

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2015

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-8-1 "That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for October 8, 2015 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes -September 3, 2015 Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2015-8-2 "That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of September 3, 2015 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Potential Projects Requesting Northern Development -Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Funding in 2016 Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2015-8-3 "That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize that each Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area Director provide direction to its Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Member as to their priority potential projects requesting funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust Northwest Regional Advisory Committee Funding."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT (CONT'D)

Director Miller brought forward concerns in regard to the need to choose one project over another and the challenges of the pooled funding approach in which Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) has implemented to allocate funds amongst regions. Director Fisher mentioned that the Northwest Regional Advisory Committee (NWRAC) is still in the process of possibly changing funding allocations for 2nd time applicants. The NWRAC funding is currently being oversubscribed. Director Miller noted that it may be difficult for certain projects to be completed with the reduction in funding available. Discussion took place regarding the scoring system utilized by the NWRAC to prioritize applications to move them forward to NDIT.

The Economic Diversification infrastructure funding program applications were discussed. Director Fisher mentioned that his measurable for a project is whether or not the project promotes an RDBN service, would assist in reducing cost to the RDBN, and whether the project has a direct impact to RDBN operations. The importance and the impacts to the region of the Baker Airport were brought forward for discussion. Comments were made regarding the critical need of the Baker Airport and the importance of the Topley Fire Department along with the RDBN support of the Lake Babine Nation application.

The allocation and funding request for the Topley Fire Hall Electoral Area "G" Gas Tax Funds was discussed.

Chair Benedict noted that there are some projects in her Electoral Area that are more urgent and require funding assistance soon.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

REFERRALS

Land Referral File No. Moved by Director Fisher
REC230290 Recreation Sites Seconded by Director Greenaway
and Trails BC, Electoral Area 'A'

RDC.2015-8-4 "That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral REC230290" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral REC230290."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. Moved by Director Newell
REC192080 Ministry of Forests Seconded by Director Petersen
Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Electoral Area 'G'

RDC.2015-8-5 "That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral REC192080" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral REC192080."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS (CONT'D)

Land Referral File No. Moved by Director Newell
REC192077 Recreation Sites Seconded by Director Greenaway
and Trails BC, Electoral Area "G"

RDC.2015-8-6 "That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral REC192077" be provided to
the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land
Referral REC192077."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEMO

Drilling Fluid Waste Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-8-7 "That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Planner 1's September
29, 2015 memo titled "Drilling Fluid Waste."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

REFERRALS

Land Referral File No. Moved by Director Fisher
6407832 Ellen Hansen Seconded by Director Greenaway
Electoral Area 'A'

RDC.2015-8-8 "That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6407832" be provided to the
Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral
6407832."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. Moved by Director Fisher
6408870 Tanya Belsham Seconded by Director Newell
Electoral Area 'A'

RDC.2015-8-9 "That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408870" be provided to the
Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral
6408870."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REFERRALS (CONT'D)

Land Referral File No.
REC8457 Historic Yukon
Telegraph Trail, Electoral
Area "G"

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-8-10

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral REC8457" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral REC8457."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the Yukon Telegraph Trail and the lack of formal documentation and mapping of the trail. In 2011, staff brought forward a report to the Regional Board seeking direction as to the possibility of researching the trail. At the time the Regional Board did not wish to pursue the subject.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2015-8-11

"That the meeting be adjourned 2:19 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant