

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 1**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

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

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator  
-left at 11:12 a.m., returned at 11:15 a.m., left at 12:02 p.m.  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Haley Jeffrey, Emergency Services Manager – arrived at 11:35 a.m., left at 12:55 p.m.  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services  
-arrived at 11:56 a.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator, BC Power Operations, Rio Tinto Alcan – left at 11:35 a.m.  
Agathe Bernard, Stewardship Officer, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. – left at 11:12 a.m.  
Laura Blackwell, Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce – left at 11:12 a.m.  
Andrew Czornohalan, Operations Director – Power, Services & Wharves, Rio Tinto Alcan – left at 11:35 a.m.  
Ruben Gayton, Babine Forest Products – left at 11:12 a.m.  
Brent May, District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – left at 11:12 a.m.  
Bill Miller, Burns Lake – left at 11:12 a.m.  
Lianne Olson, Stakeholder and Community Relations Liaison, Rio Tinto Alcan – left at 11:35 a.m.  
Sean Mitchell, Land and Resource Coordinator, Regional Initiatives Skeena, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – left at 12:06 p.m., returned at 1:08 p.m.  
Ken Nielsen, Southside Francois Lake – left at 11:12 a.m.  
Raylene Otto, Land and Resource Coordinator, Regional Initiatives Skeena, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – left at 12:06 p.m., returned at 1:08 p.m.

Others (cont'd) Jim Snetsinger, RPF, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - left at 11:12 a.m.  
Roy Spooner, Alternate Director Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Brienen

2019-1-1

"That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of January 17, 2019 be approved; and, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services administered the Oath of Office to Roy Spooner, Alternate Director Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural).

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting Minutes  
-December 13, 2018

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2019-1-2

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Moved by Director Watt-Senner  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2019-1-3

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes  
-January 3, 2019 (unapproved);
- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes  
-September 6, 2018;
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
--January 3, 2019 (unapproved);
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
- June 7, 2018;
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes  
- January 3, 2019 (unapproved);
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes  
- June 7, 2018;
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes  
-January 3, 2019 (unapproved);
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes  
-February 22, 2018."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Jim Snetsinger, RPF, Agathe Bernard, Stewardship Officer and Brent May, District Manager RE: Lakes Timber Supply Area Timber Supply Review**

Chair Thiessen welcomed Jim Snetsinger, RPF, Agathe Bernard, Stewardship Officer and Brent May, District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Mr. Snetsinger provided a PowerPoint Presentation and noted that the Public Discussion Paper release will be late February, 2019. He spoke of the Chief Forester coming to Burns Lake to meet with stakeholders.

Director Greenaway questioned the shelf life of the mountain pine beetle and wood being logged currently. Mr. Snetsinger noted that the economic viability of the mountain pine beetle wood is decreasing but mills do still have the wood in their inventory. Discussion took place in regard to the longer shelf life of the mountain pine beetle wood in different areas in the region depending on forest site conditions and moisture.

Director Layton spoke of the percentage of fiber being left in piles in the bush. He noted he has met with Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and work is being done to find ways to utilize all of the fiber. Mr. Snetsinger commented that cut to cruise initiatives are being examined and they are starting to see better utilization of the forest inventory.

Discussion took place in regard to the public comment process for the Lakes TSA. There will be further opportunity for comments and timelines will be formalized moving forward.

Chair Thiessen thanked Messrs. Snetsinger and May, and Ms. Bernard for attending the meeting.

**RIO TINTO ALCAN – Andrew Czornohalan, Operations Director – Power, Services & Wharves and Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator, BC Power Operations RE: Water Engagement Initiative**

Chair Thiessen welcomed Andrew Czornohalan, Operations Director – Power, Services & Wharves and Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator, BC Power Operations, Rio Tinto Alcan.

Mr. Czornohalan provided a PowerPoint Presentation and spoke of the 2018 wildfires and the impacts to Skins Lake spillway. He commented that Rio Tinto received feedback from the Southside of Francois Lake community after the wildfire event that identified needs such as cell phone connectivity and increased firefighting capacity and response capabilities. Rio Tinto is working and partnering with community members and agencies along with coordinating with others to address both issues in Q1 of 2019 and through the year.

Mr. Czornohalan provided an overview of Rio Tinto's vision for its water engagement initiative and water management plan and the process that has taken place to this point. He welcomed the Regional Board and any stakeholders to participate in the water engagement process.

Director Newell questioned if the Northwest Regional Hospital Board of Directors and the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital Board of Directors had been invited to participate in the process. Mr. Czornohalan mentioned that they will provide an invitation to the Regional Hospital Boards.

**RIO TINTO ALCAN – Andrew Czornohalan, Operations Director – Power, Services & Wharves and Justus Benckhuysen, Nechako Operations Coordinator, BC Power Operations RE: Water Engagement Initiative (CONT'D)**

Director Petersen spoke to the importance of having the Province part of the discussions. Mr. Czornohalan noted that there will be different levels of the Provincial Government involved in the process and that there has also been confirmed involvement from the following First Nations communities: Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Skin Tyee Nation, Nak'azdli Whut'en and Lheidli Teneh. Rio Tinto also has a meeting scheduled with Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and will be reaching out to other First Nations communities.

Chair Thiessen thanked Messrs. Czornohalan and Benckhuysen for attending the meeting.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Committee Meeting  
Recommendations  
- January 3, 2019

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-1-4

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendations 1 through 7 as written:

**Agriculture Committee Meeting – January 3, 2019**

**Recommendation 1:**

**Re: SheepFest 2019**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the expenditure from the Agriculture Workshop funds of \$4,000 for SheepFest 2019."

**Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 3, 2019**

**Recommendation 2:**

**Re: Smithers, Houston and Area Television  
Rebroadcasting**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako approve the annual grant to the Smithers, Houston and Area Television Rebroadcasting Society remain at \$60,000 in the 2019 proposed budget."

**Recommendation 3:**

**Re: Response Letter to Parliamentary Secretary for  
Emergency Preparedness – EMBC Reimbursement for Road  
Rescue Calls**

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako write a response letter to Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness to clarify and outline the RDBN's concerns in regard to the Province withdrawing funding for road rescue events and no longer providing task numbers due to the RDBN having Bylaws to fund small portions of its Volunteer Fire Departments road response costs not attributable to specific road rescue call-outs; and further, that both RDBN bylaws and the funding for road rescue through EMBC task numbers remain in place."

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

**Rural Directors Committee Meeting – January 3, 2019**

**Recommendation 4:**

**Re: Bulkley Valley Christian School Society – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Bulkley Valley Christian School Society be given \$900 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for the purchase of emergency kits.”

**Recommendation 5:**

**Re: Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council– Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with the Arts Council Gala Bursary Fundraiser.”

**Recommendation 6:**

**Re: The KEY – Community Resource Centre Society– Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the KEY Community Resource Centre Society be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the winter weather shelter.

**Waste Management Committee Meeting – January 3, 2019**

**Recommendation 7:**

**Re: Cross Regional Solid Waste Management Opportunities – NCLGA Resolution – Municipal Solid Waste**

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the resolution to the North Central Local Government Association titled “Cross Regional Solid Waste Management Opportunities – Municipal Solid Waste.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Items to be brought forward  
To the Public Agenda from  
Special (In-Camera) Meeting

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-1-5

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Recommendation 1 as written:

**Recommendation 1:**

**Re: Contract Award Decision – Immersive Explorers**

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into and finalize contract negotiations with Immersive Explorers the 360° Immersive Video Experience project;
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into that contract; and,
3. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into and finalize contract negotiations with Immersive Explorers regarding the 360° Immersive Video Experience be released to the public."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

North Central Local  
Government Association  
Convention – May 6-10, 2019  
-Williams Lake, B.C.

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-1-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of the CAO and/or the Manager of Administrative Services and Rural Directors to the North Central Local Government Association Conference on May 6-10, 2019 in Williams Lake, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant Funding Contracts

Moved by Director Watt-Senner  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2019-1-7

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into agreements for funding for Grant Writing Support, Economic Development Capacity Building and Local Government Intern Programs with Northern Development Initiative Trust, should the funding be approved; and,

2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into an agreement for funding with the Government of Canada for summer student position(s), should the funding be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

BC Economic Summit and  
Tech-Led Economic  
Development Course

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-1-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Regional Economic Development Coordinator’s participation in the BC Economic Summit from March 3-5, 2019 and the International Economic Development Council’s Technology-Led Economic Development Course (IEDC) from March 6-7, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019 Grant Writing Services

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2019-1-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize a contract renewal for Grant Writing Services with the District of Fort St. James for 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Tradeshow  
Partnership 2019

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-1-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the *Travel Northern BC* partnership and one staff member’s attendance at the 2019 Calgary Outdoor Adventure Show.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley-Nechako Workforce  
Opportunities Table

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Parker

2019-1-11

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors appoint Director Funk as the RDBN Board representative to the Bulkley-Nechako Workforce Opportunities Table, with Director Newell appointed as the Alternate representative.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen removed himself from the meeting at 11:40 a.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to Regional Grant in Aid – 2019 Regional Business Forum in Vanderhoof.

Regional Grant in Aid – 2019  
Regional Business Forum in  
Vanderhoof

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Brien

2019-1-12

“That the District of Vanderhoof be given \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Regional Grant in Aid for costs associated with facilitating and hosting the 2019 Regional Business Forum.”

Opposed: Director Fisher  
Director Playfair

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Discussion took place in regard to Regional Grant in Aid budget and allocating specific funding for certain events in the budget as a separate line item.

Chair Thiessen returned at 11:47 a.m.

SMBA Northern Development Application – Community Halls and Rec Facilities Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Fisher

2019-1-13

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the Smithers Mountain Bike Association’s application to Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area “D” Fraser Lake Rural Local Area Services Moved by Director Watt-Senner  
Seconded by Director Parker

2019-1-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s January 7, 2019 memo titled “Electoral Area “D” Fraser Lake Rural Local Area Services”, and further,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the budgets for the Fraser Lake Library, Area “D” Extrication Service, and the Fraser Lake and Area Television Broadcasting for inclusion in the 2019 budget.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area “F” Vanderhoof Rural Local Area Services Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-1-15

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s January 7, 2019 memo titled “Electoral Area “F” Vanderhoof Rural Local Area Services”, and further,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the budgets for Cluculz Lake – Somerset Estates Sewer Service, Cluculz Lake Emergency Response, and Vanderhoof Recreation and Culture Service for inclusion in the 2019 budget.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Director Riis-Christianson removed himself from the meeting at 11:50 a.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to the "Lakes District" Local Area Services.

"Lakes District" Local Area Services

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2019-1-16

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 7, 2019 memo titled "'Lakes District" Local Area Services", and further,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the budgets for the Lakes District Local Services for inclusion in the 2019 budget."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Riis-Christianson returned at 11:51 a.m.

Street Lighting Local Services

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-1-17

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 7, 2019 memo titled "Street Lighting Local Services", and further,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the budgets for the Street Lighting Local Services for inclusion in the 2019 budget."

Opposed: Director Fisher

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Cemetery and Community Hall Local Services

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

2019-1-18

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 7, 2019 memo titled "Cemetery and Community Hall Local Services", and further,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the budgets for the Cemetery and Local Hall Services for inclusion in the 2019 budget."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Public Transit Municipal Service

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-1-19

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's January 7, 2019 memo titled "Regional Public Transit Municipal Service", and further,

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the budgets for the Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit Service for inclusion in the 2019 budget."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**

2019 Recycling Program  
Contract Extension – Burns  
Lake Recycling Depot

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-1-20

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Deputy Director of Environmental Services January 9, 2019 memo titled "2019 Recycling Program Contract Extension – Burns Lake Recycling Depot."
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve a contract extension with the Burns Lake Recycling Depot in support of the proposal for the continuance of recycling services for Burns Lake and Area, for the time period of January 1 – December 31, 2019 at a total cost of \$15,850.00 (excluding taxes)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019 Recycling Program  
Contract Extension – Houston  
Recycling Depot

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-1-21

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Deputy Director of Environmental Services January 9, 2019 memo titled "2019 Recycling Program Contract Extension – Houston Recycling Depot; and Supplementary Agenda memo titled "Houston Recycling Option 3 – Options dated January 15, 2019."
2. Further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors offer a counter proposal for funding contributions at a 50% reduction of the 2018 contributions and approve a contract extension with the Houston Bottle Depot in support of the proposal for the continuance of recycling services for Houston and Area, for the time period of January 1 - December 31, 2019 at a total cost of \$21,150.00."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)**

**Memo**

Advisory Planning Commission Moved by Director Parker  
Member Appointments Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-1-22

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors appoint the members of the Advisory Planning Commissions (APC) as recommended by each Electoral Area Director listed in the January 7<sup>th</sup> staff report titled “Advisory Planning Commission Member Appointments” as amended to include Alan Koopman to the Electoral Area “A” APC; and further, that the Regional District Board appoint the members of the Advisory Planning Commission for Electoral Area E as listed in the January 15<sup>th</sup> staff report titled “Electoral Area E Advisory Planning Commission Member Appointments” as per the Supplementary Agenda.”

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)**

**Memo**

OGC Referral Notice for Moved by Director Bachrach  
Multi-Use #7 A&B Seconded by Director Layton

2019-1-23

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to send the letter to TransCanada and the Oil and Gas Commission dated January 8, 2019 RE: Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Ltd. Proposed Multi-Use Site #7 A&B.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Break for Lunch 12:06 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 12:50 p.m.**

**Referrals**

Land Referral File No. 7410048 Moved by Director Greenaway  
(Pereault Midlemiss) Seconded by Director Layton  
Electoral Area “C”

2019-1-24

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7410048” be provided to the Province as the Regional District’s comments on Crown Land Application 7410048.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Referrals (Cont'd)**

Recreation Referral File No.  
REC258984  
Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

2019-1-25

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Recreation Referral File No. REC258984" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Recreation Referral File No. REC258984."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No. 6409088  
Electoral Area "G"

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Brien

2019-1-26

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6409088" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application 6409088."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

### **Memo**

Proposed UBCM Emergency  
Operations Centre Funding  
Application

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2019-1-27

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors support the application to UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund's Emergency Operations Centre for the purchase of supplies and towards the Mobile ESS Unit to double as an EOC mobile Unit.

That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors will provide overall grant management and authorizes RDBN staff to enter into an agreement with UBCM for any grants received for the above purposes."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2018 RDBN Wildfire After  
Action Review

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-1-28

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to proceed with the 2018 RDBN Wildfire After Action review and proceed with issuing the Request for Proposal for the study."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors Fisher and Lambert spoke to the importance of providing an update to area residents in regard to the 2018 Wildfire After Action review.

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### Village of Granisle

Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle water treatment project is proceeding and they will be submitting a grant for a waste water project. The community is also currently under a boil water advisory but are hopeful that the most recent samples sent to Northern Health will be approved.

### Director McGuire's Announced Retirement from Red Chris Mine

Director McGuire announced that she has officially submitted her retirement notice to Red Chris Mine and her last day will be March 29, 2019.

### Thank you to RDBN Planning Department – Zoning Bylaw Review

Director Greenaway thanked RDBN Planning Department staff for providing a public meeting in Fort St. James in regard to the Zoning Bylaw Review.

### Meeting with Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Director Layton met with Minister Donaldson on January 14, 2019 and discussed the importance of communication and having Assistant Deputy Ministers attending RDBN meetings to provide updates similar to what took place when OBAC was in place in regard to FLNRORD. Director Layton spoke of being proactive rather than reactive when making decisions. Minister Donaldson mentioned that he will speak to his staff and work on logistics to have someone attend Regional District meetings. It was a positive meeting.

### BC Assessment increases in Vancouver Encouraging Businesses to relocate to Northern B.C.

Director Layton mentioned that the media has been reporting in regard to the high BC Assessment increases to businesses in Vancouver. Director Layton contacted some of the businesses in Vancouver to encourage them to consider relocating their business to northwest B.C. He indicated that at least one business owner is planning to tour the RDBN region to determine the feasibility of moving his business. Director Layton spoke of the economic benefits that could occur.

### District of Fort St. James Meeting with Nak'azdli Whut'en

Director Playfair reported that the District of Fort St. James council met with Nak'azdli Whut'en and one of the issues that was discussed was recycling in the community. They will be scheduling a meeting to move forward with recycling initiatives. Director Playfair thanked RDBN Environmental Services staff for all their work and presenting the information.

### Fort St. James Arena has Ice

Director Playfair announced that the Fort St. James Arena now has ice and is operational.

### Fort St. James Conifex Layoffs

Director Playfair expressed concerns regarding Conifex's in Fort St. James layoff of 70 jobs and families have already started to move from the community.

### Interactive Kiosk at Lakes District Hospital – History of Healthcare in the Lakes District

Director Riis-Christianson attended a meeting with Northern Health and Burns Lake Seniors to develop an interactive kiosk at the Lakes District Hospital that will share the history of healthcare in the Lakes District. He noted that remaining funds from the building of the new Lakes District Hospital and Healthcare Facility were utilized for the project.

## **VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

### Stakeholder Meeting with Jim Snetsinger-Lakes TSA

Director Riis-Christianson attended the Lakes Timber Supply Area review stakeholder meeting on January 14, 2019 with Jim Snetsinger. He commented that the appointment of Mr. Snetsinger in regard to the Lakes Timber Supply Area review is positive and it is a very large issue for the region. Director Riis-Christianson noted that there will be implications throughout the region.

Director Funk also noted that the Village of Burns Lake met with Jim Snetsinger and discussed the potential for leniency in regard to visual quality objectives (VQO's) and other considerations.

### Chinook Emergency Response Society Meeting -January 19, 2019

Director Lambert mentioned that the Chinook Emergency Response Society will be meeting on January 19, 2019 at the Francois Lake Hall. Director Lambert indicated Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Protective Services will also be in attendance. He noted that the Society is working with Rio Tinto Alcan to have better cell service on the Southside of Francois Lake and area.

### UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Fund for Wildfire Mitigation

Director Funk stated that the Village of Burns Lake has applied for funding for the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment fund for wildfire mitigation and will be working with Burns Lake Community Forest and FireSmart committee to address wildfire mitigation in the community.

### Village of Burns Lake – BC Assessments increased 13%

Director Funk reported that BC Assessment for the Village of Burns Lake has increased by 13% and noted that this will assist in increasing housing values. The Village of Burns Lake mill rate was discussed.

### Unist'ot'en Blockade near Houston

Director Brienens spoke of the Unist'ot'en blockade event near Houston. He expressed his relief that everyone was safe.

Director Newell expressed concerns that information was not available to him from Coastal GasLink, the Provincial Government and the RCMP in regard to the injunction.

### Engineer Study – Smithers Recreation Facilities Heating Systems

Director Bachrach commented that an engineering company is currently assessing the potential of utilizing the efficient ice plant in the second arena for the Smithers Civic Centre and Curling Rink and also utilize the heat for the pool.

### Town of Smithers

Director Bachrach mentioned that the Town of Smithers has purchased a new Fire Engine recently and will also be conducting its Strategic Planning at the end of March.

### Endako, Fraser Lake and Fort Fraser Rural OCP Review

Director Watt-Senner noted that the public consultation process is complete for the Endako, Fraser Lake and Fort Fraser Rural OCP review. She thanked Planning Department staff for their work on the OCP review.

### Fraser Lake Sawmill

Director Watt-Senner mentioned that Fraser Lake Sawmill has reduced operations from three shifts to two shifts and a request has been asked of the sawmill regarding the exact number of layoffs that have taken place.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Fraser Lake Bank

Director Watt-Senner commented that a banking institute is working on a business plan to provide service in the community of Fraser Lake and another banking institute is considering providing secure holding safes in locations in the community if a brick and mortar banking institute is not in place by fall 2019. She spoke of working on a financially literacy solution for those impacted by the closing of the bank in Fraser Lake.

Vanderhoof Swimming Pool

Chair Thiessen mentioned that the final inspection for the Vanderhoof Swimming Pool is January 18, 2019 and the hope is that a soft launch will take place next week.

Caribou Issue

Chair Thiessen voiced concerns in regard to the caribou issue that is impacting the province and the need to be engaged in the process.

Chair Thiessen also expressed concerns in regard to the forestry impacts to the communities and the region.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-1-29

"That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Write a Letter – Information in regard to the Unist'ot'en Blockade near Houston

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-1-30

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the RCMP in regard to providing information to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako as one of the local governments and stakeholders in the region in regard to the Unist'ot'en Blockade near Houston; and further, that the letter be cc'd to Premier Horgan, Doug Donaldson, MLA Stikine, John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Administration  
Correspondence & Invitations

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-1-31

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- Village of Burns Lake – Congratulations- 2018 Local Government Election
- Canadian Red Cross – 2018 BC Wildfires
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General- Red Cross Wildfire Relief
- Union of B.C. Municipalities – Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure- Multi-Use Trail
- Emergency Management BC – Elected Officials Training
- Canadian Wildlife Service/Pacific Region Environment and Climate Change Canada/Government of Canada – Public Comment Period: Amendments to Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act
- Fire Prevention Officers Association of B.C.- Request for Sponsorship – B.C. Fire Away Magazine
- Canadian Red Cross – BC Fires Recovery Operations Update
- SkeenaWild Conservation Trust – Request for Information on the Shipment of Dangerous Goods and Emergency Response Plans for Northwestern BC
- Government of Canada – Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act
- Environment and Climate Change Canada/Government of Canada – Phase 2 of Canada’s Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program – Response to Comments Received
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Budget 2019: A Critical Time to Deliver
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities - NEW: Telecommunications and Rights-of-Way Handbook
- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Update on Wildfire Site Rehabilitation in Skeena Region
- Union of B.C. Municipalities
  - Principles Accord for Treaty Negotiations
  - Forest Policy Consultation
  - Changes to Bylaw Adjudication Program
  - Funding & Resources Update
  - FVRD Preparing for Emergencies.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



## **INVITATIONS**

### Invitations

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2019-1-32

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following invitations:

- Association for Mineral Exploration
  - Annual General Meeting – January 30, 2019- Vancouver, B.C.
- Association for Mineral Exploration AME Roundup – January 28-31, 2019- Vancouver, B.C.
- BC Broadband Conference – April 30 – May 1, 2019 – Richmond, B.C.
- BC Natural Resources Forum – January 22-24, 2019 – Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BC Broadband Conference  
-April 30-May 1, 2019  
-Richmond, B.C.

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-1-33

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Director Newell and Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator’s attendance at the BC Broadband Conference April 30 – May 1, 2019 in Richmond, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **FINANCIAL**

Operating Accounts  
-December, 2018

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-1-34

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid November, 2018.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **READING FILE**

Reading File

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-1-35

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Reading File:

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- BC Chamber of Commerce – Request from the CEO of BC Chamber
- BC Rural Centre – January 2019 Newsletter
- Canfor News Release – December 14, 2018 – Canfor Extends Temporary BC Curtailment
- BC Healthy Communities – Happy Holidays from BC Healthy Communities
- Canadian HR Reporter – Despite Cannabis Legalization, Impairment Testing Still Hazy / Cannabis Impairment & Workplace Safety

**READING FILE (CONT'D)**

Clean Energy Review

- January 7, 2019 – Abandon Hope (sort of)
- December 17, 2018 - Everything is going to Be Okay!
- Enertelligence Monthly Review –What Happened? It Doesn't Get Much Simpler. The One and Only Pipeline that Delivers Natural Gas in BC Ruptured.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
  - January 7, 2019 – FCM's Year in Review / Annual Conference 2019 Registration Coming Soon
  - December 21, 2018 – Presidents' Corner / Building on our Success
  - December 18, 2018 – Enroll in an Asset Management Training Program
  - December 17, 2018 – Scholarships Deadline Extended / Telecommunications and Rights-of way Handbook / Deadline to Submit FCM Resolutions
  - December 12, 2018 – New: Telecommunications and Rights-of way Handbook
- Northern Health – January 2019 – Healthier Northern Communities E-brief
- Prince George, Economic Update – November 2018
- Resource Works -- December 13, 2018 – Resource Reading for Christmas
- Rio Tinto Alcan – Nechako Reservoir Flow Facts:
  - December 22, 2018 to January 4, 2019
  - December 21, 2018 to December 21, 2018
  - December 14, 2018 to December 14, 2018
- Union of BC Municipalities – Homeless Count; Rental Housing Report; Community Works Fund; Auxiliary Uniforms.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Economic Development for Local Leaders

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Bachrach

2019-1-36

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve March 14-15, 2019 for the Economic Development for Local Leaders training through BCEDA.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

RDBN Additional Budget Session

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-1-37

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the RDBN Additional Budget Session for February 8, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)**

Regional District Chairs/CAO  
Forum – March 26-27, 2019,  
Victoria, B.C.

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-1-38

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the attendance of the Chair and CAO to the Regional District Chairs/CAO Forum March 26-27, 2019 in Victoria, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federation of Canadian  
Municipalities

Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-1-39

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s January 15, 2019 memo titled “Federation of Canadian Municipalities”; and, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to pay \$3,967.82 for standard FCM membership for 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

College of New Caledonia  
-Request for Letter of Support  
-New Horizons for Seniors  
Program: Pan-Canadian Project

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-1-40

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the College of New Caledonia for its New Horizons for Seniors Program: Pan-Canadian Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration  
Correspondence & Invitations

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-1-41

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following correspondence:

- Skeena Regional Cattlemen’s Association Annual General Meeting – February 2, 2019 – Smithers, B.C. – Request for Donation
- North Central Local Government Association – Call for 2019 Resolutions
- Municipal Insurance Association – Claim Status Report
- Lakes District Clean Waters Coalition – Public Meeting re Vopak Pacific Canada Project – January 21, 2019, Burns Lake, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-1-42

“In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations, and Section 90(2)(b) – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Caribou Recovery Program) may be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-1-43

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:32 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant