

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, January 15, 2015

PRESENT: Chairperson Bill Miller

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Luke Strimbold
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Absent Ralph Roy, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

Alternate Director Mark Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:47 a.m., left at 12:55 p.m., returned at 1:33 p.m., left at 2:54 p.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – left at 12:55 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 12:55 p.m., returned at 1:33 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.
Laura O'Meara, Senior Financial Assistant – left at 12:55 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Joan Ragsdale, Career & Trades Liaison, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) – left at 10:47 a.m.
Nicholas Monkman, Burns Lake, arrived at 1:30 p.m., left at 2:15 p.m.
Dave Van Dolah arrived at 11:20 a.m. left at 1:34 p.m.
Scott Zayac, Acting Regional Director, CNC, Burns Lake – left at 10:47 a.m.

Media Flavio Nienow, LD News, left at 12:10 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA**

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2015-1-1

“That the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Liversidge

C.W.2015-1-2

“That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of January 15, 2015 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – November 6, 2015

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Strimbold

C.W.2015-1-3

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of November 6, 2014 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES) – Joan Ragsdale, Career & Trades Liaison
RE: Pilot Trades Training Proposal**

Chair Miller welcomed Joan Ragsdale, Career & Trades Liaison, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes).

Ms. Ragsdale provided a presentation.

School District No. 91 Career & Trades Programs

- Linked to community;
- Built on student strengths;
- Creating opportunity.

THE HEAD – to imagine it.

Schools – Strong Career and Trades Program Team

- **District position linked to Career Coordinators in each high school:**
 - o Projects;
 - Offer a variety of experiences for students across the district:
 - Project Agriculture;
 - Project Natural Resource Management;
 - Project Local Government;
 - Project Heavy Duty;
 - Project Fire Fighter;
 - Project Health;
 - Project Mining;
 - Work Experience;
 - Community Volunteer Time;
 - Junior Initial Attack;
 - Junior Trades, etc.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES) – Joan Ragsdale, Career & Trades Liaison RE: Pilot Trades Training Proposal (CONT'D)

- Secondary School Apprenticeships (SSA);
 - SSA opens doors for students by providing the option to work towards graduation and earn ITA apprentice hours while in high school. An example of true hands-on learning – students work directly with a Red Seal Tradesperson while earning credits and developing valuable skills.
 - The program provides a great opportunity for industry to foster local talent targeted to meet their company needs.
 - And can lead to a \$1,000 Scholarship.
- Work Experience;
- Skills Exploration;
- ACE IT or CTC Programs:
 - ACE IT program provide the opportunity for students to take their technical ITA training while still in school;
 - Welding;
 - Carpentry;
 - Industrial Mechanic (Millwright);
 - Heavy Duty Mechanic;
 - Electrical;
 - Residential Construction;
 - Culinary;
 - Pipe Trades;
 - Dual Credit:
 - Mining Certificate;
 - Administrative Assistant Certificate.
- Result=Strong history of community partnerships.

THE HANDS – to make it real;

Working together with Industry and Community;

- “Work sites are the classrooms of the future.”
- “...encourage them (schools) to partner with industry, municipalities, post-secondary and Aboriginal communities to create programs.” BC’s Skills for Jobs Blueprint.

Linking students to OPPORTUNITY and hands-on learning

- **Program Statistics:**
 - Since 2008, SD #91 has supported 117 students in completing their ITA technical programs while still in high school;
 - 94 of these were at local College of New Caledonia campuses;
 - On average there are 17 SD #91 students taking 6 different ITA Trades programs per year;
 - Currently SD #91 has over 90 active partnerships with Industry – across the district.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (NECHAKO LAKES) – Joan Ragsdale, Career & Trades Liaison **RE: Pilot Trades Training Proposal (CONT'D)**

THE HEART – to make it great; Exploring Careers & Work – Creating Community Legacy. Challenge

- Ensuring reliable, consistent ACE IT programs are available for students locally
 - Current annual process not working – no guarantee of programs makes it difficult for planning;
 - Program cancellations have had negative impacts on students and families.
- Increasing work and apprenticeship options for students:
 - Challenge finding work and apprenticeship spots for students.

The Proposed Solution

- Develop agreements with community groups and industry to ensure local work and apprenticeship options for students;
- **A 5 year ACE IT pilot program for Nechako Lakes**
 - Ministry commitment to a multi-year ACE IT plan, which:
 - Includes a guarantee to provide a minimum of one ACE IT program each year in the communities of Burns Lake, Fort St. James and Vanderhoof, with rotational offerings in Fraser Lake – in partnership with CNC;
- This pilot will ensure diverse trades' offerings are available for SD #91 students who are choosing a career in Trades – and it will ensure similar options for adults in the region.

Requesting

- In terms of the proposal...
 - Official motion in support of the SD #91 – 5 year ACE IT proposal;
 - Recognize current process not working – require a multiyear Ministry commitment to ITA training in our communities in order to meet the critical need for skilled workers in the area;
 - Commitment to send someone to a regional and/or provincial meeting to support the proposal.
- In terms of hands-on learning options for students...
 - Commitment to provide work experience job shadow or apprentice options for students (where appropriate).

Creating Community Legacy.

Discussion took place regarding SD #54 Bulkley Valley and whether it has a 5 year ACE IT commitment. Ms. Ragsdale noted that in discussions with SD #54 they base their structure on a 3 year schedule but do not have commitment guarantees.

It is a very important initiative, the Regional Board expressed encouragement to continue to work and develop the program in the entire Regional District.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Ragsdale for attending the meeting.

2015 DRAFT BUDGET

Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator spoke to the agenda process that has taken place and the process that will take place to finalize the 2015 RDBN Budget.

Laura O'Meara, Senior Financial Assistant provided an overview of the RDBN Budget Initiatives for 2015.

She noted that in Administration and Finance the Electronic Records Management System will be deferred to the 2016 budget to synchronize with the Planning Department's upgraded electronics system. The development of office space will be adjusted to include \$14,000 for cabinets.

In Environmental Services discussion took place regarding carbon emission reduction initiatives. Mr. Berndorff mentioned that the RDBN is utilizing the provincial accounting system for carbon emission reduction and that a contingency fund is setup for the initiative. Chair Miller noted that various comparison models and opportunities have been investigated. He also provided information in regard to the Pacific Carbon Trust and the direction that the RDBN Board of Directors has taken.

The works to re-establish closure conditions at the Smithers/Telkwa Landfill was brought forward for discussion. An overview was provided regarding the history of the Smithers/Telkwa Landfill, private ownership and the Smithers Motocross Track being built on top of the closed Smithers/Telkwa Landfill.

Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services mentioned that at the time the Smithers/Telkwa Landfill closure works were completed, it did not include the future use of the property to be a motocross track.

Discussion took place regarding the subsequent damage to the said landfill cover. Obtaining a legal opinion was also discussed.

Staff will bring forward an outlined history of the Smithers/Telkwa Landfill at the January 29, 2015 Regional Board Meeting.

Smithers/Telkwa Landfill
Budget Item

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Strimbold

C.W.2015-1-4

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors reduce the "Works to re-establish closure conditions at the Smithers/Telkwa Landfill" from \$100,000 to \$50,000 in the 2015 Draft Budget; and further, that the name of the said line item be changed to Smithers/Telkwa Landfill."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. O'Meara spoke to the Details of Protected Tax Changes for Environmental Services. Discussion took place regarding the Surplus from Prior Year and the impact to the budget. Mr. Berndorff noted that the surplus will be less overtime and that Regional Districts cannot move surpluses from one service to another. Mr. Berndorff mentioned that the budget must allow room to adjust for incidentals that are beyond the control of the Regional District such as fuel costs. If costs exceed the budget it is then in a deficit and has to be adjusted the next year to include that deficit.

The Recycling expenditures were a large part of the surplus from the prior year as recycling opportunities have been a challenge.

2015 DRAFT BUDGET (CONT'D)

The ability to better understand reserves and a summary that explains the workings of Regional District reserves would be a benefit for Directors moving forward. Mr. Berndorff stated that there is a line item in the quarterly budget report and an analysis completed yearly. The 2nd Draft of the budget will include a reserve analysis.

The potential for cost savings in cost sharing certain items with municipalities was discussed.

The proposed electronic records management system will be brought forward in the 2016 Budget. In researching the best methodology of moving to electronics records management it has been determined that once implemented, it will be from that point forward that records will become electronic. The challenges associated with going into past records and converting them to electronic format were discussed.

Ms. Dougall explained the metal recycling revenues and the process in which is undertaken to recycle the metal from the RDBN Transfer Station and Landfill operations.

Mr. Berndorff noted that there has been a 17% increase in medical and benefits and research is being conducted to determine if there is an alternate plan that may be more cost effective for the RDBN.

Discussion took place in regard to the RDBN taking over the Knockholt and Clearview Landfill operations. Mr. Berndorff noted that this 1st draft of the budget does not include the cost for the RDBN to take over said operations.

Ms. O'Meara provided an overview of the Details of Projected Tax Changes-Emergency Preparedness Planning. Mr. Berndorff mentioned that prior to 2015, 20% of the Protective Services Manager's time was allocated to rural government but has now been moved to emergency preparedness. There will be no change to the tax payer.

Discussion in regard to a shared emergency response storage facility between the RDBN and the Town of Smithers was discussed. In the past the storage facility had been in the budget with the intent to receive funding through grants. Funding has not been available for such a project thus the potential for a storage facility for storage of emergency materials has been removed from the budget. It was noted that the old Telkwa Fire Hall is currently vacant.

Discussion also took place in regard to the role the Regional District plays in the oversight and monitoring of fire departments and the budget implications of increasing fire protection to rural areas.

Ms. O'Meara provided an overview of the Details of Projected Tax Changes – General Government. Asset Management planning is becoming a requirement for provincial funding requirements and thus the software to implement asset management for the RDBN will need to move forward. Discussion took place in regard to special projects: forestry, revenue sharing and asset management.

Ms. Chapman provided an overview of the Directors Remuneration review that took place in 2014.

The possibility of utilizing an electronic agenda system was brought forward. Some of the benefits and challenges were discussed.

2015 DRAFT BUDGET (CONT'D)

Electronic Agendas

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Repen

C.W.2015-1-5

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to bring forward an updated electronic agendas report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break at lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Return from lunch at 12:43 p.m.

Ms. O’Meara reviewed Details of Projected Tax Changes – Building Inspection and Development Services.

Director Bachrach spoke to economic development as a region wide service and concerns in regard to the possible overlap of economic development services between municipal and RDBN economic development functions. The Economic Development Strategic Plan that the RDBN Board of Directors has approved will continually review its economic function to ensure there will be no overlapping of functions. The benefits of economic development being an important regional service were also discussed. Mr. Berndorff noted that some examples of projects that the RDBN has completed that may not have been doable as a municipality are the mining flyover studies and the Regional Skills Gap Analysis.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

2015 Draft Budget

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2015-1-6

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the 2015 Draft Budget.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS – Dave Van Dolah RE: Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District – Name Change from Vanderhoof Forest District and Fort St. James Forest District

Chair Miller welcomed Dave Van Dolah, District Manager, VanJam, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Mr. Van Dolah explained that he replaced the retired District Manager for the VanJam District in May, 2014. He mentioned that during his hiring process he clearly indicated that one of his goals would be to change the name of Vanderhoof and Fort St. James Forest District in order to complete the amalgamation process which had begun four years prior. Mr. Van Dolah spoke of the importance of consistency across the entire area.

Discussions took place with Kevin Kriese, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations, North Area, Eamon O’Donoghue, Regional Executive Director, Skeena and Greg Rawling, Regional Executive Director, Omineca to begin the process of a name change for the VanJam District.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS – Dave Van Dolah RE: Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District – Name Change from Vanderhoof Forest District and Fort St. James Forest District

In August, 2014, staff from Vanderhoof and Fort St. James provided suggestions for the new name for the district. Mr. Van Dolah spoke of the legal process that needs to be undertaken to change the name and the time line associated with the process. He noted that it can take approximately two years for the name change to be complete and that a team in Victoria is currently working on all the details involved.

Mr. Van Dolah mentioned that the newly named Stuart Nechako Resource District is one of the few locations in the province that maintains two offices and is the third largest in terms of full time equivalent (fte.) worker positions.

The majority of the work in the two offices revolves around forest tenures but the offices do have Front Counter BC offices to provide natural resource permitting, *Land, Water and Mines Act* applications. Front Counter BC supplies authorizations for 11 different agencies for the province with 135 authorities. They can also assist with non-timber forest products such as mushroom harvesting, etc.

At this time there is no intent to close either office in Fort St. James and Vanderhoof.

Mr. Van Dolah spoke of the challenges of hiring staff and the future challenges with a number of Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) staff intending to retire.

Mr. Van Dolah noted that efficiencies are being found as the MFLNRO grows from the changes that occurred three years ago.

Discussion took place regarding timber sales and harvest licenses. In 1982 the appurtenancy clauses from licenses were removed in all areas of the timber supply area. Licensees form steering committees in the Prince George TSA (Timber Supply Area) to develop timber cells, areas within the Prince George TSA have various species of fibre that determines cut.

Concerns were brought forward in regard to the lack of updated forest inventory for the Fort St. James area. Mr. Van Dolah provided an outline of the process conducted by the Chief Forester to determine a timber supply review.

Director MacDougall spoke to the importance of continued contact and open dialogue between the newly named Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. Communities can also assist with recruitment of professionals to the region. Mr. Van Dolah noted the importance of being proactive in terms of recruitment.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Van Dolah for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

RDBN Appointments - 2015

Moved by Director Strimbold
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2015-1-6

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the RDBN 2015 Appointments as amended to include the Bulkley Valley Regional Pool Village of Telkwa newly appointed member:

- Executive Committee
 - o Chair Tom Greenaway
 - o Rob MacDouogall
 - o Luke Strimbold
 - o Gerry Thiessen
 - o Bill Miller (ex-officio)
- Forestry Committee (Committee of the Whole)
 - o Chair Rob MacDougall
- **New Committee re Legacy/Resource Revenue Sharing
- Waste Management Committee (Committee of the Whole)
 - o Chair Taylor Bachrach
- Rural Directors Committee
 - o Chair Eileen Benedict
 - o All Rural Directors
- Northern BC Tourism Association
 - o Rob Newell
- Yellowhead Highway Association
 - o Jerry Petersen
 - o Eileen Benedict, Alternate
- Municipal Finance Authority
 - o Bill Miller
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 - o (FCM Conference – June 5-8, 2015, Edmonton, Alberta)
 - o Chair plus one Director
- Municipal Insurance Association
 - o Eileen Benedict
- Fraser Basin Council
 - o Tom Greenaway
- Bulkley Valley Regional Pool
 - o Darcy Repen – (awaiting information from Village of Telkwa)
 - o Taylor Bachrach
 - o Mark Fisher
- North Central Local Government Association
 - o (presently, Luke Strimbold) – Nomination by the RDBN Board
- Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel (5)
 - o Eileen Benedict
 - o Tom Greenaway
 - o Jerry Petersen
 - o Ralph Roy
 - o Mark Fisher
 - o Chair Bill Miller (ex-officio member)

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

RDBN Appointments – 2015 (CONT'D)

- Northern Development Initiative
 - o Prince George RAC – Bill Miller
 - Jerry Petersen, Alternate
 - o Northwest RAC – Mark Fisher
 - Rob Newell, Alternate
- Omineca Beetle Action Coalition
 - o Bill Miller.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Reports

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2015-1-7

“That Committee of the Whole receive the following
Administration Reports:

- Financial Administrator’s January 7, 2015 memo titled “Updated Cost Allocation Review;
- Senior Financial Assistant’s December 22, 2014 memo titled “Comparison of Vehicle Allowance vs. RDBN Owned Vehicles.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Knockholt and Clearview Landfill Operations – Tender Results and RDBN Cost Analysis

Ms. Dougall provided an overview of the Knockholt and Clearview Landfill Operations – Tender Results and updated RDBN Cost Analysis. Director Bachrach spoke to the flexibility provided to the RDBN if it chooses to move forward in operating the Knockholt and Clearview Landfills. He noted that due to the change regarding regional provincial strategies and the review of the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan the ability to be flexible may be an important consideration. The changing of the market could impact the RDBN operating its landfills.

Discussion took place regarding the workload implications if the RDBN Board of Directors moves forward in operations of its landfills. Ms. Dougall provided an outline of the process and indicated that it would be workable. With the current contracts in place the RDBN Environmental Services Operations Manager oversees the current contractors in regard to educating staff on landfill operations and aiding the contractor in abiding by the terms of reference in their contracts.

Director Newell brought forward concerns from the proponents of the bid process.

Discussion took place regarding the possible benefits and disadvantages to purchasing used and/or new equipment. The Bid process indicated that the primary equipment must be 2005 or newer.

In October, 2014, a report was provided to the Regional Board in regard to an initial cost analysis associated with RDBN operations of the landfill.

Minor maintenance work would be completed on site and the use of local service trucks would be utilized to provide some major repairs and maintenance which has been factored into the estimated maintenance budget. Contingencies have also been considered for equipment that may have to be removed for major maintenance repairs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT (CONT'D)

Knockholt and Clearview Landfill Operations – Tender Results and RDBN Cost Analysis (CONT'D)

The use of dump trucks can be shared between the two facilities as they may be only required 1 to 2 times per month. Staff have the ability to move the trucks between the two facilities.

Discussion took place regarding the RDBN's ability to finance through the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) and take advantage of its AAA credit rating and low borrowing rates if it moves forward in the decision to operate Knockholt and Clearview Landfills.

Mr. Berndorff spoke of the process in which the RDBN would need to borrow funds in the form of a loan authorization bylaw. This service can rely on an exemption in the *Environmental Management Act* and the RDBN would be borrowing funds to implement its solid waste management plan. The Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development (MCSCD) is currently reviewing a financial update to the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan that has been submitted. Mr. Berndorff is awaiting a formal response from MCSCD but they have indicated further information may be required and also that the Ministry of Environment may be required to review and approve the updates provided.

Discussion took place regarding the unknown length of time it may take to review the application to the MCSCD and the costs associated with a region wide referendum.

Knockholt and Clearview Moved by Director Bachrach
Landfill Operations – Tender Seconded by Director Greenaway
Results and RDBN Cost Analysis

C.W.2015-1-8

1. "That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Environmental Services December 29, 2014 memo titled "Knockholt and Clearview Landfill Operations – Tender Results and RDBN Cost Analysis."
2. That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors proceed with taking over the Knockholt and Clearview Landfill operations, based on the cost analysis presented to date. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide staff with authorization to proceed immediately with procurement processes necessary to purchase the required equipment and hire additional RDBN employees (4), when required."

Opposed: Director Newell
Director Strimbold

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT (CONT'D)

2015 Recycling Options

Discussion took place in regard to recycling funding being equal between communities and that consumers are not being double charged for recycling.

Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services mentioned that Multi-Material B.C. (MMBC) has indicated that it is not being paid enough from industry to expand its recycling program. The newspaper industry is currently not in compliance with the recycling regulation – thus not partnering or paying MMBC.

Cascades Recovery proposal Costs tailored to the community of Fraser Lake in comparison to the current contract was discussed.

Concerns were brought forward in regard to the current options being brought forward. Director Bachrach brought forward the possibility to continue to distribute funds proportionally and allow communities to determine the best utilization of funding to improve recycling in individual communities.

2015 Recycling Options

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Bachrach

C.W.2015-1-9

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors defer the 2015 Recycling Options to February, 2015.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

The Nechako Bend Ranch
Project – Request for Letter
of Support

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Benedict

C.W.2015-1-10

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Nechako Bend Ranch Project – Request for Letter of Support.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E-Comm 9-1-1 - Partnership
With Regional District of
Bulkley-Nechako

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2015-1-11

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Administration Correspondence titled “E-Comm 9-1-1 – Partnership with Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Electoral Area/Municipal Joint
Town Hall Meetings Discussion will take place at a later date.

Attendance at FCM Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2015-1-12 "That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Chair Miller and Director Fisher's attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, June 5-8, 2015."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

RDBN School District's
Career and Trades Proposals Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director MacDougall

C.W.2015-1-13 "That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Advanced Education and Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to encourage a five year commitment for ACE-IT (technical ITA (Industry Training Authority) training) Pilot Proposals for high schools in SD #91 Nechako Lakes and SD #54 Bulkley Valley."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN School District's
Career and Trades Proposals
-Student Work Job Placement Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Strimbold

C.W.2015-1-14 "That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to enter into discussions with School District #91 Nechako Lakes and School District #54 Bulkley Valley to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to provide student work/job placements with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Association Memberships

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2015-1-14

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors pay the invoices for the following association memberships:

Rural Government

-NCLGA (North Central Local Government Association) - \$7,100;
-UBCM (Union of B.C. Municipalities) - \$9,050;
-Yellowhead Highway Association - \$2,500;

General Government

-Fraser Basin Council - \$5,000;
-FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) - \$3,000.”

Opposed: Director Bachrach CARRIED
 Director Liversidge

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding the value of association memberships.

Environmental Services Budget

Mr. Berndorff noted that the Environmental Services tax limit has been reached under the current bylaw thus a new bylaw will need to be brought forward to address the 2015 RDBN Environmental Services budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Benedict

C.W.2015-1-15

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant