



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
AGENDA

Thursday, April 4, 2019

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING****Thursday, March 7, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Brad Layton  
Linda McGuire  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Bev Playfair  
Jerry Petersen  
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers  
Absent Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

Alternate Director Doug Bysouth, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director Environmental Services – arrived at 10:47 a.m.  
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator  
Brittany Evans, Protective Services Assistant  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Protective Services  
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:47 a.m.  
Rebecca Rodriguez, Interim Emergency Services Manager  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant  
Elaine Wiebe, Environmental Services Assistant – arrived at 10:47 a.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services administered the Oath of Office to Doug Bysouth, Alternate Director, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural).

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY**Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Parker**C.W.2019-2-1**

"That the Agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of March 7, 2019 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## MINUTES

### Committee of the Whole Minutes –January 3, 2019

Moved by Director McGuire  
 Seconded by Director Newell

#### C.W.2019-2-2

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 3, 2019 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## REPORTS

### Travel Reminders

Moved by Director Newell  
 Seconded by Director Layton

#### C.W.2019-2-3

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer's February 26, 2019 memo titled "Travel Reminders."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Remuneration Bylaw Policy Update

Moved by Director Newell  
 Seconded by Director Playfair

#### C.W.2019-2-4

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer's February 26, 2019 memo titled "Remuneration Bylaw Policy Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Wildfire/Emergency Preparedness and Response Strategic Priorities

Moved by Director Brien  
 Seconded by Director Layton

#### C.W.2019-2-5

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Director of Planning and Protective Services' February 27, 2019 memo titled "Wildfire/Emergency Preparedness and Response Strategic Priorities."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the Regional Board of Directors continuing to advocate for Emergency Preparedness and Response Resolutions that are presented on the March 7, 2019 Special Board Meeting Supplementary Agenda.

Director Fisher spoke of meeting with community partners, BC Wildfire Service, RDBN Staff and Fire Chiefs in regard to neighborhood response. Director Layton noted that as RDBN Forestry Chair he is working to have presentations brought forward to the RDBN Forestry Committee.

**REPORTS (CONT'D)**

RBA Strategic Priority

Moved by Director Brien  
 Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2019-2-6

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Administrative Officer's February 26, 2019 memo titled "RBA – Strategic Priority."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table Update

Moved by Director Funk  
 Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-2-7

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator's February 22, 2019 memo titled "Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Peace of Mind Campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society Kordyban Lodge -Request for Support

Moved by Director Greenaway  
 Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-2-8

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to include an increase to the Regional Grant in Aid budget of \$25,000 to contribute \$25,000 to the Peace of Mind Campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society Kordyban Lodge."

Opposed: Director Fisher  
 Director Funk  
 Director Lambert  
 Director Parker

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Jim Snetsinger, RPF - Lakes TSR Update

Moved by Director Layton  
 Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2019-2-9

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence from Jim Snetsinger, RPF – Lakes TSR Update."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**INVITATIONS**

Community Futures Nadina  
Making Resilience and  
Recovery the New Norm

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Brienen

C.W.2019-2-10

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the invitation from  
Community Futures Nadina –Making Resilience and Recovery  
the New Norm."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**REPORT**

Request for Feedback  
Broadband Study

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

C.W.2019-2-11

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial  
Officer's March 6, 2019 memo titled "Request for Feedback –  
Broadband Study," and further, that the Regional Board may  
provide feedback to staff by March 12, 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary  
Secretary for Emergency  
Management

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2019-2-12

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the correspondence  
from Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency  
Management."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concerns were brought forward in regard to the impact to  
Volunteer Fire Department road rescue and medical assist  
functions in regard to EMBC not issuing task numbers to  
reimburse fire departments for road rescue services in areas  
covered by any type of road rescue service supported by local  
government bylaw.

Staff are currently completing a comprehensive report to be  
brought forward to the Regional Board in May, 2019 and will  
bring forward a report in regard to road rescue and medical  
assistance in April, 2019.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Playfair

C.W.2019-2-13

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:28 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole Memorandum April 4, 2019

To: Chair Thiessen and the Board of Directors  
 From: Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator  
 Date: March 26, 2019  
 Regarding: Public Engagement - Strategic Priority

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During the March 21 RDBN Board Meeting, the RDBN Board of Directors identified Public Engagement as one of its strategic priorities for this term of office. The goal for Public Engagement is to facilitate timely, concise internal and external communication within the Region. Additionally, opportunity was identified to increase public understanding of the roles and responsibilities of their Regional District in general.

The Economic Development Department is well positioned to play a lead role in Public Engagement endeavors, as we currently manage several avenues of information sharing as part of our existing workplan. All of these areas are available for expansion to include purposeful public education and engagement opportunities.

Economic Development Staff currently manage Social Media accounts for Opportunities (workforce and employment related information), Visit Bulkley Nechako (tourism and recreation related information) as well as Connecting Consumers and Producers (agriculture related information). Staff are also being trained to manage and operate website platforms, including the Economic Development portion of the RDBN site, the [visitbulkleynechako.ca](http://visitbulkleynechako.ca) website, and the [opportunities.rdbn.bc.ca](http://opportunities.rdbn.bc.ca) website, which houses the majority of our Economic Development resources.

In addition, staff are interested in pursuing opportunities for in-person engagement, such as the recent Lake Babine Nation Schools Career Fair, other opportunities with both School District #91 and #54, and public events such as RDBN sponsored Connecting Consumers and Producers Community Events. These events offer opportunity to provide information and answer questions from the public, increasing awareness and knowledge regarding the RDBN and our departments, services, and employment opportunities.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>(All/Directors/Majority)</b>
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Receive.
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## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee Agenda April 4, 2019

**To:** Vice-Chair Parker and Board of Directors  
**From:** John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
**Date:** March 25, 2019  
**Re:** Nechako Watershed Roundtable

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Attached to this memo is a letter from Nechako Watershed Roundtable with a request for local government support. In 2018, some Electoral Area Directors provided funding for the Roundtable through their Electoral Area Grant-in-aid. Areas B, C, D, and F provided \$1700 and Area E provided \$1000.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

**Recommendation:**

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's memo dated March 25, 2019 titled 'Nechako Watershed Roundtable'".



Gerry Thiessen, Chair  
Regional District Bulkley-Nechako  
P.O. Box 820, 37 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Burns Lake, BC, V0J 1E0

March 4, 2019

Re: Request for Local Government Support to Advance Community Well-Being and Healthy Watersheds through the Nechako Watershed Roundtable

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Dear Mr. Thiessen,

The Nechako Watershed Roundtable (NWR) is writing local government leaders within the Nechako Watershed (see attached map), including the Chairs and Electoral Area Directors of the Regional Districts of Bulkley-Nechako and Fraser-Fort George, as well as the Mayors of Prince George, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, and Burns Lake. **We are writing to thank you for your financial support in 2018 for advancing the work of the Nechako Watershed Roundtable. We are also writing with a time-sensitive request that you consider your continued financial support for the ongoing collective efforts of the NWR.** The recent establishment of the Northern Capital and Planning Grant to enhance the flow of funding from the Province of BC to municipalities and regional districts to support local infrastructure in the context of ongoing resource development is an innovative opportunity that could help advance watershed health and community well-being throughout this region.

The Nechako Watershed Roundtable was established with the recognition that healthy watersheds are necessary to sustain communities and ecosystems. Watersheds are part of our critical infrastructure. **The NWR is a collaborative initiative that formed in 2015 to protect and improve the health of the Nechako watershed for present and future generations.** Over the past four years, we have played an essential role in convening conversations and collaborations across the watershed around land, water, and community well-being issues of critical importance to local governments. Most recently, our 2018 Annual Meeting focused on wildfires and their effects on communities and watershed health. Our ongoing role in the watershed continues to highlight the need for a collective voice across the region in order to understand the impacts of climate change, extreme events, resource development, and other pressures on the watershed, and to strengthen community and ecosystems resilience.

We view working together at the watershed scale to be more important than ever. This collective work requires resources. This has been an ongoing challenge for the NWR and our efforts to advance healthy watersheds and communities. **For these reasons, in the current budget planning cycle, we are specifically asking for local leaders to prioritize a financial contribution for operational and/or project support for the NWR to advance issues of importance to local governments and throughout the Nechako region. We are eager to follow up with our local community partners to realize this opportunity.** Financial contributions from each municipality and electoral area in the Nechako Watershed would

- enable the NWR to leverage additional funds from outside the region and grow in our capacity to advance community and watershed health. We propose to utilize these funds to implement the Nechako Watershed Strategy, and to strengthen NWR's collective efforts to address the key issue of "climate change and water security" in the Nechako watershed. We look forward
- to local government input on priority actions to address the shared concerns.

We thank you for your attention to this unique opportunity to collaborate in advancing a vision of thriving communities supported by healthy watersheds. For more on the Nechako Watershed Roundtable, see [www.nechakowatershedroundtable.ca](http://www.nechakowatershedroundtable.ca)

Sincerely,

*Steve Litke*

Steve Litke,  
Co-Chair, NWR

*Margot Parkes*

Margot Parkes,  
Co-Chair (Interim), NWR

*Brian Frenkel*

Brian Frenkel,  
Past Co-Chair, NWR

For the Nechako Watershed Roundtable Core Committee

Attachment: Map of the Nechako Watershed





## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee Agenda April 4, 2019

**To:** Vice-Chair Parker and Board of Directors  
**From:** John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
**Date:** March 28, 2019  
**Re:** Northern Capital and Planning Grant

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Attached to this memo is a letter from Minister Robinson, providing the Regional District with a Northern Capital and Planning Grant of \$5.8 million.

Also included is an email providing further details to staff regarding the terms and conditions for this grant. Further information on what may be considered capital to meet the conditions of this grant the has been requested to the province.

This grant may be utilized for planning purposes. Staff will bring back a memo describing a proposal to create a strategic plan that would describes the benefits and costs associated with a possible "Parks and Recreation Service" for the Regional District to the April Board meeting.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's memo dated March 25, 2019 titled 'Northern Capital and Planning Grant'".



March 26, 2019

Ref: 244814

Chair Gerry Thiessen  
and Board  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
Box 820 37 - 3rd Avenue  
Burns Lake BC V0J 1E0

Dear Chair Gerry Thiessen and Board:

The Province of British Columbia is investing in success for northwest communities by addressing long-standing infrastructure needs that are holding back the region. The \$100 million Northern Capital and Planning Grant (NCPG) will go to 4 regional districts (Fraser-Fort George, Bulkley-Nechako, Kitimat-Stikine and North Coast) and their 22 municipalities.

The Honourable Premier John Horgan has said, "The rich resources and hard-working people of the northwest have long contributed more than their fair share to the prosperity of our province. Unfortunately the benefits of success have been slow to flow back to the region, leaving communities with aging infrastructure that does not meet their needs or the needs of industry. We are reversing this legacy of neglect with a new Northern Capital and Planning Grant that will help people and communities make the most of new opportunities, so that the benefits of resource development are felt for years to come."

This grant fulfils Premier Horgan's commitment to northwest mayors and board chairs to make sure local workers and communities can reap the full benefits of resource development in their region.

I am pleased to advise you that Bulkley-Nechako is the recipient of a \$5,800,000 grant under the NCPG program. The purpose of this grant is to support the long-term planning and capital works for your local government. Details of the terms and conditions of this grant, including the administration of grant money, will be addressed through separate correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff and your senior administrative and financial staff. This follow-up correspondence should be sent to your staff in the coming days. The Province anticipates full payment of the grant before the end of March 2019.

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Chair Gerry Thiessen  
and Board  
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If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter or the broader NCPG program, please feel free to contact Kevan Letawske, Senior Policy Analyst, Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch, by email at: [Kevan.Letawske@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kevan.Letawske@gov.bc.ca), or by phone at: 778 698-3239.

The Province welcomes this opportunity to support capital and planning throughout the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. We believe that good planning, capital development, and asset management are critical tools to ensure the long-term sustainability of British Columbia's northern communities.

Congratulations on your awarded grant, and my best wishes with your future capital works and planning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SR', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Selina Robinson  
Minister

pc: Kevan Letawske, Senior Policy Analyst, Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch

**John Illes**

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**From:** Richardson, Jennifer MAH:EX <Jennifer.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2019 8:43 AM  
**To:** Melany de Weerd; John Illes  
**Subject:** Regional District - Payment Terms and Conditions under the Northern Capital and Planning Grant (NCPG) - Bulkley-Nechako

Dear CAO & CFO of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako,

This is a follow-up email to my Minister's recent letter to your Chair and Board informing them of their payment under the Northern Capital and Planning Grant (NCPG) program. As I'm sure you are now aware, your regional district is the recipient of a \$5.8 million grant under the recently announced NCPG program. This money is to be used at the discretion of the regional board, but may only be used for capital and long-term planning purposes in accordance with S.32 of the Local Government Grants Regulation (BC Reg 221/95) which cross-references with S.4(1)(a)&(c) of the *Local Government Grants Act*.

In accordance with S.7 of the *Local Government Grants Act* and S.34 of the Local Government Grants Regulation (BC Reg 221/95), the minister may set terms and conditions on the payment of the grant and the use of funds. In order to ensure optimal transparency on the use of funds, the Minister has set the following terms and conditions.

- The regional district board must fully allocate its grant to various regional services before the end of the 2019 calendar year. The regional district board has full discretion in allocating the grant to various regional district services.
- Once allocated, the Board must place the grant money in a reserve fund relating to that service, and the money may only be used for capital and planning in relation to that service.
- The regional district must report on the allocation of the grant funds to the various services as a schedule to the annual audited financial statements for the year in which the allocation occurred (i.e. calendar year 2019).

Should you have further questions and comments on this email, please feel free to contact either:

- Sean Grant, Director, Local Government Finance, at [Sean.Grant@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sean.Grant@gov.bc.ca)  
Or
- Kevan Letawske, Senior Policy Analyst, Local Government Finance, at [Kevan.Letawske@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kevan.Letawske@gov.bc.ca)

Thank you,

Jennifer Richardson  
Grants Analyst  
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Subject: BC Rural Dividend – Notification of Results

March 22, 2019

Dear Rory McKenzie,

Thank you for your interest in the BC Rural Dividend and the submission of your application for Solid Waste Management Plan Priority Actions Project. On behalf of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), I regret to advise you that your application has not been approved for funding at this time.

The Rural Dividend Program received a large number of applications in the fifth intake period and the total funding requested significantly exceeded the Program's available funds. As a result, the Program was not able to provide funding to all eligible projects.

Applications to the Rural Dividend Program are reviewed as part of a competitive assessment process. The Program makes decisions based on the information provided in the application documents and cannot make assumptions about project components that are not described in detail.

During the review of your application it was noted that the proposed project did not fit within the scope of the Program. Specifically, the proposed project falls within the operational responsibilities of the local municipality or regional district. Due to the large number of applications received, we are not able to provide funding to projects determined to be out-of-scope.

Staff at the Rural Dividend Program Office are available to meet with you (virtually or in-person) to review your application, and provide further details regarding the funding decision. The Program Office can also provide information regarding other funding sources available for rural communities, which may provide additional opportunities for the implementation of your proposed project. If you would like to book a follow up meeting please contact the Program Office by phone at 250-356-7950 or by email at [ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ruraldividend@gov.bc.ca).

Upcoming intake periods for the BC Rural Dividend will be announced via the Program website [www.gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend](http://www.gov.bc.ca/ruraldividend), and we encourage you to consider submitting additional applications in the future. Please note that FLNRORD Regional Economic Operations staff are available to offer insights in the development of future applications to the BC Rural Dividend. The Regional Manager for your area is Brad McRobert and their contact information is 250.567.6358, [Brad.McRobert@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brad.McRobert@gov.bc.ca).



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We appreciate your application and wish you success in your efforts to strengthen your community's resiliency and economic viability.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Fraser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Fraser  
Executive Director  
Rural Development  
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

# Rio Tinto Water Engagement Initiative – Information session

March 2019



# Today's agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Purpose of this meeting
- Rio Tinto operations overview
- Intent of the Water Engagement Initiative (WEI)
- Overview of the Multi-Party Decision Process (MPDP)
- Your potential role
- Available resources
- Next Steps

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# Facilitator introductions

- Rahul Ray, lead facilitator, EDI
- Jason Collier, support facilitator, EDI
- We are not Rio Tinto employees



# Purpose of this meeting

- Discuss the Rio Tinto Water Engagement Initiative
- Identify and refine the preliminary project scope
- Outline the proposed Multi-Party Decision Process
- Identify and address barriers to participation
- Discuss your interest in participating
- Confirm next steps

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# Participant introductions

- Your name
- Your interest

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# Rio Tinto introduction

- Why is Rio Tinto doing this at all?
- Guiding Principles:
  - Province of BC Water Use Plan Guidelines
  - United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
  - Renewed Rio Tinto approaches and relationships

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# Rio Tinto introduction (2)

- Platform of mutual understanding:
  - Interests
  - Data
  - Research
  - Water and Land Use
  - Cultural Uses
  - Economy
  - Global Impact
  - Societal demand
  - Flexible with time and recognizing these things change

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# Rio Tinto introduction (3)

- Not “Duty to Consult” or “Impact Assessment”
- Plan stays live and adapts with time
- Can accommodate new initiatives

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# Rio Tinto Operations Overview

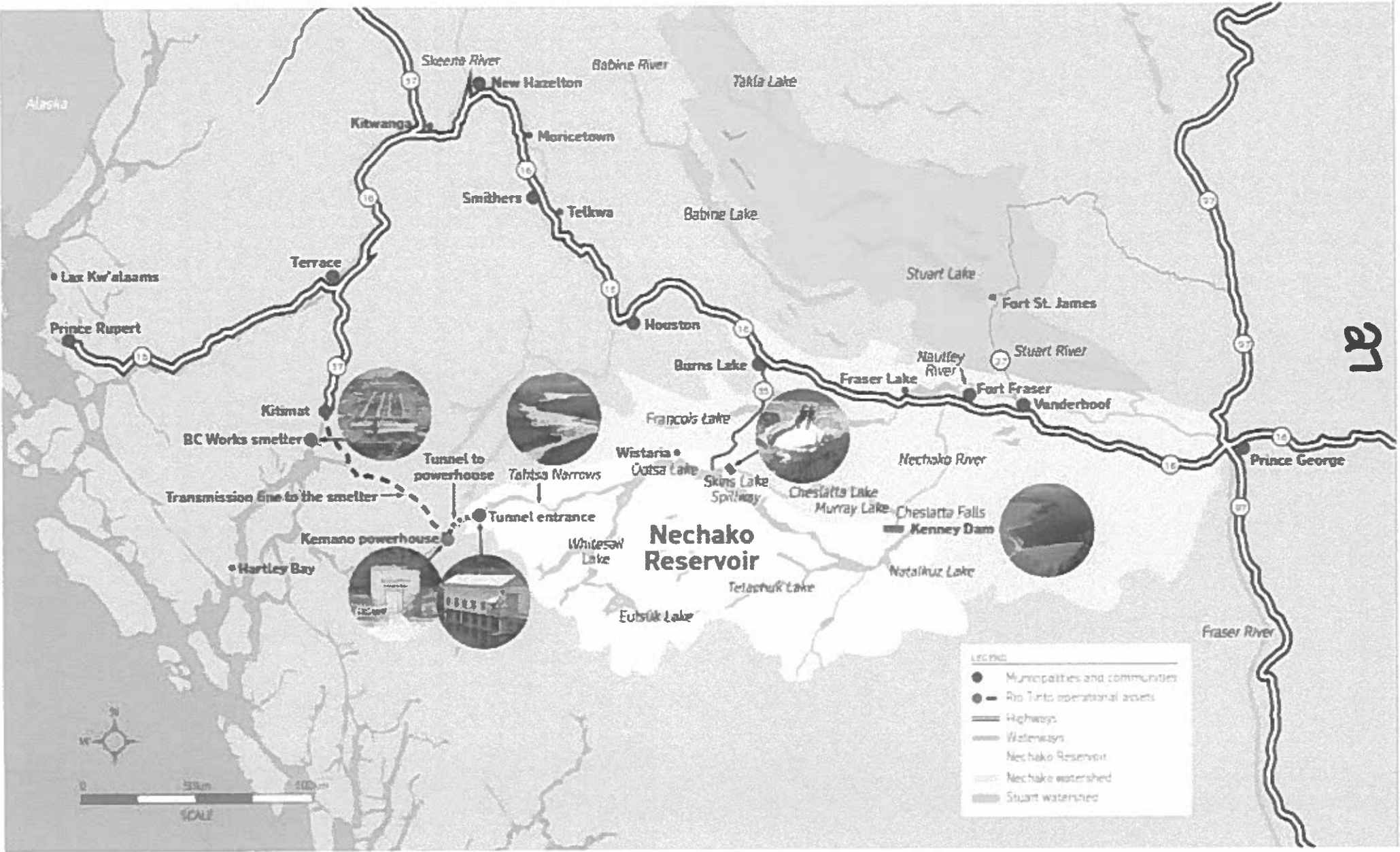
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# Water Engagement Initiative

## Rio Tinto BC Works operational area



# Water Engagement Initiative (WEI)

- Purpose of the WEI
- Focused on reservoir operations and downstream interests
- Intent: collaboration with:
  - Indigenous communities
  - municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government; and
  - stakeholders
- Identify ways of improving reservoir operations in consideration of multiple interests
- Build long-term, collaborative relationships with Indigenous communities and stakeholders

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# Water Engagement Initiative

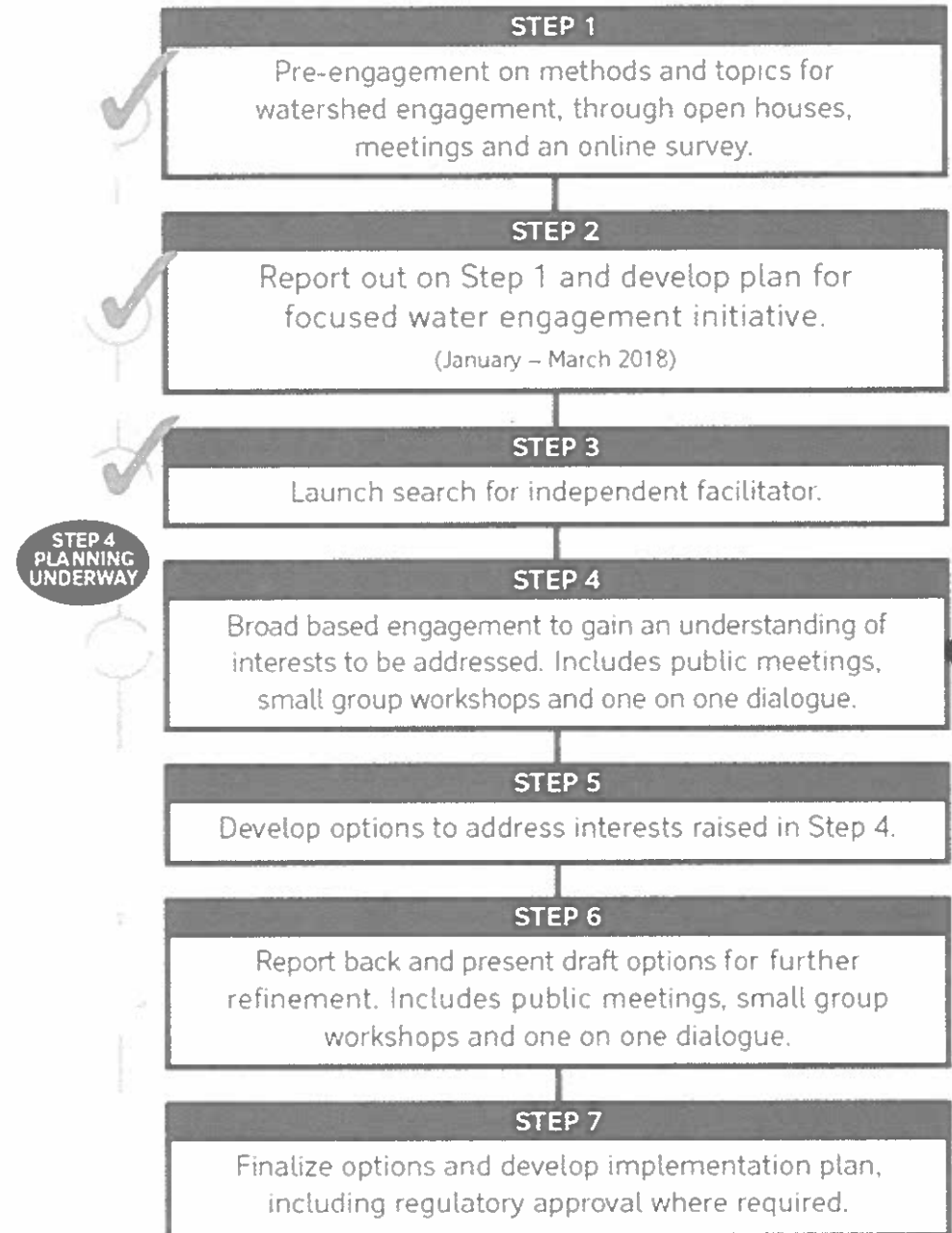
Process description

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# WEI Overview

- Step 1-3: Complete
- Step 4: 2018-2019
- Step 5: 2019
- Step 6: 2019-2020
- Step 7: 2020



# WEI preliminary scope

- Scope may include, but will be shaped by participants:
  - spillway discharge schedules
  - flood management measures
  - reservoir levels
  - downstream flow and water temperature targets
  - fisheries and monitoring plans
  - infrastructure
  - research
  - communication
  - **other interests brought forward by participants**

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# WEI regulatory context

- Historical and regulatory considerations include:
  - 1950 Agreement and conditional water license
  - 1987 Settlement Agreement and associated flow schedule for the Nechako River
  - 1997 Agreement and associated Final Water License
- May require regulatory approval, particularly decisions affecting public safety, environmental interests, and Indigenous interests





# Multi-Party Decision Process

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# Multi-Party Decision Process

- **What is it?:** Process to share interests, review information, develop alternatives, and ultimately select a viable option
- **Based on:** Province of British Columbia Water Use Plan (WUP) guidelines, principles, and approaches
- Active participation of representatives from Indigenous communities, other levels of government, and stakeholders
- **Estimated process timeframe:** 18 months
- **Transparent process:** The process, periodic updates, and the results will be public



# Guiding principles

- Support collaboration, cooperation, and inclusiveness
- Respect existing legal and constitutional rights and responsibilities
- Recognize that trade-offs and choices may need to occur 
- Embody science and continuous learning
- Focus on issue resolution and long-term benefits
- Adapt to changing conditions



# Potential participation

- Indigenous communities and organizations
- stakeholder groups
- municipal and regional governments
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- BC Government Ministries
- Members of the public

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# MPDP - Proposed phases

- Initiate planning process
- Scope issues and interests
- Identify information needs
- Develop management alternatives
- Analyze alternatives, assessing trade-offs



# MPDP - Proposed phases (2)

- Determine areas of consensus and non-agreement
- Prepare draft plan
- Submit draft plan to agencies that have regulatory role (Province of BC Water Comptroller, DFO)
- Complete regulatory refinements needed
- Implement the plan
- Monitor changes

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# Main table

- Participation by interested Indigenous communities
- Municipal, provincial, and federal government representatives
- Interested stakeholders
- Public

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# Technical Advisory Group

- A Technical Advisory Group to provide timely technical information and analyses outlined by the main table.
- Main table participants can also be members of the Technical Advisory Group
- The Technical Advisory Group will meet on a regular basis by telephone or in person and will be supported by a **Technical Coordinator**
- Ecofish as Technical Advisory Group coordinator





# Technical Coordinator

- Ecofish introduction
- Wealth of information exists in the form of past studies in the Nechako region
- Some new data gathering may be required to support the Multi-Party Decision Process
- Oversee information compilation and data gathering efforts
- Conduct analyses under the guidance of the Technical Advisory Group, Main Table, and facilitator

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# Resulting plan will be adaptable

- Remain responsive to Indigenous and stakeholder interests
- Adapt to changing climate and societal expectations
- Create long-term relationships to respond to emerging issues
- Support transparency and accountability

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# Next Steps, Process Planning

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# Your role in the short term

- Help refine and shape the process
- Identify potential barriers to participation as part of the main table: travel costs, participation costs, others?
- Help address those barriers
- Confirm participation

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# Your role in the planning process

- During planning process, help identify:
  - Scope
  - Objectives
  - Targets
  - Preferred alternatives
  - Monitoring programs
  - Other components



# Next Steps, WEI

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# Next Steps

- Information sessions this week
- Participant confirmation
- Connect with participants in preparation for the first meeting
- Launch Multi-Party Decision Process in April 2019

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# Questions and Discussion

Thank you for your time!

EDI







*Food connects us!*



# Food Glorious Food

**APRIL 5 & 6  
SPORTSPLEX  
TERRACE, BC**

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Good morning valued NCLGA Members!

We are now less than 6 weeks away from our **2019 Annual General Meeting and Convention** in Williams Lake, BC!

During your visit in the "Heart of the Cariboo Country", be sure to visit the impressive Discovery Tourism Center, built in part by Pioneer Log Homes (HGTV's Timber Kings) and features BC's only Cowboy Hall of Fame. Williams Lake also offers many outdoor adventures and recreation opportunities including the beautiful Scout Island Nature Centre. Recommendations for accommodations during your stay in Williams Lake can be found on our website as well as other details such as the AGM Agenda (<https://www.nclga.ca/conventions/2019-convention>).

We are excited to announce our official keynote speaker for the event: Dr. Daniel Weeks, President of the University of Northern British Columbia! Dr. Weeks will be presenting on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> during the keynote lunch and you can find more information about his esteemed career and accomplishments here: [www.unbc.ca/president](http://www.unbc.ca/president).

In addition to the incredible week we have planned, we have 2 shoulder sessions that you won't want to miss:

1. The Northern Healthy Communities Forum, all day on May 6<sup>th</sup>
2. BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council Workshop on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

These events also require registration which can also be completed through our website.

To aid in planning and get a general idea of attendance numbers, we encourage you to register as soon as possible through the NCLGA website ([www.nclga.ca](http://www.nclga.ca)). The registration deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Additionally, please submit any nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award to us.

If you have any questions about the event, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

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# Peace River Region Community Engagement Sessions

## Caribou - Draft Section 11 Agreement and Partnership Agreement



The B.C. Government is hosting engagement sessions to review two draft caribou recovery agreements. These engagement sessions will provide an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the *draft Section 11 Agreement* and the *draft Partnership Agreement*.

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**April 1, 2019**  
**Chetwynd, BC**

**5:30 - 9:30PM**  
**Chetwynd Recreation Centre**  
**4552 North Access Road**

**April 2, 2019**  
**Fort St. John, BC**

**5:30 - 9:30PM**  
**Pomeroy Conference Centre**  
**11308 Alaska Road**

**April 3, 2019**  
**Tumbler Ridge, BC**

**5:30 - 9:30PM**  
**Trend Mountain Hotel &**  
**Conference Centre**  
**375 Southgate Street**

**April 4, 2019**  
**Dawson Creek, BC**

**5:30 - 9:30PM**  
**Coop Mercer Hall at**  
**Encana Events Centre**  
**#1 - 300 Highway 2**

