



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 20, 2025

Directors Present: Chair Mark Parker
Gladys Atrill
Shane Brien - left at 11:33 a.m., returned at 11:36 a.m.
Leroy Dekens
Martin Elphee
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell
Michael Riis-Christiansen
Stoney Stoltenberg
Sarah Storey - arrived at 10:01 a.m.
Henry Wiebe

Staff: Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - left at 10:08 a.m., returned at 10:30 a.m., left at 11:18 a.m., returned at 12:49, left at 12:52 p.m.
Steve Davis, Building Inspector - arrived at 10:20 a.m., left at 11:50 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services - left at 12:52 p.m., returned at 12:58 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Amy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services

Other: Quinten Beach, Superintendent, Nechako Watershed, Rio Tinto - left at 10:36 a.m.
Dale Bellavance, Bell Group, Hudson Bay Mountain Estates - via Zoom - arrived at 12:57 p.m.
Andrew Czornohalan, Director, Energy & Watershed

Partnerships, Rio Tinto - via Zoom - arrived at 10:02 a.m., left at 10:36 a.m.

Gary Mathiesen, Hudson Bay Mountain Estates Development Management Inc. - via Zoom - arrived at 1:01 p.m.

Michelle Miller, P.Ag., Executive Director, Northwest Invasive Plant Council - via Zoom - left at 11:18 a.m.

Mike Pangman, Field Operations Coordinator, Northwest Invasive Plant Council - via Zoom - left at 11:18 a.m.

Aman Parhar, Senior Advisor, Communities and Social Performance, Rio Tinto - via Zoom - arrived at 10:02 a.m., left at 10:36 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

CAO Helgesen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2025/2026.

2025-BM-170

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

That Director Parker be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2025/2026.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, CAO Helgesen declared Director Parker Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2025/2026 by acclamation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2025/2026.

2025-BM-171

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That Director Brien be nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2025/2026.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a second time.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations, CAO Helgesen declared Director Brien Vice-Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2025/2026 by acclamation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairperson Parker assumed the Chair.

First Nations Acknowledgement

*** AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

November 20, 2025

2025-BM-172

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Greenaway

That the Agenda for November 20, 2025 be approved and that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2025

2025-BM-173

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the Board Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - November 6, 2025

2025-BM-174

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Moon

That the following Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - November 6, 2025
- Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes
 - November 6, 2025
- Rural Services Committee Meeting Minutes
 - November 6, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*** Staff Introduction**

Chair Parker introduced Kaia Nitchie, First Nations Liaison.

DELEGATIONS

RIO TINTO

Andrew Czornohalan, Director, Energy & Watershed Partnerships - Re: Update

Mr. Czornohalan provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Hydrology and Drought

- Reservoir Level
 - Necho Reservoir Historical Elevation Since 1957

- Snowpack
- Total precipitation since April 2025
- Chronological series of yearly average inflows
- Elevation Forecast and Power Imports
- Operational update
 - Tariffs
 - Financial Outlook
 - Priorities for 2026
- Sustaining capital investments
- Nee Too Infrastructure Project Studies
 - Study Stages.

The following was discussed:

- Increasing drought conditions and the severity of drought conditions
 - High degree of variability in comparison to past weather conditions
- Alternative energy infrastructure
 - Mr. Czornohalan indicated that desktop conceptual studies have been conducted but no detailed work
- Board support
- First Nations partnership letters.

Chair Parker thanked Mr. Czornohalan for attending the meeting.

NORTHWEST INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL

Michelle Miller, P. Ag., Executive Director and Mike Pangman, Field Operations Coordinator
- Re: Update

Ms. Miller and Mr. Pangman provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

- The Northwest Invasive Plant Council
 - Mission
 - Divided into 8 Invasive Plant Management Areas (IPMAs)
- What does NWIPC do?
 - Invasive Plant Management
- Partnerships
- What is an invasive plant?
 - Impacts

- Consequences of no action
- Prevention is key! Awareness is the starting point
- Education & Outreach
- Website and Newsletter.
- Species - Category's
- Prince George IPMA
- 2025 - Survey's
- Management - 2025
- Challenges
- 2026 Successes
- 2026 Goals with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- How to get involved
- Contact

Discussion took place regarding:

- Participation of CN Rail
 - Operate own program
 - Not a stakeholder at the NWIPC table
 - Recently have allowed some adjacency treatment for high priority weeds
 - No communication
 - Mr. Pangman will provide information to the RDBN to write a letter
- Best/good management guidelines and areas
 - Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals has more stringent and enforced guidelines
 - Pipelines contribute and manage their areas but adjacent areas have seen the introduction of certain invasive weed species
- Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)
 - An increase of Canadian Thistle
 - Economic impact to forage crops
 - In areas where property owners are actively managing NWIPC can potentially assist in managing adjacent areas.

Chair Parker thanked Ms. Miller and Mr. Pangman for attending the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Land Referral

Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner - Crown Land Application Referral Nos 6409565 & 6409572 Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural)

2025-BM-175

Moved by Director Newell

Seconded by Director McGuire

That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Nos. 6409565 & 6409572.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner - Peace River Regional District New Zoning Bylaw Referral

2025-BM-176

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Brienen

That staff be directed to inform the Peace River Regional District that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has no concerns with the PRRD's Zoning Bylaw No. 2582, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Llewellyn, Director Planning and Development Services - Planning Service Pilot Project

2025-BM-177

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Storey

That the Regional District Board Chair and CAO be authorized to enter into an agreement for the provision of Planning Service to the Village of Burns Lake for a one year pilot project.

Opposed: Director Greenaway

Director Stoltenberg

CARRIED

The following was discussed:

- Monitor demand on staff and the Regional District
- Monitoring if there is a request from other municipalities to participate in similar services
- If the pilot is successful
 - Long-term considerations if other municipalities request similar services
 - Additional cost considerations if pilot project expands long term
 - Building capacity if service expansion occurs
 - Staff would bring forward details to the Board
- Importance of communication to the Board and the public at the outcome of the pilot project
- Supporting other local governments and creating efficiencies
- Ensuring service is cost neutral
- Annual fee for services
 - Work exceeding agreement - additional cost consideration
- Current expenditure of the grant from the Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Growing Communities Fund towards staffing to implement a Regional Housing Initiative and Deputy Director of Planning and Development Services position
- Current Planning Services provided to member municipalities
- Communication post pilot imperative.

BUILDING INSPECTION

**Steve Davis, Building Inspector - Section 57 Notice on Title 3336-3500
Poplar Rd, 3350 Poplar Rd, - Electoral Area A (Smithers / Telkwa Rural)**

No comments from the gallery.

2025-BM-178

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Corporate Officer file a Notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* relating to land legally described as:

- a. Block C, Section 16, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 6397, Except Plans 8749 and PRP47360 (3336 – 3500 Poplar Road) and
- b. Lot 1, Section 16, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District, Plan PRP47360 (3350 Poplar Road).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the Agricultural Land Commission's decision and appeal process.

Steve Davis, Building Inspector - Section 57 Notice on Title, 46357 Cluculz Hill Rd, - Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

No comments from the gallery.

2025-BM-179

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Moutray

That the Corporate Officer file a Notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* relating to land legally described as Lot 69, District Lot 1775, Cariboo District, Plan 25016 (46357 Cluculz Hill Road).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Development Services - Building Inspection Service Agreements

2025-BM-180

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Regional District Board Chair and CAO be authorized to enter into agreements for the provision of building inspection services to the Village of Burns Lake, the Village of Fraser Lake, the Village of Granisle, the District of Fort St. James, the District of Houston, and the Village of Telkwa.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services - Committee Meeting Recommendations - November 6, 2025

2025-BM-181

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board approve recommendations 1 through 6 as written.

Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 6, 2025

Recommendation 1:

Re: Proposed Regulatory Policy for Renewable Energy Projects

That staff provide the BC Energy Regulator (BCER) with the comment that the review process for renewable projects should include the opportunity for local governments to review and comment on the various management plans to be submitted by the proponents with their application to the BCER.

Recommendation 2:

Re: Inaugural BC Agriculture Forum

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.

Rural Services Committee – November 6, 2025

Recommendation 3:

Re: Civic Address Sign Project

That the Board approve staff to move forward with the 2026 NG 911 grant application for a civic address sign project from UBCM and provide overall grant management for the project.

Recommendation 4:

Re: Grant in Aid for Area C (Fort St. James Rural) - Fort St. James Public Library

That the Board approve a grant of \$6,000 to the Fort St. James Public Library from Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)'s allocation of Regional Grant in Aid for a re-useable inter-library shipping project.

Recommendation 5:

Re: Non-Profit Newsletter Project

That staff include a quarterly newsletter curated for non-profit organizations in the workplan for the Economic Development department.

Recommendation 6:

Re: Write a Letter to Ministry of Citizens' Services – Cellular Drive Study Data

That the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Citizens' Services requesting the Cellular Drive Study data along Highway 16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - RDBN 2026 Meeting Schedule

2025-BM-182

Moved by Director Storey

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Board approve the 2026 meeting schedule as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 2093, 2025

2025-BM-183

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 2093, 2025 be given first, second, and third reading this 20th day of November, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2092, 2025

2025-BM-184

Moved by Director Newell

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2092, 2025 be adopted this 20th day of November, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer and Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services - Fort Fraser Sewer and Water Update

2025-BM-185

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Storey

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Water Service Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 2087, 2025 be given first, second, and third reading this 20th day of

November, 2025.

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Sewer Service Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 2088, 2025 be given first, second, and third reading this 20th day of November, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - Houston Smithers Television
Rebroadcasting Society**

2025-BM-186

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Atrill

That the Board enter into the Five-Year Local Area Service Agreement with the Houston-Smithers Television Rebroadcasting Society.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* **Lunch**

Break for Lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:49 p.m.

Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services-Community Hall Appraisal Project

2025-BM-187

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Storey

That the Board approve Regional Grants in Aid, to be tracked in the balance of the associated Electoral Area, of \$1,800 for each Community Hall interested in participating in the Community Hall Appraisal project, as listed below.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Grant in Aid - Fort St. James Ski Club

2025-BM-188

Moved by Director Greenaway

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Board approve a Regional Grant in Aid of \$25,000 from the Area C (Fort St. James Rural) allocation to the Fort St. James Ski Club for equipment repairs and the Library Pass program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

* **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

* **Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Grant in Aid - Nechako Valley Search and Rescue**

2025-BM-189

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board approve allocating \$6,325 from Regional Grant in Aid, split evenly between the Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) and Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) allocations, to Nechako Valley Search and Rescue for the purchase of a trailer to transport equipment for search operations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* **Nellie Davis, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Rural Services - Grant in Aid for Neighbourlink Vanderhoof**

2025-BM-190

Moved by Director Moon

Seconded by Director Moutray

That the Board approve a \$50,000 Regional Grant in Aid from the Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) allocation for Neighbourlink Vanderhoof to support the purchase of their rented building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Development Coordinator - Community Northern Development Trust - Business Façade Improvement Program 2026 Application

2025-BM-191

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust

(NDIT) for a grant of up to \$10,000 for the Business Façade Improvement Program from the Prince George and Northwest Regional Accounts.

That the Board agrees to enter into a contract with NDIT, should the funding be approved, and provide overall grant management for the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief - Rural Fire Service Agreement Renewals

2025-BM-192

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the Board renew the Fire Service Agreements with the Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department, the Topley Volunteer Fire Department, and the Southside Volunteer Fire Department for additional five-year terms.

That the Board extend the expiry of the current Fort Fraser Agreement to December 31, 2025, to coincide with the calendar year and the other two agreements.

Opposed: Director Lambert

CARRIED

Discussion took place regarding the Standard Operating Guidelines and amendments moving forward to reflect the needs of the rural Volunteer Fire Departments. Director Lambert will meet with staff to discuss the Southside Volunteer Fire Department.

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - Financial Statements of "Partners" involved in Service Delivery

2025-BM-193

Moved by Director Dekens

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's Financial Statements of "Partners" involved in Service Delivery memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - October 31 Directors Travel and Remuneration Summary

2025-BM-194

Moved by Director Atrill

Seconded by Director Elphee

That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's October 31 Directors Travel and Remuneration Summary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Letters re: Health and Restoration of the Nechako River

2025-BM-195

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Wiebe

That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Letters re: Health and Restoration of the Nechako River memorandum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

UBCM Provincial Response to 2024 Resolutions

2025-BM-196

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson

Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from UBCM regarding the Provincial Response to 2024 Resolutions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Village of Fraser Lake

Director Storey noted that the Village of Fraser Lake is navigating a complex 2026 Budget for the community.

District of Fort St. James

Director Elphee provided the following update:

- Bulk water system is operational
 - Jointly funded by Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) and District of Fort St.

James

- Fort St. James Volunteer Fire Department will be receiving a new fire truck November 21st
- Met with Fibre Connect - current planning to have installation of fibre to residence and businesses in 2026
- Thanked Village of Burns Lake for assistance regarding doctor recruitment.

District of Vanderhoof

Director Moutray noted the following:

- Completing the wet well for the lift station
 - Utilized RBA funding for the project
 - Utilized RBA funding for the under the river sewer line project
- Planning underway for the District of Vanderhoof Centennial Celebration - July 4-5, 2026.

Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)

Director Riis-Christianson reported:

- Continuing to work with Director Lambert and the Village of Burns Lake regarding recruitment and retention of medical professionals
 - 3-5 physicians are potentially coming to the community in 2026
 - Recruitment and Retention Coordinator has been very helpful
 - Biggest challenge and barrier to having people relocate to the community is housing
 - Looking forward to continuing work with the Village of Burns Lake
- Attended the Canada Rural and Remote Broadband West Conference in Kelowna November 12-14, 2025
 - The Conference gets better every year
 - Conversation continued about connecting communities
 - 700,000 households still do not have connectivity that meets the federally mandated 50/10 standards for connectivity with the majority being in rural areas
 - Connected with Telesat - developing a similar Low Earth Orbit satellite network to Starlink
 - Encourage the Rural Services Committee to invite them to a future meeting

- Connected with Rogers regarding the cell phone dead spots along Highway 16
 - Requested the RDBN provide mapping of the areas of concern
- Primary focus of the conference was AI
 - Most companies are implementing a form of AI
 - Infrastructure and energy required to operate AI data centres
- Director Riis-Christiansen will provide a written summary to the Board.

Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Director Stoltenberg noted that Phase 3 of the Cycle 16 trail has paused for the winter and that Hudson Bay Mountain Ski Resort will be open November 22, 2025.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

Director Moon provided an update regarding:

- Cattle markets for bred females
- Price of forage compared to 2024
- Neighbourlink Vanderhoof project.

District of Houston

Director Brien spoke of the District of Houston budget process post closure of the Canfor Sawmill. Director Brien announced that the District of Houston Christmas Light up and Fireworks will take place November 28th.

Town of Smithers

Director Atrill provided an update regarding:

- Kla How Ya Figure Skating Competition to take place in Smithers November 28-30, 2025
 - Expecting approximately 200 skaters
- Christmas on Main will begin November 28, 2025
 - Focus on shop local and/or regional
- Grant in Aid night in Smithers

- Non-profits - making communities a better place
- North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)
 - Board take aways - improve reporting to the membership
 - Focus on resolutions, finance and advocacy
 - Resolutions 101 webinar - very good
 - Webinar in January 2026 to address the development of substance use and mental health for the new psychiatric hospital in northern BC
 - Advocacy meetings at the 2025 UBCM Convention
 - NCLGA Website has updates
 - 2026 NCLGA Conference and AGM - May 20-22, 2026 in Prince George
 - Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) members teleconference November 27 from 12-1 p.m.

Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)

Director Greenaway spoke of the following:

- In September 2025 Directors Elphee and Greenaway were made aware that the new Nats'oojeh Hospital and Health Centre in Fort St. James would see a reduction of physicians to two by March 2026
 - Met with Chief Erickson, Nak'azdli Whut'en, Chief Tom, Binche Whut'en and Councillor Mina Holmes, Tl'azt'en Nation, and wrote a letter to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health and Northern Health requesting a recruitment coordinator for Fort St. James
 - In communication with the Village of Burns Lake regarding their hiring of a Recruitment and Retention Coordinator in collaboration with Northern Health. The position was funded by the Village of Burns Lake, RDBN and the Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice.
 - Director Greenaway indicated that they would like a similar approach in Fort St. James
 - Doctor Shannon Douglas, Northern Health provided action items for Fort St. James to focus on:
 - Developing a video of the area
 - Presenting at University of Northern BC
 - Directors Greenaway and Elphee were interviewed by CBC North regarding the new hospital in Fort St. James and the lack of doctors to staff it
 - In discussions with Nak'azdli Whut'en, Binche Whut'en and Tl'azt'en Nation, Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice regarding funding a

Retention and Recruitment Coordinator

- Hoping to hire a recruitment coordinator in 2026.
- Extreme Weather Shelter opened October 15th
 - Between October 15 and November 15 there were 200 clients.

Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Director Lambert mentioned the following:

- Southside Ambulance has a sufficient number of attendants and are investigating the option of having a second Ambulance
- Need for a helipad
- School District 91 Nechako Lakes has completed the conversion of a section of the Grassy Plains School to a daycare that will accommodate 30 children.

Village of Telkwa

Director Dekens commented that Bathurst Resources, the parent company of Telkwa Mining Held an information session on November 12, 2025 regarding its Tenas Project. Employees of Bathurst Resources from New Zealand were also in attendance.

Village of Burns Lake

Director Wiebe provided the following update:

- Attended a community Restorative Justice Meeting and there will be upcoming training for Village of Burns Lake staff
- Recruitment and retention of physicians is moving forward and currently going well
- Working to have a Men's Shed in the community.

Village of Granisle

Director McGuire provided an update regarding:

- Budget challenges
- Registered Nurse visiting the community took a position in Houston
 - Secured a contract nurse until December 20th
 - Northern Health requested assistance with housing

- Village of Granisle apartment unit is being utilized for BC Ambulance and its house is currently being offered as part of the CAO recruitment package
 - Encouraged communities to invest in housing to offer in the recruitment and retention of professionals coming to communities
- Paving projects complete
 - Expressed appreciation for the RBA funding in order to complete the project
- Christmas Light Up - November 30th
 - Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a barbecue and the Lions Club will be conducting the Light up the Park event.

Chair Parker - Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Chair Parker spoke of the following:

- Cumulative effects for the number of projects being proposed in the region and Electoral Area D
- Attended the open house for the Blue Earth and Stellat'en First Nation proposed wind project
 - High turnout
 - a number of concerns regarding the closeness to homes, private land and the community
- Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony along with Director Storey
- Met with Lara Beckett, Chair, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and Dr. Theresa Burns, Chief Veterinarian and Corey Van't Haaff, Executive Director, College of Veterinarians of BC and the University of Northern BC about the continued concerns regarding the veterinarian shortage
- Cellular Service reductions along Highway 16
 - Spoke of mapping from the Ministry of Citizens' Service and having the information brought forward early 2026.

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

Moved by Director Brien

Seconded by Director Moon

That the Board receive the various Directors' verbal reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Brienen

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

- Covenant
- Labour Relations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert

Seconded by Director Dekens

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services