



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, November 06, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

First Nations Acknowledgement

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Approve

MINUTES

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Approve

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**Cameron Kral, Planner - Water Sustainability Act Referral 7003390 -
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NEW BUSINESS

IN-CAMERA MOTION

That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* for the Board to deal with matters relating to:

- Labour Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

VISION

"A World of Opportunities
Within Our Region"

MISSION

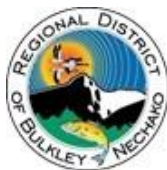
"We Will Foster Social,
Environmental, and
Economic Opportunities
Within Our Diverse Region Through Effective
Leadership"

2022-2026 Strategic Plan

1. Relationships with First Nations
2. Advocacy with the Province
3. Housing Supply
4. Community and Economic Sustainability

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, October 09, 2025

- Directors Present: Chair Mark Parker
Gladys Atrill
Shane Brien – arrived at 10:03 a.m.
Leroy Dekens
Martin Elphee
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert – via Zoom – arrived at 10:35 a.m.,
left at 10:35 a.m., returned at 10:45 a.m.
Linda McGuire
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell
Michael Riis-Christianson
Stoney Stoltenberg
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom – arrived at 10:02 a.m.
Henry Wiebe
- Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 10:03 a.m.
Maria Sandberg, Planning and Parks Coordinator – left at 10:03 a.m.
- Others: Joelle Barfoot, Expansion Program Manager,
CityWest – arrived at 10:04 a.m., left at 10:29 a.m.
Lee Brain, Consultant - Stakeholder Relations, via
Zoom - arrived at 10:04 a.m., left at 10:29 a.m.
Tara Dunphy, Director of Strategic Initiatives,
Skeena Region, Ministry of Forests - via Zoom -
left at 10:12 a.m.
Stacy Mathews, Outside Plant Technical Manager,
CityWest – via Zoom – arrived at 10:12 a.m., left at
10:29 p.m.
Philip Mills, Director, Sales & Marketing, CityWest
- via Zoom - arrived at 10:04 a.m., left at 10:29 a.m.
Wes Eisses, Vice President of Projects, CityWest –
arrived at 10:12 a.m., left at 10:29 a.m.

Stefan Woloszyn, Chief Executive Officer - via
Zoom - arrived at 10:15 a.m., left at 10:29 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

First Nations Acknowledgement

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

2025-COWM-015

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Committee of the Whole Agenda for October 9, 2025 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - September 4, 2025

2025-COWM-016

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UBCM Community Excellence Awards

Chair Parker announced that the RDBN received Honourable Mention for Excellence in Service Delivery at the UBCM Community Excellence Awards for Phase 1 of the Cycle 16 Trail Project. Chair Parker recognized Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services and Maria Sandberg, Planning and Parks Coordinator, for their work on the project.

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DELEGATIONS**MINISTRY OF FORESTS - Strategic Initiatives and Forest Landscape Planning - Skeena - via Zoom**

Tara Dunphy, Director

Re: Update - Lakes Resiliency Forest Landscape Planning and Bulkley Morice Forest Landscape Plan

Ms. Dunphy provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Lakes Resiliency Project

- Who's Involved
- Overview: Where are we in the process
- Project Progress
 - Open houses tentatively planned for November 18, 2025

Bulkley-Morice Forest Landscape Plan (FLP)

- Who's Involved
- Overview: Where are we in the process
- Project Progress.

Discussion took place regarding Community Forests being included in the projects. Ms. Dunphy confirmed area Community Forests are involved in the process.

Chair Parker thanked Ms. Dunphy for attending the meeting.

CITYWEST - via Zoom

Stefan Woloszyn, Chief Executive Officer, Philip Mills, Director, Sales & Marketing
Lee Brain, Consultant - Stakeholder Relations, Joelle Barfoot, Expansion Program Manager
Stacy Mathews, Outside Plant Technical Manager, Wes Eisses, Vice President of Projects

Re: Project Update

A PowerPoint Presentation was provided.

- Fibre to the Home Community Partnership
- Connecting Smithers - Upper Viewmount
 - Complete
- Connecting Burns Lake – ERI (Economic Recovery Intake) Funding
 - Complete
- Connecting Burns Lake & Francois Lake – UBF (Universal Broadband Fund)
 - Detailed Design/Permitting

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Discussion took place regarding issues with pole access and the Board's assistance in relation to the issues arising with access to the poles. Mr. Woloszyn noted that a letter would be helpful, and he would follow up with staff. Mr. Woloszyn noted that CRTC has made changes to the legislative process to mitigate the issues however the original applications were submitted prior to the change and are subject to the previous process.

The PowerPoint Presentation continued:

- Connecting Cluculz Lake
 - Detailed Design/Permitting
- Connecting Rural Fort St. James
 - Detailed Design/Permitting.

Chair Parker thanked CityWest for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - NCLGA Mental Health and Addictions Symposium October 15, 2025, Prince George, BC

2025-COWM-017

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Committee recommend that the Board authorize Director Greenaway's attendance at the NCLGA Mental Health and Addictions Symposium October 15, 2025 in Prince George, BC and further, that Director Greenaway be authorized to sign the Accord.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - 2026 BC Natural Resources Forum - January 20-22, 2026 - Prince George, B.C.

2025-COWM-018

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors wishing to attend the 2026 BC Natural Resources Forum on January 20-22, 2026 in Prince George, B.C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The following was discussed:

- Consider writing a letter to the organizers regarding the need for a larger event space to allow more attendees
 - Registration opened and immediately all hotels and special events are full
- A very successful event for northern BC
 - Challenges to successfully register immediately after registration opens.
- Director Storey reached out to C3 Alliance regarding the registration opening while Elected Officials attended UBCM.

Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Canada Community-Building Fund BC – Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grassy Plains Hall Foundation Repair Project

2025-COWM-019

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Wiebe

1) That the Committee recommend that the Board authorize contributing up to \$33,000 of Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Canada Community- Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project for the Grassy Plains Community Hall, and further,

(participants/weighted/majority)

2) That the Committee recommend that the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$33,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator - Food Producing Non-Profit Gathering Report

2025-COWM-020

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's Food Producing Non-Profit Gathering Report memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the Food Producing Non-Profit Gathering Report:

- Necessity for sustainable funding
- Volunteer and community engagement strategy needed
 - Volunteer fatigue
 - Stipends etc.
- Organizations working towards similar goals work in silos
 - Also heard the same sentiment from the region's Community Hall representatives
- Policy and advocacy consideration
- Regional Districts need to consider an avenue to find solutions to assist in coordinating volunteers
- Staff research options and investigate examples in the Province and bring forward at a future meeting
- Agriculture Session at UBCM showcased the efforts of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Funding options
 - Economic Development funding needed
 - Grant in Aid funding may not be sufficient
- Funding structure of the following:
 - Groundbreakers Agriculture Association
 - Nechako Valley Food Network
 - Fraser Lake Eco-Coop
- Need for strong governance structures for non-profit organizations
- Minimizing reliance on grant funding
- Report identified similar conversation across various sectors regarding volunteer burnout and volunteerism
- Pressure on the tax base to increase staffing to coordinate volunteers
- Downloading from the province creates pressures.

2025-COWM-021

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Atrill

That the Committee recommend that the Board discuss with staff the possibility of a position to help promote volunteerism and assist with advocacy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The following was discussed:

- CAO Helgesen will have a discussion with staff to develop possible ideas to discuss at a future Committee of the Whole meeting
 - Staff will include potential options and programs the RDBN can support to assist groups and assist with volunteerism
- Reviewing current staff positions and work plans
- Agriculture focus
 - Access to good food and food security is needed for all constituents - rural and municipal
- Across all sectors services are needed
 - Recreation
 - Agriculture, etc.
- Non-profits capitalizing on strong governance systems to be efficient and assist with succession plans
- Challenges with government policy e.g. pasteurized milk.

Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator - Young Agrarians BC Land Matching Program

2025-COWM-022

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's Young Agrarians BC Land Matching Program memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator - Premier's Task Force on Agriculture and Food Economy - Fall 2025 Update

2025-COWM-023

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's Premier's Task Force on Agriculture and Food Economy - Fall 2025 Update memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS****Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services - Updated Extended Producer Responsibility Five-Year Action Plan for Mattresses****2025-COWM-024**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Committee recommend that the Board support and add the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to the signatory to the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen's letter to the Honourable Tamara Davidson, Minister of Environment and Parks regarding the need to include mattresses and foundations in the Recycling Regulation as identified in the 2021-2026 Five-Year Action Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**NEW BUSINESS**

Director Stoltenberg spoke to the RDBN AI Policy and noted the use of should, shall, must and may. He spoke to the definition of shall and must.

Discussion took place regarding bringing forward the AI Policy for additional review.

2025-COWM-025

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

The Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to bring forward the RDBN AI policy to review the use of shall, should, and must.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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IN-CAMERA MOTION

2025-COWM-026

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Newell

That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c) and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter for the Board to deal with matters relating to:

- Connectivity
- Labour Relations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

2025-COWM-027

Moved by Director Brien

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of Whole

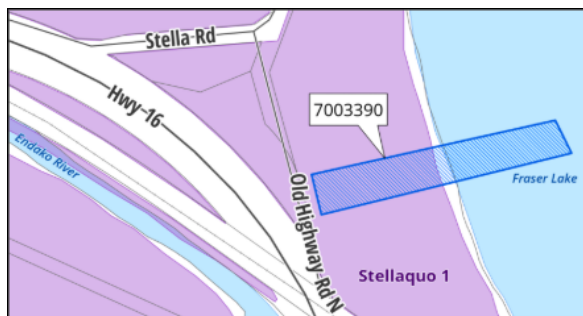
To: Chair and Committee
From: Cameron Kral, Planner
Date: November 6, 2025
Subject: ***Water Sustainability Act Referral 7003390 - Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)***

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the attached comment be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on *Water Sustainability Act* Referral 7003390.

DISCUSSION

The RDBN has received a request to provide comment on Stellat'en First Nation's *Water Sustainability Act* Section 11 application for Changes in and About a Stream to install a boat launch at Stellaquo (Stella 1) Reserve, located approximately 1.8 kilometres west of the Village of Fraser Lake.



The application involves installing a precast concrete boat launch, riprap and elevating/widening the existing causeway. Additional information is included in the attached referral documents. The application states the use of the boat launch is for Stellat'en First Nation members to help exercise their rights to hunt and fish within their traditional territory and for emergency response use. The boat launch does not appear to be open to the public.

Fraser Lake Foreshore Integrated Management Plan

Living Lakes Canada recently released the document titled "Fraser Lake Foreshore Integrated Management Plan – 2023" (FIMP). The FIMP contains a detailed inventory of the foreshore of Fraser Lake, discusses foreshore habitat values and habitat sensitivities, and impacts from existing foreshore developments.

The FIMP recommended the following with regard to boat launches:

Encourage communal boat launches and shared docks: Future development in residential areas should consider the use of communal boat launches, and property owners should be encouraged to use these rather than constructing private boat launches wherever possible.

It may be worth considering offering incentives for removal/restoration of existing private boat launches where communal boat launches are available nearby. Property owners in densely populated areas should also be encouraged, where possible, to share features such as docks or swim floats with neighbours, rather than having several of these features on adjoining lots (page 66).

The FIMP assigned the area of the boat launch as an area with a very high ecological rank because of its value as rearing, staging, and migration habitat for fish, particularly for salmon.

Permitting

Staff's understanding of the *Water Sustainability Act* application process for this type of project involves the identification of a habitat offset plan including a strategy to counteract the negative impacts of a project by restoring, enhancing, or creating new habitats to maintain or improve overall productivity. Also, Federal *Fisheries Act* authorization may be required.

Information relating to these processes was not provided at the time of the writing of this report. A draft environmental management plan reviewed by a biologist is attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Comment Sheet
- [Applicant Design Drawings](#) (Link)
- [Applicant Draft EMP Report](#) (Link)
- [Fraser Lake Foreshore Integrated Management Plan – 2023](#) (Link)

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:
Not Applicable

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Comment Sheet on Water Sustainability Act Referral No. 7003390

Electoral Area:	Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)
Applicant:	Stellat'en First Nation
Existing Land Use:	First Nation Reserve / Crown land
Zoning:	N/A
OCP Designation:	N/A
Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:	N/A
If not, why?	N/A
Agricultural Land Reserve:	No
Access:	Stellaquo (Stella) 1 Reserve
Building Inspection:	Partial
Fire Protection:	No
Other comments:	

The Province is encouraged to review the recommendations made in the report by Living Lakes Canada titled "Fraser Lake Foreshore Integrated Management Plan – 2023" available at the following link:

https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/application/files/5317/2720/3376/Fraser_Lake_FIMP_2023_With_Appendices_1.pdf



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole

To: Chair and Committee
From: Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services
Date: November 6, 2025
Subject: **Proposed Regulatory Policy for Renewable Energy Projects**

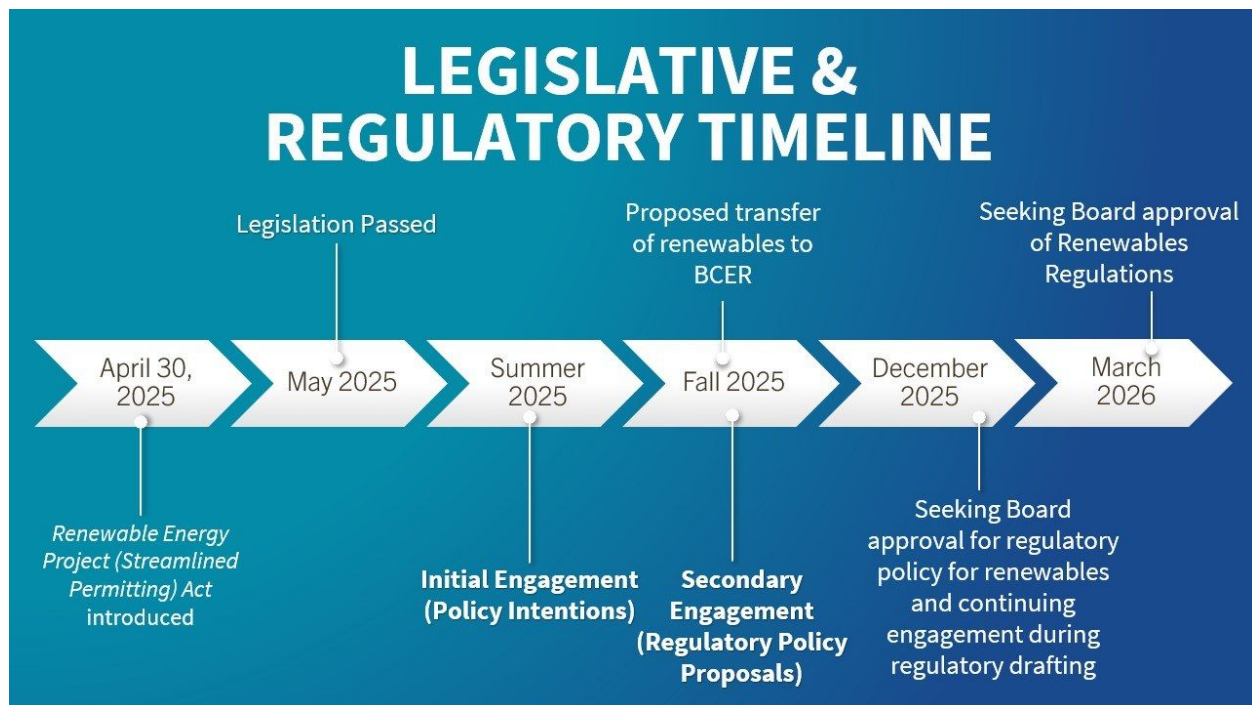
RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive

BACKGROUND

The Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act received Royal Assent on May 29, 2025. The Provincial Government has indicated its intent to prescribe wind and solar projects as streamlined projects which would be exempted from the Environmental Assessment process and be subject to BC Energy Regulator (BCER) oversight.

The BCER is developing the regulations necessary for this increased regulatory responsibility and is currently entering into the secondary engagement component of the process.



In July the attached document titled “The Renewables Framework: Policy Intention” outlined the key policy issues the BCER will consider within the regulatory framework which is being developed for wind and solar projects. The document describes the issue under consideration, provides a statement of the BCER’s related policy intention, and outlines a set of potential options to illustrate the different ways in which the issue could potentially be managed.

In response to the BCER’s request for feedback by July 31, 2025 the Board directed staff to respond with the following comments:

“The RDBN Board supports the BCER’s policy intentions, and options to assess and mitigate possible impacts associated with wind power and solar energy projects, as outlined in the “Renewables Framework: Policy Intentions” document. However, there is inadequate reference to local governments (local authorities) in the “possible options” section of the document. The intentions regarding consultation with local governments, and the opportunity for local governments to comment on impact mitigation plans, needs to be confirmed with greater clarity.”

The Board also requested that the BCER appear as a delegation to present on this matter. The BCER delegation presented to the Board at its August 14, 2025 Board meeting.

On October 15, 2025 the BCER provided a discussion paper titled “Proposed Regulatory Policies for Renewable Energy Projects” (attached). This discussion paper builds on the policy intentions document referenced above by outlining specific regulatory and policy interventions to achieve the policy intentions previously communicated.

The BCER hosted a virtual engagement session for regional district Chairs and CAO’s on Oct 30th, 2025. A public engagement session was also planned. The BCER has requested written feedback on the regulatory proposal discussion paper by November 14, 2025. The BCER indicates that this feedback will inform the final regulatory policy proposal considered by the BCER Board of Directors later this year.

DISCUSSION

The Planning Department has reviewed the “Proposed Regulatory Policies for Renewable Energy Projects” document. The review process for renewable energy projects appears to be comprehensive. However, the role for local governments appears to be limited. The proponent must provide local governments with a description of the project and a referral. It is unclear whether the socio-economic report referenced on page 27 of the “Proposed Regulatory Policies for Renewable Energy Projects” document must be made available to local governments for comment. The proponent receives the local government input, considers the input, and submits their project to the BCER for permit approval along with a summary of the local government input and the revisions to the project, if any, made in response to that input. The BCER then considers the application.

Staff have no specific concerns regarding the proposed BCER review process provided that the referrals to local governments have adequate information upon which to comment. The outstanding question which is difficult to evaluate given the available information is the extent to which the applicants and BCER will recognize and address the concerns raised by local governments during the referral and approval process.

Staff have no recommendations regarding additional comment from the Board to be provided by the November 14, 2025 deadline.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Renewables Framework: Policy Intentions document](#)

[Proposed Regulatory Policies for Renewable Energy Projects](#)

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:

2. Advocacy with the Province



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of Whole

To: Chair and Committee
From: Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services
Date: November 6, 2025
Subject: **Bylaw 1879 Schedule "D" - Preliminary Bylaw Amendment Discussion**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive and Discussion

BACKGROUND

On August 15, 2019, the Board approved three readings of the RDBN's Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation & User Fee Amendment Bylaw 1879. It was approved by the Province on April 7, 2020 and subsequently adopted on April 23, 2020. This bylaw amendment incorporated some changes associated with the recent adoption of the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan (2018) and adjusted the fee schedules. This bylaw amended the RDBN's Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and Use Fee Bylaw No. 1764, 2016.

Schedule "D" of Bylaw 1879 User Fees and Disposal Rules provides disposal fees for various waste streams along with restrictions and rules for disposal in the RDBN. Within a year of adopting this Bylaw, through conversations with disposal companies and neighbouring Regional Districts, it became clear to staff that our disposal fees were still comparatively low. Recently we have been "showcased" as having the lowest fees in BC for household waste (\$0/MT) and Demolition, Renovation and Construction (DRC) (\$90/MT) which have provincial averages of \$113/MT and \$200/MT respectively. The RDBN is one of two Regional Districts with no tipping fees on household waste, however, our Transfer Stations are currently not set-up with scales nor to handle payments.

While an in-depth discussion and revenue analysis on user fees is still down the road, the Board should consider increasing disposal fees at the Landfills to better align with the provincial average, to better position ourselves to recover fees from industry (i.e. camps), and recover some of the cost of operations and long-term landfill expansions.

Along with Fee increases, there are a number of clarifications to the disposal rules that will make this Bylaw more consistent with new environmental regulation (contaminated soils), operational procedures (handling of Bulky Waste), and safety requirements (asbestos), along with general housekeeping.

PROPOSED UPDATE

The below table is the current Schedule "D" from Bylaw 1879. Proposed changes are in red, however, these changes do not encompass all of the expected updates or exact wording in the amended Bylaw that will be brought forward to the Board.

<u>SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1879</u> USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES (Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except Manson Creek Landfill)			
WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
General Residential and Commercial Household Waste	No Charge	No Charge	
Commercial/Institutional Waste	No Charge	No Charge	
Mixed CID- less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	
Mixed CID- greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne \$120/MT	Not Accepted	
Concrete- less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	Size Restrictions Apply - Must be broken into pieces less than 12 inches in any direction and have no protruding rebar.
Concrete- greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	Size Restrictions Apply - Must be broken into pieces less than 12 inches in any direction and have no protruding rebar.
Roofing/Asphalt Shingles - less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	
Roofing/Asphalt Shingles - greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne \$120/MT	Not Accepted	
Temporarily Permitted Non-Permitted Recyclable Material	\$120/MT	Not Accepted	

Bulky Waste greater than 2m³ – boats, hot tubs etc.	\$90/metric tonne \$120/MT	Not Accepted	- Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time. Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Intact Prefabricated homes, motorhomes, travel trailers etc.	\$270/MT (\$120 disposal/\$150 unsegregated)	Not Accepted	Suspect asbestos containing materials must be tested and proved to be free of asbestos OR proof of age newer than 1993 Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal
Clean Wood Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Contaminated Wood Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Brush/Land Clearing Debris - less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	- Place in designated area. - Tree stumps and tree trunks or branches (greater than 6 inches in diameter), in any quantity, not accepted at Transfer Stations. These materials are only accepted at Landfills.
Brush/Land Clearing Debris - greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne \$120/MT	Not Accepted	
Garden/Yard Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area No tree fruit or kitchen scraps
Noxious Weeds	No Charge	No Charge	Must be bagged
Wet Organic Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Special handling procedures may apply. Loads may be directed to Landfills only.
Asbestos Containing Materials – suspect material and burnt buildings older than 1993 Friable and Non-friable	\$90/metric tonne \$150/MT Flat Rate of \$100 Minimum Fee \$100	Not Accepted	- Requires approval of the Director; Must be packaged as per current Asbestos Disposal regulations 30 yard maximum load size - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time.
Contaminated Soil - Characterized as commercial/industrial (CL/IL) or less than CL/IL	\$25/metric tonne \$75/MT	Not Accepted	- Must be In-Region Source; - Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time; - Materials only accepted for disposal at

	Flat Rate of \$100		the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Contaminated Soil - Characterized as greater than commercial/industrial (CL/IL) but less than Hazardous Waste	\$60/metric tonne Not Accepted	Not Accepted	- Must be In-Region Source; - Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time; - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Specified Risk Material (bovine spine and brain matter) - In-Region	No Charge \$50/MT	Not Accepted	- Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Verification of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued transportation permit required; - Special handling procedures apply.
Specified Risk Material (bovine spine and brain matter) - Out-Of-Region	\$100/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Material requires written approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Verification of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued transportation permit required; - Special handling procedures apply; - Additional user fees may apply.
Dead Animals and Dead Stock Excluding Specified Risk Material Waste	No Charge	No Charge	- Any individual carcass or part of a carcass under 15 kg is considered a small animal, and any individual carcass over 15 kg is considered a large animal; Dead animals must be bagged or tarped to prevent Bloodborne Pathogens - Disposal of greater than two (2) large carcasses requires approval of the Director; - Small animals may be disposed of in unlimited numbers; - Small animals being disposed of must be contained in a sealed, waterproof container (heavy duty plastic bags are acceptable); - Large animals may only be disposed of at a rate of one carcass per vehicle per day - at transfer stations.
Slaughter House (Abattoir) Waste Excluding Specified Risk Material Waste	No Charge	No Charge Not Accepted	- Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Special handling procedures apply.
ODS Appliances (units not defined by MARR eg. Commercial units or Ammonia cooled)	\$20 per unit No Charge	\$20 per unit No Charge	- Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill - Excluded from the Extended Producer responsibility MARR program

ODS Appliances (defined under the MARR program eg. Residential fridges/freezers/air conditioners/water Coolers/dehumidifier/wi ne cooler containing a refrigerant gas)	No Charge	No Charge	Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill Pertaining to the Extended Producer responsibility MARR program
Commercial ODS Appliances (Air- Conditioners)	\$80 per unit No Charge	\$80 per unit No Charge	Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill
Auto Hulks excluding Electric Vehicles	No Charge	No Charge	Must be able to dump unassisted - Site restrictions may apply; - All fluids, batteries, ODS and tires must be removed prior to disposal; - Place in designated area; Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill.
Auto Hulks - Electric Vehicles	Not Accepted	Not Accepted	
Scrap Metal	No Charge	No Charge	- Place in designated area; - Large volumes of small items are to be placed in a metal container (welding rods, nails screws); Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill.
Metal Drums, Tanks and pressurized tanks	No Charge	No Charge	- Material must be visibly decommissioned: cut open or flattened and free of any liquids or contamination; Propane bottles placed in designated area Size restriction requirements may apply.
Major Project or Work Camp DRC Construction/Demolition Waste	\$160 per metric tonne \$300/MT	Not Accepted	Requires Approval of the Director Sorting Requirements apply - Accepted at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfill facilities only (weighed on scales)
Work Camp Municipal Solid General Waste	\$130 per metric tonne \$300/MT	Not Accepted	Requires Approval of the Director Sorting Requirements apply - Accepted at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfill facilities only (weighed on scales)
Work Camp Temporarily Permitted Non- Permitted Recyclable Material	Originating from Work Camp - \$130/metric tonne \$300/MT Originating from Commercial, Industry and institutional facilities >2 cubic	<2 cubic meter Commercial loads – no charge Not Accepted	Requires Approval of the Director - Loads >2 cubic meters are not accepted at the Transfer Station

	meters- \$130/ metric tonne		
Unsegregated loads (greater than 10% or more recyclables or prohibited material)	\$150 per metric tonne	Not Accepted	• Loads that are not segregated will be charged with this fee
Out-of-Region Waste	2 x Applicable Fee	Not Accepted	• Requires Approval of the Director
Handling Fee	\$100	Not applicable	• Assistance require to unload • Additional labour required to dispose • Preparation required for disposal

DISCUSSION

The above proposed fees for DRC do not bring us very close to the provincial average (\$200/MT), however it is a significant increase (33%) to the current fee. If the Board agrees that the provincial average is a good target, what is the preferred strategy to reach it? A larger increase? Include several years of increase in the Bylaw amendment (eg. 2026:\$120MT, 2027 \$140/MT, 2028 \$160/MT etc.), to allow contractors to prepare?

Another item to consider is the work camp fees as these projects (pipelines etc.) can have significant impact to the landfills. The above proposes an increase to \$300/MT and out-of-region camp waste to be doubled.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bylaw No. 1879
2. Bylaw No. 1764

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:
Not Applicable

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

BYLAW NO. 1879

A bylaw to amend Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Bylaw No. 1764, 2016

WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has enacted Refuse Disposal Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 638, 1990 and established a local service for garbage disposal which includes all municipal and electoral areas of the Regional District as participants;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has enacted the Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Bylaw No. 1764, 2016 to regulate such disposal and to impose fees and charges payable in respect of all or part of this service;

AND WHEREAS the expansion of oil and gas and mining industries within the boundaries of the Regional District is expected to create an influx of workers, all of whom generate a disproportionate amount of waste compared to their relative tax contribution in the region;

AND WHEREAS work camps utilized by these industries for housing and supporting their workers will create an increased pressure on the Regional District's landfill that will be disproportionate to any short term increase in tax contributions;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has an approved regional solid waste management plan that contemplates implementing disposal charges for camp waste and other associated industries;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District considers it prudent to create different rates for municipal solid waste and construction and demolition waste originating from sites in order to account for the lack of tax contribution from such sites;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District also considers it prudent to accept for deposit of regulated recyclable material on a temporary basis in certain limited circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in open meeting assembled, enact as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1879, 2019".

AMENDMENTS

2. That Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Bylaw No. 1764, 2016 (the "Solid Waste Bylaw") be amended by:

- (a) Replacing the definition of "Construction/Demolition Waste" or "C/D Waste" in section 3.1 with the following:

"Construction/Demolition Waste" or "C/D Waste" means largely inert solid waste, resulting from the construction, remodelling, repair and demolition of structures, roads, sidewalks and utilities, including, but not limited to, asphalt, bricks, Concrete and other masonry materials, roofing materials, wall coverings, plaster, gypsum board or wall board, insulation, plumbing components and fixtures, electrical fixtures, electrical wiring, electrical components, Clean-up debris consisting of Soil, and rock, other than Work Camp Construction/Demolition Waste";

- (b) Inserting in section 3.1 the following definition of "Work Camp":

"Work Camp" means a site used as one or more of temporary living accommodation or support for workers constructing or supporting the construction of oil pipelines, gas pipelines mines, or other similar projects"

- (c) Inserting in section 3.1 the following definition of "Work Camp Construction/Demolition Waste":

"Work Camp Construction/Demolition Waste" means Construction/Demolition Waste originating from a Work Camp."

- (d) Inserting in section 3.1 the following definition of "Work Camp Municipal Solid Waste":

"Work Camp Municipal Solid Waste" means Municipal Solid Waste originating from a Work Camp. For certainty, Work Camp Municipal Solid Waste does not include Work Camp Construction/Demolition Waste or Industrial Waste.

- (e) Replacing section 8.11(b) with the following:

"deposit Prohibited Waste at a Facility, unless the acceptance of such waste is specifically authorized in writing by both the Regional District and the BC Government, or in accordance with section 8.14 of this Bylaw."

- (f) Inserting the following as section 8.11(s):

"deposit or dispose of any Work Camp Municipal Solid Waste at a Facility in a manner or in a location contrary to the signage or written or verbal direction and designation of the Site Operator".

(g) Inserting the following as section 8.13:

"If requested by an Officer, Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, or Director, a person must declare whether any waste they are bringing to a facility originates from a Work Camp."

(h) Inserting the following as section 8.14:

"As an exception to the prohibition against depositing Regulated Recyclable Material at a Facility, the Director may temporarily permit the deposit at a Facility specified by the Director of a Regulated Recyclable Material originating from one of the classes of operation specified in Schedule D, and upon payment of the corresponding fee. The Director may only permit such deposit if the Director believes that pre-existing options for the deposit or disposal of the Regulated Recyclable Material are temporarily unavailable, and may only permit the deposit until the Director believes that the pre-existing option is available again or has been replaced with another option.

(i) Replacing Schedule D to the Solid Waste Bylaw with the attached Schedule D.

This Bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1879, 2019".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 15th day of August, 2019

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 15th day of August, 2019

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 15th day of August, 2019

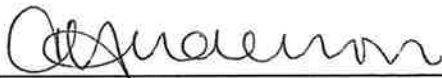
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Bylaw No. 1879 at this Third Reading.



Corporate Administrator

Approved by the Minister of Environment this 7th day of April, 2020

ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of April, 2020


Chair
Corporate Administrator

SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1879**USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES****(Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except Manson Creek Landfill)**

WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
Household Waste	No Charge	No Charge	
Commercial/Institutional Waste	No Charge	No Charge	
Mixed CID- less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	
Mixed CID- greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	
Concrete- less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	Size Restrictions Apply - Must be broken into pieces less than 12 inches in any direction.
Concrete- greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	Size Restrictions Apply - Must be broken into pieces less than 12 inches in any direction.
Roofing/Asphalt Shingles - less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	
Roofing/Asphalt Shingles - greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	
Bulky Waste	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time. - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Clean Wood Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Contaminated Wood Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Land Clearing Debris - less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	- Place in designated area. - Tree stumps and tree trunks or branches (greater than 6 inches in diameter), in any quantity, not accepted at Transfer Stations. These materials are only accepted at Landfills.
Land Clearing Debris - greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	
Yard Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Noxious Weeds	No Charge	No Charge	Must be bagged
Wet Organic Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Special handling procedures may apply. Loads may be directed to Landfills only.

SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1879 (Con't)

USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES
(Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except Manson Creek Landfill)

WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
Asbestos - Friable and Non-friable	\$90/metric tonne Flat Rate of \$100	Not Accepted	- Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time. - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Contaminated Soil - Characterized as commercial/industrial (CL/IL) or less than CL/IL	\$25/metric tonne Flat Rate of \$100	Not Accepted	- Must be In-Region Source; - Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time; - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Contaminated Soil - Characterized as greater than commercial/industrial (CL/IL) but less than Hazardous Waste	\$60/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Must be In-Region Source; - Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time; - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Specified Risk Material - In-Region	No Charge	Not Accepted	- Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Verification of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued transportation permit required; - Special handling procedures apply.
Specified Risk Material - Out-Of-Region	\$100/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Material requires written approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Verification of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued transportation permit required; - Special handling procedures apply; - Additional user fees may apply.

SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1879 (Con't)

USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES
(Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except
Manson Creek Landfill)

WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
Dead Animals and Dead Stock Excluding Specified Risk Material Waste	No Charge	No Charge	- Any individual carcass or part of a carcass under 15 kg is considered a small animal, and any individual carcass over 15 kg is considered a large animal; - Disposal of greater than two (2) large carcasses requires approval of the Director; - Small animals may be disposed of in unlimited numbers; - Small animals being disposed of must be contained in a sealed, waterproof container (heavy duty plastic bags are acceptable); - Large animals may only be disposed of at a rate of one carcass per vehicle per day at transfer stations.
Slaughter House (Abattoir) Waste Excluding Specified Risk Material Waste	No Charge	No Charge	- Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Special handling procedures apply.
ODS Appliances (units not defined by MARR eg. Commercial units or Ammonia cooled)	\$20 per unit	\$20 per unit	- Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill - Excluded from the Extended Producer responsibility MARR program
ODS Appliances (defined under the MARR program eg. Residential fridges/freezers/air conditioners/water Coolers/dehumidifier/wine cooler containing a refrigerant gas)	No Charge	No Charge	- Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill - Pertaining to the Extended Producer responsibility MARR program
Commercial ODS Appliances (Air-Conditioners)	\$80 per unit	\$80 per unit	Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill
Auto Hulks	No Charge	No Charge	- Site restrictions may apply; - All fluids, batteries, ODS and tires must be removed prior to disposal; - Place in designated area; - Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill.

Scrap Metal	No Charge	No Charge	- Place in designated area; - Large volumes of small items are to be placed in a metal container (welding rods, nails screws); - Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill.
Metal Drums and Tanks			- Material must be cut open and free of any liquids or contamination; - Size restriction requirements may apply.

SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1879 (Con't)

**USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES
(Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except
Manson Creek Landfill)**

WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
Work Camp Construction/Demolition Waste	\$160 per metric tonne		Accepted at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfill facilities only (weighed on scales)
Work Camp Municipal Solid Waste	\$130 per metric tonne		Accepted at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfill facilities only (weighed on scales)
Temporarily Permitted Non-Permitted Recyclable Material	Originating from Work Camp - \$130/metric tonne Originating from Commercial, Industry and institutional facilities >2 cubic meters- \$130/metric tonne	<2 cubic meter Commercial loads – no charge	Loads >2 cubic meters are not accepted at the Transfer Station
Unsegregated loads	\$150 per metric tonne		Loads that are not segregated will be charged with this fee

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

BYLAW NO. 1764

A bylaw to regulate and set fees for the use of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
municipal solid waste disposal and recycling facilities

WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may make bylaws to establish the service for the regulation, storage and management of solid waste and recyclable material, including the regulation of facilities and commercial vehicles used in relation to these matters;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has enacted Refuse Disposal Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 683, 1990 and established a local service for garbage disposal which includes all Municipal and Electoral Areas of the Regional District as participants;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may, by bylaw, impose fees and charges payable in respect of all or part of a service of the Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has an approved Regional Solid Waste Management Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako desires to establish fees and set standards for and regulate and manage the disposal of municipal solid waste at facilities managed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and operating according to the approved Regional Solid Waste Management Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in open meeting assembled, enact as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as "Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Bylaw No. 1764, 2016".

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Words or phrases defined in the *British Columbia Interpretation Act*, *Community Charter*, or *Local Government Act* or any successor legislation shall have the same meaning when used in this Bylaw, unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw. Unless otherwise stated, and notwithstanding the case used (upper case or lower case), when words or phrases that are defined in section 3 of this Bylaw are used in the body or schedules of this Bylaw, they have the meaning ascribed to them as set out in section 3.
- 2.2 The headings contained in this Bylaw are for convenience only and are not to be construed as defining, or in any way limiting the scope or the intent of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 2.3 Any act or enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of the Province of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time, and any bylaw referred to herein (as may be cited by short title or otherwise) is a reference to an enactment of the Regional District, as amended, revised,

consolidated or replaced from time to time.

- 2.4 If any provision of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the provision may be severed from the Bylaw and such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agricultural Waste" means solid waste that is discarded from agricultural operations, including, but not limited to: dead animals, slaughter waste, waste from crops, spoiled crops, manure and large quantities of film plastics, twine, and plastic containers used in agricultural operations.

"Asbestos" means any material, whether friable or non-friable, with an asbestos content of greater than 1% either at the time of manufacture, or as determined using a method specified in Section 40(1) of the *Hazardous Waste Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 63/88.

"Auto Hulk" means a vehicle that is no longer used for transportation purposes and/or is not registered.

"Batteries - Lead-Acid" means a product that falls under the 'Lead-acid Battery' product category in the *Recycling Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 449/2004, including, but not limited to: Lead-acid batteries for automobiles, motorcycles, recreation vehicles, marine vehicles and locomotives.

"Batteries - Household" means batteries that fall under the 'Electronic and Electrical' product category in the *Recycling Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 449/2004, including, but not limited to: Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), or Small-Sealed Lead (Pb) batteries weighing no more than 5 kilograms (11 pounds) each.

"Biomedical Waste" means waste defined as such in the *Hazardous Waste Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 63/88.

"Biosolids" means stabilized municipal sewage sludge resulting from a municipal wastewater treatment process or septage treatment process which has been sufficiently treated to reduce pathogen densities and vector attraction to allow the sludge to be beneficially recycled.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

"Bulky Waste" means items with a volume greater than 2 cubic meters when crushed including, but not limited to: recreational vehicles, pre-fabricated homes, trailers, watercraft, and other articles that the Director determines require special handling and disposal techniques.

"Chief Administrative Officer" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional District.

"Clean Soil" means soil or sediment material containing substances in quantities or concentrations less than those specified in Section 42 of the *Contaminated Sites Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 375/96.

"Clean Wood Waste" means wood waste, typically originating from construction or demolition, that is not painted, treated with preservatives, or containing adhesives or filler.

"Concrete" means a hardened mixture of cement with sand, gravel and or rebar (not to project in excess of 30 centimetres in length from Concrete pieces).

"Contaminated Soil" means soil or sediment or fill material containing substances in quantities or concentrations greater than those specified in Section 42 of the *Contaminated Sites Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 375/96, but which is not classified as a hazardous waste under the *Hazardous Waste Regulation*, B.C Reg. 63/88.

"Contaminated Wood Waste" means wood waste that is not defined as Clean Wood Waste, and includes wood that is painted, stained, or treated with preservatives, or that contains filler or adhesives, but does not include non-wood materials such as drywall, insulation, or plastic, which are considered C/D Waste and are not acceptable in a Contaminated Wood Waste pile.

"Construction/Demolition Waste" or "C/D Waste" means largely inert solid waste, resulting from the construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition of structures, roads, sidewalks and utilities, including, but not limited to, asphalt, bricks, Concrete and other masonry materials, roofing materials, wall coverings, plaster, gypsum board or wallboard, insulation, plumbing components and fixtures, electrical fixtures, electrical wiring, electrical components, Clean Soil, and rock.

"Corrugated Cardboard" means containers or materials used in containers consisting of three or more layers of kraft paper material and having smooth exterior liners and a corrugated or rippled core, but excludes containers or materials which are impregnated with blood, grease, oil chemicals, food residue, or wax, or have polyethylene, polystyrene, foil or other non-paper liners, or are contaminated with a material which will render the containers or materials non-marketable.

"Creosote Treated Wood" means wood that has been preserved by a pressure treatment with an anti-microbial pesticide product containing creosote, including, but not limited to, railway ties, telephone poles, and dock pilings.

"Decision" means a decision made by a Person exercising their authority as granted to them pursuant to this Bylaw.

"Director" means the Director of Environmental Services of the Regional District or the Environmental Services Operations Manager, or, where one or both of those persons is absent or unable to act, the Chief Administrative Officer.

"Facility" means a Landfill or Transfer Station Facility leased, owned or operated by the Regional District and used for receiving or processing Municipal Solid Waste.

"Free Liquid" means any portion of material that passes through and drops from a paint filter using the USEPA Method 9095A Paint Filter Liquids Test (within a 5 minute test period).

"Glass Containers" means all clear and coloured containers made of glass, used to hold consumer products, but does not include window glass, laminated glass, safety or tempered glass, mirrored glass, automotive glass, fiberglass, plexiglass, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, kitchenware, ceramics, or containers that have contained Hazardous Waste or Asbestos.

"Hazardous Waste" means any material defined as such in the Hazardous Waste Regulation B.C Reg. 63/88, including, but not limited to, toxins, poisons, corrosives, irritants, strong sensitizers, flammables, and ignitables, but does not include Asbestos.

"Industrial Waste" means solid waste materials discarded from extraction, harvesting, manufacturing, processing or production of goods and products, including, but not limited to waste generated from industrial operations such as forestry, pulp and paper, mining, fisheries, oil and gas and food processing.

"In-Region Waste" means Waste that originates within the administrative boundaries of the Regional District.

"Land Clearing Waste" means residual wastes and vegetation produced from land clearing and grubbing, utility maintenance, and seasonal or storm-related cleanup, including, but not limited to stumps, tree trunks and branches, and wood chips.

"Landfill" means a location for final disposal of Municipal Solid Waste on land regulated by the British Columbia Ministry of Environment where Municipal Solid Waste is spread and compacted, and cover soil or alternate cover is applied, so that effects on the environment (including public health and safety) are minimized.

"Large Dead Animals and Dead Stock" means any dead stock, deceased animal or part thereof, weighing more than 15 kilograms, but does not include Specified Risk Material.

"Metal Containers" means any food or beverage container made of aluminum or tin-plated steel.

"Metal Drums and Tanks" means any empty metal container with a non-removable top, including, but not limited to drums to contain fuel and underground oil tanks, but does not include metal tanks used to hold compressed gasses, such as Propane Tanks.

"Mixed Waste Paper" includes, but is not limited to newspaper and inserts, office paper, including white and coloured ledger paper, computer paper, photocopy paper, writing pads, paperback books, hardcover books, business forms, phone message notes, file folders, reports, envelopes, non-thermal fax paper, no carbon required (NCR) paper, calculator tape, 'post-it' type notes, business cards, paper index cards, boxboard, including paper egg cartons, laundry and cereal boxes, junk mail, gift wrapping paper, packing paper, magazines, catalogues, calendars, directories, postcards, and shredded paper, but does not include waxed paper fibre products, carbon paper, materials that are impregnated with blood, grease, oil, chemicals, or food residue, materials that have polyethylene, polystyrene, foil or other non-paper liners or attachments or materials that are contaminated with a material that will render the Mixed Waste Paper non-marketable.

"Municipal Solid Waste" means discarded or abandoned materials, substances or objects that originate from residential, commercial, institutional, demolition, land clearing

or construction sources, including Recyclable Material, or material that is specified by the British Columbia Ministry of Environment to be included in a waste management plan.

"Noxious Weeds" means all weeds designated within the Provincial and Regional Noxious Weed lists of the *Weed Control Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 66/85.

"Officer" means any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Conservation Officer, the Chief Administrative Officer, a Regional District Regulation Compliance Officer or other Regional District Personnel appointed from time to time by the Chief Administrative Officer or Director to administer and enforce this Bylaw.

"ODS Appliance" means refrigeration or heating appliances designed to operate with an ODS coolant or refrigerant in the function of the appliance.

"Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS)" means chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons, chlorocarbons, and hydrochlorofluorocarbons.

"Out of Region Waste" means Municipal Solid Waste that originates outside the administrative boundaries of the Regional District.

"Person" means an individual, a body corporate, a firm partnership, association or any other legal entity or an employee or agent thereof.

"Plastic Packaging" means clean mixed plastics used in packaging that may be marked with a Society of Plastic Industries (SPI) code #1-#7, including, but not limited to toiletry and cleaning containers, margarine and yogurt containers, and food containers, but does not include styrofoam, polystyrene items, or items that have contained Hazardous Waste or Asbestos.

"Product Stewardship Material" means material that falls under a product category of the *Recycling Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 449/2004.

"Prohibited Waste" means those materials that are listed in Schedule "B" attached hereto.

"Propane Tank" means a refillable or non-refillable metal container rated at a capacity of less than 46 kg (101 lb) which is used to contain flammable hydrocarbon gases for use as fuel.

"Recyclable Material" means waste materials that can be used in the creation of new products, where there are existing markets for such new products.

"Regional District" means the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

"Regional District Personnel" means an employee of the Regional District.

"Regulated Recyclable Material" means those materials that are listed in Schedule "C" attached hereto.

"Rules" has the meaning assigned in section 8.1.

"Scrap Metal" means Recyclable Material which contains ferrous and/or non-ferrous metals, including, but not limited to sheet metal, siding, roofing, rebar, flashings, pipes,

window frames, doors, furnaces, duct work, empty tanks, wire, cable, bathtubs, fencing, bicycle frames, automotive body parts, machinery, garbage cans, metal furniture, tire rims, appliances and fixtures, but does not include ODS Appliances (unless properly certified as having refrigerants professionally removed).

"Site Operator" means that person employed by or having a contract or agreement with the Regional District for attendant duties at a Facility.

"Small Dead Animals" means any deceased animal or portions thereof, weighing less than 15 kilograms, but does not include Specified Risk Material.

"Specified Risk Material" means the skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia (nerves attached to the brain), eyes, tonsils, spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia (nerves attached to the spinal cord) of cattle aged 30 months or older, the distal ileum (portion of the small intestine) of cattle of all ages, and cattle deadstock.

"Tires" means a product that falls under the 'Tire' product category of the *Recycling Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 449/2004, and any other type of tire, including, but not limited to tires used on vehicles, cycles, tractors or heavy equipment.

"Transfer Station" means a Facility that is not a Landfill and which is owned or operated by the Regional District for collecting Municipal Solid Waste.

"Used Oil" means used oil which falls under the 'Lubricating Oil' product category as defined in the *Recycling Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 449/2004.

"Used Oil Containers" means any plastic container, which falls under the 'Empty Oil Containers' product category as defined in the *Recycling Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 449/2004, with a capacity of less than 30 Litres, that was manufactured to hold lubricating oil.

"Used Oil Filters" means used oil filters which fall under the 'Oil Filters' product category as defined in the *Recycling Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 449/2004.

"User Fee(s)" means the user fees as set out and itemized in Schedule "D" attached hereto.

"Valid Identification" means government issued photo identification including a valid British Columbia Identification Card, Canadian driver's license, International driver's license, passport, or citizenship papers or immigration documents.

"Wet Organic Waste" means waste comprised primarily of organic materials that contain fluid in concentrations less than Free Liquid but at levels to require special handling and disposal procedures.

"Yard Waste" means source separated biodegradable, organic materials, substances or objects including, but not limited to grass, lawn and hedge clippings, flowers, weeds, leaves, shrubs and material which originates from household, commercial or municipal gardening or other horticulture activities, but does not include tree stumps, tree branches, Noxious Weeds, rocks, sand, soil, or fruit or vegetable material.

4. SCHEDULES

- 4.1 The following schedules are hereby made and declared to be integral parts of this Bylaw and are attached to and form part of this Bylaw and are enforceable in the same manner as this Bylaw:

SCHEDULE "A"	RDBN Solid Waste Facilities
SCHEDULE "B"	Prohibited Waste
SCHEDULE "C"	Regulated Recyclable Material
SCHEDULE "D"	User Fees
SCHEDULE "E"	Volume to Weight Material Conversion Factors

5. APPLICATION

- 5.1 This bylaw shall apply to all Municipal Solid Waste Facilities owned or operated by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

6. EXEMPTIONS

- 6.1 Schedule "D" does not apply to the Manson Creek Landfill.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS

- 7.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided, nothing in this Bylaw excuses any person from complying with all other applicable enactments and laws.

8. CONDITIONS OF USE / REGULATIONS

- 8.1 The Regional District hereby authorizes Officers and the Director to make rules governing the use of a Facility ("**Rules**") and further the Regional District hereby authorizes Officers, the Director, Site Operators and Regional District Personnel to enforce and provide directions to users of the Facility which are consistent with this Bylaw and which are necessary or convenient for the efficient and lawful operation of the Facility.
- 8.2 The Director shall, in the event of a dispute concerning the application of this Bylaw to the disposal of Municipal Solid Waste, determine the acceptability of the Municipal Solid Waste, direct to which Facility the Municipal Solid Waste may be disposed or may refuse the acceptance of the Municipal Solid Waste in accordance with this Bylaw. The Director may deny acceptance of or limit the volume and frequency of any Municipal Solid Waste delivered to a Facility due to operational or other considerations.
- 8.3 The Regional District accepts no responsibility or liability for damage or injury to any Person or property. Each Person entering a Facility does so solely at their own risk and, as a condition of entry to a Facility, waives all claims against the Regional District and releases the Regional District from any and all liability and claims for all injury, death, loss, damage and expense of any kind that the Person or any other Person may suffer as a result of or in connection with the Person's use of a Facility due to any cause whatsoever, including but not limited to negligence, breach of contract, breach of any statutory duty or duty of care on the part of any of the Regional District and also including the failure on the part of the Regional District to safeguard or protect any Person from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the use of a Facility.

- 8.4 Every Person depositing Municipal Solid Waste at a Facility shall comply with and abide by:
- (a) the terms and conditions of this Bylaw; and
 - (b) all rules and directions of the Director, Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, Officers whether such rules or directions are in the form of signage, written or verbal instructions.
- 8.5 Any person entering a Facility must, upon request, produce Valid Identification.
- 8.6 All material deposited at a Facility becomes the property of the Regional District, except where such material is deposited or disposed of contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 8.7 The Regional District hereby establishes and imposes the User Fees set out in Schedule "D" attached hereto. The billable weight (tonnage) shall be determined by the use of weigh scales at the Landfill Facility. In the event that the weigh scales are not operational, the weight (tonnage) shall be determined by measuring the load size and applying the material conversion factors set out in Schedule "E" attached hereto.
- 8.8 Every Person depositing Municipal Solid Waste at a Facility shall pay the applicable User Fees to the Regional District.
- 8.9 Every Person depositing billable volumes of Municipal Solid Waste must provide all information required for the Regional District to generate applicable invoicing.
- 8.10 A Person with Out of Region Waste may be refused entry to a Facility.
- 8.11 No Person shall:
- (a) deposit or dispose of any material at a Facility except in accordance with this Bylaw and any Rules posted at a Facility;
 - (b) deposit Prohibited Waste at a Facility, unless the acceptance of such waste is specifically authorized in writing by both the Regional District and the BC Government;
 - (c) deposit Industrial Waste at a Facility, unless the acceptance of such waste is specifically authorized in writing by both the Regional District and the BC Government;
 - (d) deposit or dispose any Municipal Solid Waste at a Facility in a manner or in a location contrary to the signage or written or verbal direction and designation of the Site Operator;
 - (e) deposit or dispose of any Out of Region Waste at a Facility, unless prior written approval is received from the Director;
 - (f) enter a Facility or deposit or dispose of any material at a Facility at any time other than the designated hours of operation, except by prior arrangement with the Director;

- (g) verbally abuse or threaten any Person at a Facility, including the Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, or any Officer;
 - (h) act at a Facility in a manner that is discourteous, disruptive, threatening, or reckless;
 - (i) act in a manner contrary to Facility Rules, or directions given by Officers, the Site Operator, the Director, or Regional District Personnel;
 - (j) remove, alter, or deface any sign placed or erected at a Facility;
 - (k) operate a vehicle in a Facility exceeding the posted speed limit or in a manner deemed to be dangerous by a Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, or Officer. Operating a vehicle in a dangerous manner may include, but is not limited to: operating an overloaded vehicle or with a load not adequately secured, or driving too close to equipment, personnel or the public;
 - (l) without authorization, drive a motor vehicle on any part of the Facility other than on roads or areas designated by signage or the Site Operator;
 - (m) light or smoke any cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other substance within the boundaries of a Facility;
 - (n) remove or salvage any material deposited at a Facility without prior permission of the Director, unless within an area that is clearly designated for reuse activities;
 - (o) cause the release of an Ozone Depleting Substance at a Facility;
 - (p) ignite a fire or cause a fire to be ignited at any Facility or bring any burning materials or hot ashes to a Facility;
 - (q) discharge any firearm at a Facility, except as permitted under an applicable enactment and prearranged by the Director, for example, as may be necessary to control wildlife;
 - (r) allow children under the age of 10 years or pets to be outside a vehicle at a Facility at any time, unless specifically directed or permitted otherwise by signage, or by the Site Operator or Regional District Personnel.
- 8.12 Without written approval of the Director, no Person shall remain at a Facility longer than is required to deposit Municipal Solid Waste or conduct other approved activities or business related to Facility operation.

9. VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

- 9.1 No Person shall do any act or suffer or permit any act or thing to be done in contravention of this Bylaw.
- 9.2 Every Person who contravenes this Bylaw by the doing of an act that it forbids, or omitting to do an act that it requires to be done, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Bylaw and:

- (a) shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and
- (b) may be prohibited, by written notice, from depositing or disposing material at a Facility for a specified period of time as the Regional District may determine.

9.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, any Person who:

- (a) contravenes this Bylaw and causes damage to a Facility shall be responsible to pay all costs associated with remediation of the Facility;
- (b) contravenes this Bylaw and deposits waste in a non-designated location or causes contamination of stockpiles/storage areas, shall be responsible for removing and subsequently depositing the waste materials in the appropriate location;
- (c) contravenes this Bylaw and commits theft or vandalism of Regional District property shall be responsible to pay all costs associated with remediation of the Facility and/or may be prohibited entry into any or all Regional District Facilities for a specified period of time at the discretion of the Director;
- (d) contravenes this Bylaw and/or fails to comply with Rules or directions of a Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, or Officer at a Facility may be prohibited entry into any or all Regional District Facilities for a specified period of time at the discretion of the Director;
- (e) contravenes this Bylaw and is deemed to be abusive or threatening may be ordered to immediately leave the Facility by a Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, or Officer. Any Person deemed to be abusive or threatening may be prohibited entry into any or all Regional District Facilities for a specified period of time at the discretion of the Director;
- (f) contravenes this Bylaw and fails to pay the fees and charges required under this Bylaw may be refused entry into any or all Regional District Facilities until all fees and charges are paid in full.

9.4 A separate offence shall be deemed to be committed upon each event or day during and in which a contravention occurs or continues.

9.5 The penalties imposed by this Bylaw shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other penalty or remedy imposed by any other statute, law or regulation.

10. INSPECTIONS

10.1 An Officer, Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, or the Director may inspect any load entering a Facility for the purposes of determining:

- (a) compliance with this Bylaw; or
- (b) the nature of the contents of the waste contained in the load for the purpose of a waste audit.

11. DISPUTE MECHANISM NOTICE

- 11.1 A Person using a Facility may file a written notice of appeal with the Director in respect of Decisions made under this Bylaw by the Director, a Site Operator, Regional District Personnel, or an Officer.
- 11.2 The Person for whom a Decision has been made with respect to this Bylaw must file written notice of appeal to the Director within thirty days of the date of Decision.
- 11.3 Upon considering a matter under appeal, the Director may:
- (a) confirm, reverse or vary the Decision under appeal; and
 - (b) make any Decision that the Director considers appropriate.
- 11.4 The Person for whom the appeal Decision has been made under section 11.3 may further appeal the Director's appeal Decision in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer within thirty days of the date of the appeal Decision.
- 11.5 Upon considering a matter under appeal, the Chief Administrative Officer may:
- (c) confirm, reverse or vary the Decision under appeal; and
 - (d) make any Decision that the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate.
- 11.6 The Person for whom the appeal Decision has been made under section 11.5 may further appeal the Chief Administrative Officer's appeal Decision in writing to the Board within thirty days of the date of the appeal Decision.
- 11.7 Upon considering the matter under appeal, the Board may:
- (a) confirm, reverse or vary the Decision under appeal; and
 - (b) make any Decision that the Board considers appropriate.
- 11.8 An appeal under this Bylaw does not operate as a stay or suspend the operation of the Decision being appealed unless the authority that has jurisdiction under this Bylaw to consider appeal of the Decision decides otherwise.
- 11.9 At the request of the Chief Administrative Officer and Director, whose Decision is being appealed, the Board shall permit the Chief Administrative Officer and Director to have full party status at the appeal.

12. NO LIMITATION

- 12.1 Nothing in this Bylaw shall limit the Regional District from utilizing any other remedy that would otherwise be available to the Regional District at law.

13. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 13.1 This Bylaw shall take effect the day following the date of its adoption.

14. REPEAL

- 14.1 Bylaw No. 1258 cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Construction / Demolition and Land Clearing Waste Regulation and Tipping Fee Bylaw No. 1258, 2003" is hereby repealed as of the day following the date of adoption of this Bylaw.
- 14.2 Bylaw No. 1202 cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Appliance Containing Ozone Depleting Substances Service Fee Bylaw No. 1202, 2001" is hereby repealed as of the day following the date of adoption of this Bylaw.
- 14.3 Bylaw No. 1109 cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Contaminated Soil Tipping Fee Bylaw No. 1109, 1999" is hereby repealed as of the day following the date of adoption of this Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this 14th day of April, 2016.

READ A SECOND TIME this 14th day of April, 2016.

READ A THIRD TIME this 14th day of April, 2016.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 1764 at third reading.


Corporate Administrator

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT this 9th day of June, 2016

ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of June, 2016.


Corporate Administrator


Chair



SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW NO. 1764**RDBN SOLID WASTE FACILITIES**

Facility Name	Civic Address
Knockholt Western Sub-Regional Landfill (Knockholt Landfill)	8072 Aitken Road
Clearview Eastern Sub-Regional Landfill (Clearview Landfill)	22095 Hwy 27 South
Manson Creek Landfill	188653 Thutade Forest Service Road
Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station	6150 Donaldson Road
Granisle Transfer Station	66201 Babine Drive
Burns Lake Transfer Station	4410 Babine Lake Road
Southside Transfer Station	36007 Eakin Settlement Road
Area "D" Transfer Station	3366 Fraser Lake Airport Road
Vanderhoof Transfer Station	650 Dump Road
Fort St. James Transfer Station	1521 Necoslie Road

SCHEDULE "B" TO BYLAW NO. 1764**PROHIBITED WASTE**

1. Biomedical Waste
2. Regulated Recyclable Material
3. Free Liquids
4. Hazardous Waste
5. Industrial Waste
6. PCBs
7. Waste on Fire or Smoldering

SCHEDULE "C" TO BYLAW NO. 1764**REGULATED RECYCLABLE MATERIAL**

The following materials are designated as Regulated Recyclable Material as of the effective date of this Bylaw:

1. Tires.

The following materials are designated as Regulated Recyclable Material as of July 1, 2016:

1. Corrugated Cardboard.

SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1764**USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES****(Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except Manson Creek Landfill)**

WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
Household Waste	No Charge	No Charge	
Commercial/Institutional Waste	No Charge	No Charge	
Mixed C/D – less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	
Mixed C/D – greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	
Concrete – less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	Size Restrictions Apply – Must be broken into pieces less than 12 inches in any direction.
Concrete – greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	Size Restrictions Apply – Must be broken into pieces less than 12 inches in any direction.
Roofing/Asphalt Shingles – less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	
Roofing/Asphalt Shingles – greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	
Bulky Waste	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time. - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Clean Wood Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Contaminated Wood Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Land Clearing Debris – less than 2m ³	No Charge	No Charge	- Place in designated area. - Tree stumps and tree trunks or branches (greater than 6 inches in diameter), in any quantity, not accepted at Transfer Stations. These materials are only accepted at Landfills.
Land Clearing Debris – greater than 2m ³	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	
Yard Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Place in designated area
Noxious Weeds	No Charge	No Charge	Must be bagged
Wet Organic Waste	No Charge	No Charge	Special handling procedures may apply. Loads may be directed to Landfills only.

SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1764 (Con't)**USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES****(Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except Manson Creek Landfill)**

WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
Asbestos – Friable and Non-friable	\$90/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time. - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Contaminated Soil – Characterized as commercial/industrial (CL/IL) or less than CL/IL	No Charge	Not Accepted	- Must be In-Region Source; - Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time; - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Contaminated Soil – Characterized as greater than commercial/industrial (CL/IL) but less than Hazardous Waste	\$18/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Must be In-Region Source; - Requires approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material must be deposited a minimum of one hour before Landfill closing time; - Materials only accepted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.
Specified Risk Material – In-Region	No Charge	Not Accepted	- Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Verification of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued transportation permit required; - Special handling procedures apply.
Specified Risk Material – Out-Of-Region	\$100/metric tonne	Not Accepted	- Material requires written approval of the Director; - Forty-eight (48) hours prior notice must be given to the Regional District for disposal; - Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Verification of Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued transportation permit required; - Special handling procedures apply; - Additional user fees may apply.

SCHEDULE "D" TO BYLAW NO. 1764 (Con't)**USER FEES AND DISPOSAL RULES****(Applicable at all RDBN Solid Waste Facilities Except Manson Creek Landfill)**

WASTE TYPE	USER FEES		Disposal Rules/Special Conditions
	Landfill	Transfer Station	
Dead Animals and Dead Stock Excluding Specified Risk Material Waste	No Charge	No Charge	- Any individual carcass or part of a carcass under 15 kg is considered a small animal, and any individual carcass over 15 kg is considered a large animal; - Disposal of greater than two (2) large carcasses requires approval of the Director; - Small animals may be disposed of in unlimited numbers; - Small animals being disposed of must be contained in a sealed, waterproof container (heavy duty plastic bags are acceptable); - Large animals may only be disposed of at a rate of one carcass per vehicle per day at transfer stations.
Slaughter House (Abattoir) Waste Excluding Specified Risk Material Waste	No Charge	No Charge	- Material is only permitted for disposal at the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills; - Special handling procedures apply.
ODS Appliances (eg. fridges/freezers/air conditioners/water coolers)	\$20 per unit	\$20 per unit	Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill
Auto Hulks	No Charge	No Charge	- Site restrictions may apply; - All fluids, batteries, ODS and tires must be removed prior to disposal; - Place in designated area; - Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill.
Scrap Metal	No Charge	No Charge	- Place in designated area; - Not accepted at the Clearview Landfill.
Metal Drums and Tanks			- Material must be cut open and free of any liquids or contamination; - Size restriction requirements may apply.

SCHEDULE "E" TO BYLAW NO. 1764**VOLUME TO WEIGHT MATERIAL CONVERSION FACTORS**

Table 1: Material Conversion Factors

Material Code	Primary Waste Material Type	Material Conversion Factor
A	Concrete	1.2
B	Wood	0.5
C	Roofing	0.5
D	Land Clearing	0.4
E	Mixed	0.6

Note: Load Volume (m³) x Material Conversion Factor = Weight in Metric Tonnes

Table 2: Typical Vehicle Type and Volume Guide

Vehicle Type	Load Volume
Pickup truck (filled level) or passenger vehicle	Less than 2 m ³
Pickup truck, mounted or built-up	4 m ³
Single axle truck	6 m ³
Tandem axle truck	10 m ³
Pup trailer	8 m ³
End dump	18 m ³
Other	Measurement of box size in meters



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of Whole

To: Chair and Committee

From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services

Date: November 6, 2025

Subject: **General Bylaw Process**

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

Receive

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board with an overview of the different types of bylaws used by regional districts, along with the required readings and approval processes for each.

General Bylaw Process

- **First Reading:** Introduces the bylaw; no debate on substance.
- **Second Reading:** Debate and possible amendments.
- **Third Reading:** Final review in amended form.
- **Adoption:** The bylaw is formally passed and comes into effect.

For local government bylaws that do not require provincial or other approval, there must be at least one clear day between third reading and final adoption of a bylaw. There is no maximum limit on the time between third reading and final adoption.

There are a couple exceptions to this rule though. Regional district bylaws that do not require approval, consent or assent before adoption can be given three readings and adoption on the same day as long as two-thirds of the board members present at the meeting vote in favour of the adoption.

Zoning bylaws can also be adopted at the same meeting as third reading. Many zoning and land-use bylaws require a public hearing after second reading before they can be adopted. There is a maximum two-year period between first reading and adoption of a zoning bylaw.

Types of Regional District Bylaws

1. Service Establishment Bylaws

- **Purpose:** Creates a new service (e.g., fire protection, solid waste, recreation facilities) and defines the service area.
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings by the Board.
 - Requires approval by the Inspector of Municipalities.
 - May require elector approval (Alternative Approval Process or referendum).
 - Must be adopted by the Board.

2. Loan Authorization Bylaws

- **Purpose:** Authorizes the Regional District to borrow funds for capital projects.
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings by the Board.
 - Requires elector approval (AAP or referendum).
 - Requires approval by the Inspector of Municipalities.
 - Must be adopted by the Board.

3. Financial Plan Bylaw

- **Purpose:** Approves the Regional District's five-year financial plan (annual budget).
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings and adoption by March 31 each year.
 - Does not require Inspector approval or elector assent.

5. Regulatory Bylaws

- **Purpose:** Regulates activities within Regional District authority (e.g., noise control, animal control).
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings and adoption by the Board.
 - Certain bylaws may require approval from a Minister or agency if provincial interests are affected.

6. Procedure Bylaws

- **Purpose:** Establishes rules for Board meetings, conduct, and delegation of authority.
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings and adoption by the Board.
 - No external approvals required.

7. Planning and Development Bylaws

- **Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaws**

- **Purpose:** Sets long-term land use policies for an area.
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings and adoption by the Board.
 - Public hearing required before third reading
 - Must be referred to Agricultural Land Commission if ALR land is affected.
 - Referral to First Nations, adjacent local governments, and provincial agencies typically required.

- **Zoning Bylaws**

- **Purpose:** Regulates land use, density, siting, and building requirements.
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings and adoption by the Board.
 - Public hearing required before third reading
 - Must be consistent with the OCP.
 - May require referral to the ALC if agricultural land is affected.
 - A rezoning related to housing is not permitted to have a public hearing.

- **Rezoning / OCP Amendment Bylaws**

- **Purpose:** Makes site-specific or text changes to zoning or OCP.
- **Process:**
 - Follows the same process as zoning/OCP bylaws: three readings, public hearing, adoption, with necessary referrals.

- **Development Procedures Bylaws**

- **Purpose:** Establishes processes for handling development applications, referrals, and notifications.
- **Process:**
 - Requires three readings and adoption by the Board.
 - No external approval required.
 - Public hearing required before third reading (unless waived in certain cases).

- **Amending or repealing bylaws**

Once a local government bylaw is adopted, it may only be amended or repealed by bylaw. Generally, bylaws to amend or repeal an existing bylaw are subject to the same approval and other requirements as the power to adopt a new bylaw under that authority.

An exception to the general rule for amendments and repeals is regional district establishing bylaws and loan authorization bylaws. The *Local Government Act* provides the option that the board may amend or repeal an establishing bylaw or

loan authorization bylaw with at least two-thirds consent of the participants in the service.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of Whole

To: Chair and Committee
From: John Illes, CFO
Date: November 6, 2025
Subject: Introduction to the 2026 Budget

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

BACKGROUND

This memo highlights the taxation "swap" between Environmental Services and the Administration budget that was previously discussed in the 2024 and 2025 budget presentations.

The Administration budget is proposed to drop from \$2.538 million in 2025 to \$1.574 million in 2026 while the Environmental Services budget is expected to increase from \$4.373 million to \$5.457 million or by nearly the same amount the administration budget is dropping. Taken together these two budgets propose a 2% requisition increase for the 2026 budget year.

The tax rate for these two services combined remained at \$0.640 per \$1,000 for 2023 and 2024 and then dropped to \$0.628 per \$1,000 in 2025. This drop is directly related to the large assessment increases over the last three years. These increases were driven by the pipeline construction as well as industrial construction. The Completed Assessment Roll for 2026 will be released in the first week of January.

In order to achieve the taxation "swap", Bylaw No. 1909 that sets the maximum requisition of Environmental Services at \$4.375 million is due for a 25% increase this year to \$5,468,750. Staff will be bringing forward a Bylaw to enable the Board to approve this increase at the next Board Meeting. This increase is necessary to continue funding the operational costs of the Environmental Services Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bylaw No. 1909

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:

4. Community and Economic Sustainability

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

BYLAW NO. 1909

A bylaw to amend the tax requisition limit from \$3,500,000 per annum to \$4,375,000 per annum for the Refuse Disposal Local Service

WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has enacted Refuse Disposal Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 638, 1990 and established a local Service for Garbage Disposal with all Municipal and Electoral Areas of the Regional District as participants;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board wishes to increase the tax limit for the service from THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000) per annum to FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,375,000) per annum;

AND WHEREAS under Regulation 113/2007, the approval of the Inspector is not required because the increase in the tax limit is not greater than 25% of the baseline amount five years previous;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Section 5 of Refuse Disposal Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 638 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore:
 6. The maximum amount of taxation that may be requisitioned for the cost of this service shall be FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,375,000) per annum.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Refuse Disposal Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1909, 2020."

READ A FIRST TIME this 22nd day of October, 2020

READ A SECOND TIME this 22nd day of October, 2020

READ A THIRD TIME this 22nd day of October, 2020

Page 2 of Bylaw No. 1909

ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2021



Chairperson



Corporate Administrator

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 1909 as adopted.



Corporate Administrator



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of Whole

To: Chair and Committee
From: John Illes, CFO
Date: November 6, 2025
Subject: **BC Assessment Change in Assessment Methods for Pipelines**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive

BACKGROUND

The Regional District was notified that there will be a change in the methodology for assessing pipelines beginning in 2026. In reviewing the changes financial staff are predicting that the pipeline taxation for 2026 will be reduced by \$13,500 as compared to 2025 for all jurisdiction services. While not of immediate concern in terms of an all-jurisdiction requisition of about \$12.0 million, it is disappointing not to receive a longer notification before the impending change. Some local governments will be significantly impacted as described in the Letter from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. Other local governments (mostly in the Peace Region) with varied pipeline infrastructure (such as compressor stations and drill sites) will see a net increase in their hospital assessments.

ATTACHMENTS:

Email Letter from BC Assessment
Letter from Barbara Roden, Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:
2. Advocacy with the Province

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Upcoming Changes to Gathering and Transmission Pipeline Valuation – 2026 Assessment Roll

This email is to inform you of upcoming changes to the valuation of gathering and transmission pipelines for the 2026 Assessment Roll. Although annual updates to the Regulated Rates and Legislated Manuals are prepared and presented to the BC Assessment Board of Directors in September each year a comprehensive review has not been completed since the last Railway and Pipeline Corporations Valuation Regulation (B.C.Reg 203/86) in 1986.

Since 2016 BC Assessment has been actively working with the pipeline industry to undertake a comprehensive review and redevelopment of the cost model used for these valuations. This review involved a complete re-evaluation of all components of the cost model, including:

- Collection and analysis of actual pipeline construction costs,
- Development of "average current costs,"
- Review of depreciation methods in accordance with Section 21 of the Assessment Act (including both physical and functional depreciation).

Due to the age and limitations of the existing model, this project involved developing an entirely new cost model from the ground up.

Construction cost data from recent projects and hypothetical builds were provided by industry and compared with the Marshall & Swift (M&S) cost manual. The results were aligned, and both BC Assessment and industry partners agreed to the use of M&S. As an internationally recognized valuation service, M&S provides comprehensive cost data that is updated annually, using this costing improves roll stability over time.

BC Assessment is committed to providing advanced notice to our Municipal and Regional District partners of changes that may impact assessed values prior to the upcoming assessment roll.

The following table outlines the proposed 2026 valuation changes for pipeline values in Property Class 02 – Utilities within the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District:

JUR	PROPERTY CLASS	2025 ASSESSED VALUE	2026 PROPOSED ASSESSED VALUE	% Change
754	2 - Utilities	\$ 150,392,855	\$ 148,808,095	-1%
755	2 - Utilities	\$ 167,860,605	\$ 166,381,493	-1%
756	2 - Utilities	\$ 217,289,477	\$ 216,508,387	0%

Note: These proposed 2026 assessed values are subject to change as BC Assessment finalizes the 2026 Assessment Roll.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions on the above information.
Sincerely,



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October 23, 2025

Honourable Brenda Bailey
Minister of Finance
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Sent by email: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

RE: Request to Postpone Upcoming Changes to BC Assessment Transmission Pipeline Valuation

Dear Minister Bailey,

On behalf of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Board of Directors, we are writing to express concern with the proposed upcoming changes to the valuation of "Gathering and Transmission Pipelines" for the 2026 Assessment Roll. The TNRD Board urges BC Assessment to postpone the changes to valuation of Gathering and Transmission Pipelines until such time that other industries within the Utilities Tax Class undergo a similar review.

The short notice to bring in this change for 2026 is expected to put a significant burden on other Property Classes within the TNRD – particularly affecting residential properties, due to the proposed reduction of assessed value for Gathering and Transmission Pipelines within TNRD boundaries by amounts that range between 23% and 30%. This shift will have a particularly negative impact for residential property owners in Electoral Areas with smaller populations and tax bases, leading to potential increases in taxation to residential property owners by as much as approximately 25% before any other anticipated cost increases.

Consultation with impacted local governments has been severely lacking, as the TNRD was only made aware in mid-September of this upcoming valuation change by BC Assessment to Gathering and Transmission Pipelines. We understand it now that BC Assessment has been considering this review and potential valuation changes to transmission pipelines since approximately 2001, and that a review formally began years ago before being delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This upcoming change would have a substantial impact to overall budget and taxation projections for the TNRD for multiple years, specifically for the other classes of ratepayers as this shifts this tax burden to the business and residents.

Gathering and Transmission Pipelines are an enormous taxpayer within TNRD Electoral Areas and Municipalities – particularly due to the Trans Mountain pipeline – and this property class has risen in value tremendously in recent years due to completion of the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. As a result, the reduction in assessed value for Gathering and Transmission Pipelines would shift approximately \$250,000 in taxation onto other property classes within the TNRD, primarily residential properties, as Electoral Areas do not typically have diverse tax bases.

For context, a shift of approximately \$250,000 in taxation would represent nearly 1% of the total tax requisition for the TNRD in 2025 (\$28.8 million), meaning that this upcoming change in valuation proposed by BC Assessment represents a significant shift in the tax burden for other TNRD ratepayers.

MUNICIPALITIES: Ashcroft | Barriere | Cache Creek | Chase | Clearwater | Clinton
Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"

We understand that BC Assessment is planning to review valuation of other large-scale utilities, including Railways, which could lead to more potential increases in valuation for other property classes within the Utilities tax class, and potentially offset negative property tax impacts to residential ratepayers. Given the apparent imminent plan for BC Assessment to do this wider review, we feel that changes to Gathering and Transmission Pipelines should come into effect at the same time as other valuation changes, and that the status quo that BC Assessment has had in place since 1986 should remain in effect for at least one additional year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Barbara Roden
Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of Whole

To: Chair and Committee
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services
Date: November 6, 2025
Subject: **Inaugural BC Agriculture Forum**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the Committee recommend that the Board approve attendance for any interested Directors at the 2026 BC Agriculture Forum hosted by the BC Agriculture Council in Penticton, BC on June 24 and 25, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The BC Agriculture Council (BCABC) has announced the inaugural BC Agriculture Forum, planned for June 24 and 25, 2026, at the Lakeside Resort in Penticton, BC.

This event has two goals, to increase awareness of urgent challenges in the industry, and also to engage community leaders in conversations to generate solutions.

As the event is advertised as an opportunity to inform policy and vision for the next 50 years, staff plan to include attendance by the Regional Agriculture Coordinator in the 2026 budget and encourage interested Directors to consider participation.

More information can be found at <https://bcac.ca/agforum/>

A news release about the event can be found at <https://bcac.ca/2025/10/09/bc-agriculture-council-to-deliver-new-forum/>

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This topic aligns with the following Strategic Focus Area(s) from the RDBN Strategic Plan:

4. Community and Economic Sustainability

Additionally, the recommendation supports the following objective(s) related to this Focus Area(s):

4.2 Revisit, prioritize and advance recommendations of the RDBN Food and Agriculture Plan and the work of the Agriculture Coordinator.



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of Whole

To: Chair and Committee
From: Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator
Date: November 6, 2025
Subject: **Growing Opportunities Newsletter - Issue 30, October 2025**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive.

BACKGROUND

Attached is the Growing Opportunities Newsletter – Issue 30, October 2025.

The leading information in this edition was a link to the Low Water Volume Use Survey that was advertised as open until October 17. The survey link now indicates that information can be submitted until December 12. [Find the survey online here.](#)

Find more information about the proposed changes to low volume water use without authorization on a [Water Sustainability Act webpage here.](#)

Staff are following this discussion and will report back once survey findings are released and any related

A sign-up form is available on the RDBN website to receive the Growing Opportunities E-Newsletter at <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/agriculture/growing-opportunities-rdbn-ag-newsletter-podcast>

ATTACHMENTS:

Growing Opportunities Newsletter Issue 30, October 2025

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From: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <economic.development@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: October 9, 2025 2:01 PM
To:
Subject: RDBN Growing Opportunities e-Newsletter - October 2025

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October 2025 - Issue 30

Agriculture Coordinator Update

Fall is here! Despite the rain, the [BC Drought Information Portal](#) is showing that our region is still drier than normal, with Level 2 drought conditions for much of the Lakes and Nechako areas.

Our collaboration with Making Agriculture Sustainable in the Hazeltons (MASH) to do an overall ecosystem analysis for livestock services and develop a Toolkit for people in the industry is progressing well. We will be presenting at a Food Summit taking place in Prince George entitled Northern Harvest: Seeding Sustainable Futures Through Food and Collaboration.

The RDBN Community Irrigation System project is in the report-writing phase and is about two-thirds complete. The project end-date is December 31.

Please Note:

The increased movement of migratory birds has prompted the [BC Poultry Association](#) to move to [Red Biosecurity Status](#) for poultry farms throughout the province. This applies to all licensed poultry operations.

Unlicensed operations should also increase their farm biosecurity and flock health awareness.

Low Volume Water Use Streamlined Authorization Survey

The Province of BC has made a survey available to collect public input on a proposal to allow groundwater users that need less than 2 cubic metres a day to be able to do so without a water license or use approval. More information can be found [here](#).

Examples taken from the webpage of non-domestic water use that is approximately the same volume as 2 cubic metres (approximately 528 US gallons) are:

- water consumption for 40 head of cattle or horses per day, or
- daily water use for 10 camp workers.

The Low Volume Water Use Streamlined Authorization Process survey closes **October 17**, and can be found [here](#).



Northwest Invasive Plant Council Update

SAVE the DATE

Northwest
INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL

Northwest Invasive Plant Council
2025 Annual General Meeting

November 13th, 2025
Prince George

Presentations on
Integrated Pest Management
and more to come!

Invasive plant species are a concern throughout the region - the RDBN is one of the many funders of the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC). The NWIPC has a Field Coordinator who oversees invasive species management throughout the region on both government and private land.

A few updates:

- Want to learn all about local invasive plants? Check out the new NWIPC website (button below),
- The deadline for submitting your request for a rebate from the Landowner Invasive Plant Removal Rebate Program is **November 15, 2025**. More details and the application can be found [here](#).

- The NWIPC Annual General Meeting will be held in Prince George on **November 13, 2025**.

NWIPC *New* Website

Climate-resilient Annual Crop Trials

Crop producers wanted!

The BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Industrial Forest Service Ltd. (Prince George) are seeking producers interested in growing the following crops in small demonstration plots on their farm: sweet corn, camelina, dryland squash, faba beans, and teff grain. Trials would begin in the 2026 growing season.

The demonstration trial plots would be 0.1 - 0.2 acres per crop, for a total area of 0.5 - 1.0 acre.

Please contact info@bcforagecouncil.com for more information. There is a pre-research survey [here](#).

Seeking Farm Partners:

Crop Demonstrations for Climate Elasticity.

2026-2027 growing seasons

Industrial Forestry Service Ltd., in partnership with the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food, is conducting collaborative research to evaluate climate-resilient annual horticultural crops. We are seeking farm partners from the North Cariboo, Omineca, and Skeena regions.

Importance

- Evaluate crops adapted to hotter, drier conditions
- Complimentary water management strategies for climate resilience
- Assess economic viability of alternative crops
- Demonstrate proof of concept: longer growing season, more heat units, more crop choice possibilities

Growing small plots: 0.1-0.2 acres per crop (0.5-1 acre total)



Sweet Corn



Camelina



Dryland Squash



Faba Beans



Teff Grain

Participant Benefits

This research provides essential agricultural services including input cost coverage, technical support throughout growing seasons, access to comprehensive data analysis, and extension opportunities. Participants will gain valuable insights into climate-resilient farming practices while contributing to regional agricultural adaptation strategies.

Ready to Participate?

Complete our pre-research survey:

<https://forms.gle/pV3HHfjpDBgbvP2JA>

or contact us at info@bcforagecouncil.com



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Please let us know what you'd like to see in the next Growing Opportunities eNewsletter!

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Cc: [Wendy Wainwright](#)
Subject: CN's Commitment to Responsible Rail Tie Management in the RDBN
Date: October 30, 2025 4:50:23 PM
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Good Evening everyone, I hope this message finds you well.

Chief Luggi, thank you for sharing the Regional District's letter with me.

Immediately following my email, below, is CN's response to the letter we received.

This response was shared directly with the RDBN by Tyler Banick of CN Public Affairs.

I am respectfully sharing this response with each of you, as I am the CN Indigenous Relations lead for the region.

Tyler's email is immediately below.

Much appreciated,
kdg

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From: Tyler Banick <Tyler.Banick@cn.ca>

Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:14 PM

To: Mark Parker <mark.parker@rdbn.bc.ca>

Cc: Wendy Wainwright <wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca>; Karla Graf <Karla.Graf@cn.ca>

Subject: CN's Commitment to Responsible Rail Tie Management in the RDBN

Dear Chair Mark Parker,

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding CN's disposal plans for temporarily stored railway ties on CN property across the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN). We value the opportunity to engage with you and our neighbours and partners on this important matter.

CN recognizes the significant responsibility we have to minimize the impact of our operations while continuing to provide cleaner, more sustainable transportation services to our customers, which is why we are committed to implementing measures that reduce our environmental footprint. Each year, CN prioritizes the replacement, enhancement, and maintenance of key track infrastructure to improve the safety, resiliency, and capacity of our network. This includes the replacement of rail ties and the responsible management of their disposal.

Effective waste management is a priority for CN. We are actively exploring opportunities to improve the timely removal of used rail ties from our rights-of-way after projects are complete, including identifying potential sites for new and closer disposal facilities in Western Canada. Currently, used ties are transported to Quebec, where they are repurposed through an industry-based waste-to-energy program. Establishing a disposal site within or closer to British Columbia would significantly reduce turnaround times and improve retrieval efficiency in the West.

A rail tie collection plan for the RDBN is now underway. This week, crews resumed work on the Bulkley Subdivision (Smithers to Terrace), with rail cars subsequently being allocated to Isle Pierre (Nechako Subdivision). Following this, crews will proceed west toward Endako, at the start of the Telkwa Subdivision. The Telkwa Subdivision (Endako – Burns Lake – Smithers) is next in line, with preliminary collection locations identified at Watson, Rose Lake, and Knockholt.

We welcome your continued feedback and invite you to share any additional locations you believe should be considered in our collection efforts.

Note: my colleague Karla Graf, Indigenous Relations Manager will include the RDBN in her response to Nations.

Sincerely,



Tyler W. Banick (He/Him)

Manager, Stakeholder Relations | British Columbia

Public Affairs

C: 587-334-6936 - CN Emergencies 24/7 – 1-800-465-9239, Option 3

I acknowledge with respect that my work takes place within the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of Indigenous Peoples.

From: Wendy Wainwright <wendy.wainwright@rdbn.bc.ca>

Sent: October 17, 2025 4:28 PM

To: Tyler Banick <Tyler.Banick@cn.ca>

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Subject: RDBN Letter - Disposal of Abandoned Creosote Ties

Hi,

Please find attached a letter from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako regarding the disposal of abandoned creosote ties.

Thank you,



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I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional territories of the First Nations in the Bulkley and Nechako watersheds.

This message is intended for the addressee(s) named and is confidential. The message must not be circulated or copied without

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September 25, 2025

Tyler Banick
 Manager, Stakeholder Relations, Public Affairs British Columbia
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Dear Mr. Banick:

Disposal of Abandoned Creosote Ties

The Regional District has been made aware that there is a significant number of abandoned creosote ties being left and/or mass stored along the railway tracks throughout the region. The railway tracks traverse through the region close to lakes and waterways and there is a concern that there may be ground and/or lake water contamination from the abandoned creosote ties. An example of this is in Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) where work has been commencing on the tracks over the past year. Once the work is complete the ties are abandoned beside the track.

The creosote ties abandoned along the tracks also create a fire hazard in the region. With the previous year's wildfire events and impacts throughout the region it is imperative that wildfire mitigation is of the highest priority.

In consideration of the concerns raised, the Regional District would like to request that CN remove the abandoned railway ties along the north line of the rail tracks within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako boundaries.

Thank you for considering our ask and we look forward to receiving a timeline for the removal of the creosote ties for proper and safe disposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Parker
 Chair

cc: Chief Wes Sam, Ts'il Kaz Koh (Burns Lake Band)
 Chief Wilf Adam, Lake Babine Nation
 Chief Maureen Luggi, Wet'suwet'en First Nation
 Executive Director Debbie Pierre, Office of the Wet'suwet'en
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September 25, 2025

Honourable Tamara Davidson
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Dear Minister Davidson:

CN Storage Area for Creosote Ties

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako would like to inquire about the monitoring of CN staging areas where creosote ties are stored and the monitoring of the ground water and neighbouring water bodies in proximity to these areas.

One area of note is within Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) of the Regional District where CN is storing a significant number of creosote ties. This area is adjacent to a small lake and creeks. This has raised concerns regarding the potential for the release of hazardous materials to leach into the soil and/or waterways near the storage area.

The water bodies and groundwater throughout the region are a critical resource and the Regional District would like to know if there is any monitoring being conducted by the Ministry of Environment and Parks of these areas.

Thank you for considering our ask and we look forward to receiving information regarding monitoring of CN staging areas as well as the monitoring of water bodies located near these areas.

Sincerely,

Mark Parker
 Chair

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