L Crawler Dozer from Brandt Tractor Ltd. for a total of \$382,500 plus applicable taxes."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Committee Meeting Recommendations – May 8, 2025 Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2025-8-20 "That the Board approve the May 8, 2025 Committee Meetings recommendations 1 through 3 as written:

### **Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 8, 2025**

#### **Recommendation 1:**

#### **Re: Lakes District Arts and Culture Funding – Lakes District Fair Association**

"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."

#### **Recommendation 2:**

#### **Re: Grant in Aid – Omineca Ski Club**

"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."

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

**Rural Services Committee – May 8, 2025**

**Recommendation 3:**

**Re: Electoral Area D Economic Development Service Grant  
Village of Fraser Lake Resident Attraction Video Project**

“That the Board approve an Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) Economic Development Services Grant of up to \$8,000 to the Village of Fraser Lake for a resident attraction video project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UBCM Convention 2025  
September 22-26, 2025  
-Victoria, B.C. – Attendance  
Authorization – Resolution  
Deadline – Minister/Ministry  
Staff Meetings

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2025-8-21

“That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors at the UBCM Convention from September 22-26, 2025 in Victoria, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Climate Action Project  
Proposal – Solar Panel  
Installation

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Moutray

2025-8-22

“That the Board authorize staff to proceed with a feasibility study to determine the potential for the installation of solar panels at RDBN facilities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Posting of Two Fire Truck  
RFP's

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Moon

2025-8-23

“That the Regional District move forward with posting a Request for Proposal for two firetrucks (one for Cluculz Lake and one for Topley Regional Fire Departments).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Trail Lighting for Stella Road  
Walkway

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2025-8-24

1) "That the Board authorize contributing \$21,250 in Resource Benefits Alliance funding to the First Nations Outreach Capital Project.

2) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$21,250 in Canada Community Building Fund BC monies from Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) to Stellat'en First Nation for a Recreation Infrastructure project and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

3) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$21,250 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Works Fund for  
District of Vanderhoof  
-Airport Turn Pads

Moved by Director Moon  
Seconded by Director Moutray

2025-8-25

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$27,000 in Canada Community Building Fund BC monies from Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) to the District of Vanderhoof for a Local and Regional Airport Infrastructure project and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$27,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Community Works Fund for Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Town of Smithers - Northern Seconded by Director Atrill  
Edge Sports Association

2025-8-26

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$150,000 in Canada Community Building Fund BC monies from Area A (Smithers Rural) to the Town of Smithers for a Recreation Infrastructure project and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$150,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Works Fund for Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Town of Smithers - Smithers Seconded by Director Dekens  
Park Phase 3

2025-8-27

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$200,000 in Canada Community Building Fund BC monies from Area A (Smithers Rural) to the Town of Smithers for a Recreation Infrastructure project and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$200,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Community Works Fund for  
Village of Burns Lake - Solar  
Panel Project at Tom Forsyth  
Arena

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2025-8-28

1) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$100,000 in Canada Community Building Fund BC monies, \$83,000 from Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and \$17,000 from Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to the Village of Burns Lake for an Energy System Infrastructure project and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Works Fund for  
Village of Granisle - Improved  
Wireless Service in Area G

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2025-8-29

1) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$30,850 in Canada Community Building Fund BC monies, from Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) to the Village of Granisle for a Broadband Infrastructure project and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$30,850 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Woodmere  
Emergency Services Society  
Wildfire Response Trailer

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2025-8-30

"That the Board approve a grant of \$55,000 to the Woodmere Emergency Services Society from the Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) allocation of Regional Grant in Aid."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

NDIT Resolution of Support  
-Omineca Ski Club

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Storey

2025-8-31

"That the Board supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Omineca Ski Club for the Wax and Ski Rental Cabin Project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

#### **REPORT**

Livestock Services  
Sustainability

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2025-8-32

"That the Board receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's Livestock Services Sustainability memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Break for lunch at 12:06 p.m.**

**Returned from lunch at 12:45 p.m.**

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

Go North RV – 2024/2025  
Final Report

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Dekens

2025-8-33

"That the Board receive the Community Development Coordinator's Go North RV – 2024/2025 Final Report memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Purchasing Policy Revision

The Board discussed:

- Removing Purchase Order Requirements in the Policy revision
- Changing parameters regarding weight given to certain criteria for direct purchases
  - o Staff consider up to 20% discretionary
  - o Flexibility, local serviceability fleet integration
  - o Operational considerations
- Including definition of "what is Canadian goods and services"

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Environment and  
Parks – Illegal Dumping on  
Crown Land

Moved by Director Moon  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2025-8-34

“That the Board receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Environment and Parks regarding Illegal Dumping on Crown Land.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding scheduling a potential meeting at UBCM with the Ministry of Environment and Parks.

UBCM – 2025 CEPF - ESS  
Equipment and Training  
Approval Agreement

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2025-8-35

“That the Board receive the correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities regarding 2025 Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training – Approval Agreement.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **REPORTS**

UBCM Community Excellence  
Awards – Cycle 16 Trail  
Project

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2025-8-36

“That the Board supports the submission of an application for a 2025 Community Excellence Award for the Cycle 16 Trail Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HP Plotter Sale to  
District of Vanderhoof

Moved by Director Moon  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2025-8-37

“That the Board approve the sale of the HP DesignJet T1300 and HP SD Pro scanner to the District of Vanderhoof for \$5,000.00.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.

Moved by Director Dekens  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2025-8-38

"That the Board receive the correspondence from Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. regarding its submission to the BC Utilities Commission for 2025-2027 Rate Increases."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

Electoral Area G – Update

Director Newell indicated he has received calls regarding Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw and Policy.

Director Newell attended Minerals North April 30 to May 2, 2025 in Prince George. He mentioned there was considerable discussion regarding changes to the *Mineral Tenure Act* and mineral titles staking and permitting process and the impacts to grass roots exploration. He noted the lack of consultation with stakeholders and the concerns of potential impacts to future mine development.

Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) – Update

Director Greenaway provided the following update:

- Fort St. James Secondary School students, in Collaboration with School District 91, Nak'azdli First Nation and Genesis Environmental Sciences built a platform boat for Selective Fisheries Research and Harvest
- Lee Brain, Vice President of Community and Stakeholder Relations, CityWest is planning to visit Fort St. James in June
- New Fort St. James Hospital Grand Opening will take place May 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Rural) – Update

Director Lambert mentioned he held two meetings in Electoral Area E regarding the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw and Bylaw Enforcement Policy.

Director Lambert will be attending the BC Cattlemen's Association AGM on June 5-7. He also participates on the Land Stewardship Committee and has a meeting with the Minister of Forests on June 4.

Village of Telkwa – Update

Director Dekens commented the Village of Telkwa has sent a letter to the BCUC regarding the PNG rate increase as well as registering a Councillor as an intervenor in BCUC's process to consider the increase.

## **VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)**

### Village of Burns Lake -Update

Director Wiebe provided the following update:

- Designers for the golf course being considered were in the community last week and surveyed the property under consideration
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Government Street intersection road construction will be starting in June
- Village of Burns Lake awarded the contract to install services in the Village Heights area.

### Village of Granisle – Update

Director McGuire mentioned the following:

- At the May 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting a Village of Granisle Councillor submitted their resignation effective August 31<sup>st</sup> as they are relocating
- There have been a number of houses sold in the community recently
- Successful in receiving funding through the REDIP Application for a \$1million infrastructure project along with RBA funding for the \$1.9 million remediation project of the Mammoth Lodge
- Attended the NCLGA AGM and Conference in Prince Rupert – May 12-15, 2025.

### Village of Fraser Lake – Update

Director Storey provided an update:

- Attended UBCM Advocacy week in Victoria and met with several Ministers and MLAs
- Received a Chainsaw carving from the District of Chetwynd
- Attended NCLGA AGM and Conference and met with the new CEO for COFI
- Fraser Lake Official Community Plan is in progress
- Proceeding with Water Tower Project
- Completing Phase 2 of the Arena upgrades and looking to move forward with Phase 3
- Spoke of a developing a Regional Fire Department and combining with BC Ambulance Service
- Will review Village of Fraser Lake's UBCM Minister meetings with Chair Parker.

### District of Fort St. James -Update

Director Elphee mentioned:

- Attended an ESS Fair on May 17 that was sponsored by the District of Fort St. James and Nak'azdli Whut'en
- Fort St. James Arena upgrades started last week and will be completed in August
- Off leash dog park opened last week
- Unhoused Population Pilot Project.

**VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Artemis Gold Ltd. – Blackwater Project – Grand Opening Director Moutray announced that the Grand Opening of the Artemis Gold Ltd. Blackwater Gold Project will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) – Update Director Stoltenberg provided the following update:

- Smithers Skateboard Park dedication is taking place May 29<sup>th</sup> with world class skateboarders in attendance
- Wildfire Emergency Society has recently purchased an equipment trailer
- Assisting one other society to set up with BC Wildfire service to provide service in their area
- Upgrade to Round Lake Hall which was originally built in 1921
- Lychak – Evelyn Community Hall – upgrade work to prevent vandalism.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Update Director Moon mentioned:

- Attended NCLGA in Prince Rupert May 12-15
  - o Tour and presentation of the evolution of Ridley Island was very interesting
  - o Lidstone and Company Presentation regarding Regional Districts – Legislative Reform also stood out
- Will be attending the Artemis Gold Ltd. Blackwater Gold Project Grand Opening May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Agriculture cow/calf pair sales at the auction in Kamloops were high
  - o Seeing some of the highest prices in history
  - o Some uncertainty for the future due to BC seeing some of the herds being reduced in numbers over the past couple years.

District of Houston – Update Director Brien reported that the new friendship centre is moving forward with construction with the tear down of the old building being complete. The District of Houston is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Town of Smithers – Update Director Atrill spoke of the Skateboard Park Opening on May 29<sup>th</sup> and thanked Director Stoltenberg for his grant contribution and support of the project. The Park was built in honour of a young man who was taken early in life. There will be a learn to skate starting at 1:30 p.m. with the celebration scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m.

**VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Director Atrill also provided the following update:

- Town of Smithers has written a letter to the BCUC regarding PNG's request for a rate increase for 2025-2027
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Town of Smithers is hosting a large scale Emergency Training Event at the Smithers Regional Airport
- Dome Mountain Gold Project will re-commence gold production in July 2025
- Recognized Public Works Week and all those individuals that work for local government in Public Works.

Director Atrill acknowledged Director Greenaway's work as Past Chair of the NCLGA.

Village of Telkwa – Update

Director Dekens announced that the Village of Telkwa received grant funding for a Pickleball, Basketball and Tennis Court.

Chair Parker – Update

Chair Parker congratulated Director Atrill for being elected Chair of the NCLGA and thanked Director Greenaway for her work as Past President. Chair Parker noted the discussions at the NCLGA Conference and AGM around mental health and elected officials.

Chair Parker noted he is attending the Fort St. James Hospital Grand Opening on May 23, 2025 and will be meeting with the Cariboo and Fraser-Fort George Regional Districts CAOs and Chairs on May 27, 2025.

The Food Cycler Program started in Fraser Lake and Chair Parker mentioned that there was a good uptake for the machines.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Dekens  
Seconded by Director Storey

2025-8-39

"That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2025-8-40

"That this meeting be closed pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c), (e), (k), and 90(2)(b) of the *Community Charter* for the Board to deal with matters relating

- Labour Relations
- Recycling
- Solid Waste
- Environmental Assessment
- Boundary Expansion."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2025-8-41

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:37 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