



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

**RDBN FORESTRY COMMITTEE
(Committee of the Whole)
Agenda**

Thursday, September 5, 2019

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NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKOFORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee of the Whole)Thursday, June 6, 2019

PRESENT:

Chair	Brad Layton
Directors	Taylor Bachrach Shane Brien Mark Fisher Dolores Funk Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Rob Newell Mark Parker Bev Playfair Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Gerry Thiessen Kim Watt-Senner
Staff	Cheryl Anderson, Acting CAO/Manager of Administrative Services John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Others	Daniella Oake, Babine Forest Products Eamon O'Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations North Area Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Geoff Recknell, Regional Executive Director, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Media	Blair McBride, Lakes District News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Layton called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Watt-Senner
Seconded by Director LambertF.C.2019-2-1

"That the Forestry Committee Meeting Agenda of June 6, 2019 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLYMINUTESForestry Committee Meeting
Minutes – March 21, 2019Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director FunkF.C.2019-2-2

"That the Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2019 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Eamon O’Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations North Area and Geoff Recknell, Regional Executive Director, Skeena Update re: Interior Forest Revitalization, FRPA (Forest and Range Practices Act) renewal and Community/Forestry Resilience

Chair Layton welcomed Eamon O’Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations North Area, and Geoff Recknell, Regional Executive Director, Skeena, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Mr. O’Donoghue spoke of the following:

- Currently there is more mill capacity than trees on the land base
- Adjustments will need to take place
- Will be challenging for communities
- The mid-term is now
- Current BC NDP Government, when elected, recognized the need for change and to have more forest sector benefits into communities
 - Number of jobs created and held in communities
 - How communities can have more value from the forest
 - Benefits accrued back to communities
 - Initiatives to mitigate some of the impacts
 - Bring communities back into forest management

Interior Forest Revitalization (IFR):

- Focused on declining Allowable Annual Cut's
- Addressing what to do and the impact to communities
- Utilize fiber more effectively to create and keep more jobs in communities:
 - e.g. utilize waste
 - What policy changes can be made to help enhance opportunities for businesses to survive and thrive
- Discussion Papers in draft form to be released soon for review in regard to:
 - Fiber sustainability/utilization
 - Adding value in the processing chain
 - Investigate alternative manufacturing
 - Fire Risks for communities
 - Climate change and forest carbon
 - How to deal with forest carbon and greenhouse gas emissions
 - Reduce risk and being thoughtful about carbon utilization and sequestration
 - Forest tenure and fiber supply
 - tenure opportunities
 - eg. Bill 22 –FLNRORD – legislation reform to allow public interest from communities to be expressed in changes such as transfer of tenures/proposed consolidations
- Wood product innovation and bio-economy
- Timber pricing/Softwood Lumber Agreement (dispute):
 - Continue to maintain market pricing through BC Timber sales
 - Moving forward
 - Keeping markets open
- Resilience of communities

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Eamon O'Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations North Area and Geoff Recknell, Regional Executive Director, Skeena Update re: Interior Forest Revitalization, FRPA (Forest and Range Practices Act) renewal and Community/Forestry Resilience (Cont'd)

- o Proposed engagement process:
 1. Timber Supply Analysis Coalitions:
 - a. Intended to be locally lead
 - b. Local government, First Nations, Industry stakeholders
 - c. Province intends to run approximately three at a time – “think tank” of what is occurring
 - d. FLNRORD not directly involved and will be coalition led
 - e. Outcomes to be brought to the Deputy Minister for consideration and discussion
 2. Engagement Sessions
 - a. Lead by local FLNRORD staff and District Office staff
 - b. Planning sessions in each district along Highway 16 including Terrace, Smithers and Burns Lake, Fort St. James and other locations
 - c. Opportunity to have presentations, ask questions and conduct break out groups to discuss the Discussion Papers
 - d. Initial engagement session to be completed end of summer 2019.

Director Thiessen mentioned the letter that Premier Horgan spoke of at the COFI Convention April 3-5, 2019 in Vancouver, B.C. that was provided to industry in regard to the engagement process. He noted the importance of communities being provided similar information and communication. Director Thiessen spoke of the uncertainty for potential investors and establishing security in communities to ensure investment opportunities. Mr. O'Donoghue spoke to the letter and noted that the engagement process is to provide an opportunity for communities to have input into the discussion papers that will be released in the near future and will be an opportunity to influence the forest sector going forward. The engagement process will be intensive over the next few months and is a very ambitious timeline with potential recommendations in approximately a year. Director Thiessen requested a copy of the letter that was provided to industry in regard to the engagement process.

Director Funk questioned when the engagement session dates will be released in order to ensure that communities have an opportunity to provide input. Mr. Recknell mentioned that they are sensitive to the summer months and scheduling and will provide the information as soon as it has been confirmed. He also commented that there will be opportunities to provide input and comments beyond the scheduled engagement sessions as well. Mr. Recknell noted they will be sending invitations to stakeholders. Mr. Newell spoke of the importance of including rural representation.

Discussion took place in regard to the importance of providing information to communities that is understandable.

Mr. O'Donoghue defined the issue:

- Mountain Pine Beetle and fire impacts have led to the current state of the forests
- Government wants to mitigate the depth of the implications to communities
 - o Investigating from a policy/legislative point of view as to what can be done to mitigate the impacts
 - o Investigate ways to better utilize fiber left on the land base
 - o Investigating other area successes
 - o Researching various options.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

Director Newell spoke of fiber utilization along pipeline routes and access areas. Mr. O'Donoghue noted at the time the permits were written consideration was given to salvaging more than what was economically viable. He commented that he will review the conditions that the companies agreed to in regard to the pipeline route and access permit language and provide further information to the Regional Board at its June 20, 2019 meeting.

Forests and Range Practices Act (FRPA) Renewal

- Linked to the Interior Forest Revitalization (IFR) process and being completed parallel to the IFR process
- Reviewing how well FRPA has worked since its implementation in 2004:
 - What can be done to improve FRPA
 - Provide District Manager with more authority
 - Overall good model
 - Possibility of landscape level planning process:
 - "Go to" document to approve forest activity on the land base
 - Stream line the process
 - More information available immediately
- Public engagement May 27, 2019 to mid-July 2019:
 - Ongoing broader conversation throughout the process
 - Expect legislation to potentially come into effect spring of 2021
 - Website access to:
 - Engagement Discussion Paper
 - Provide direct feedback
 - Can potentially have a member of the FLNRORD team conducting the renewal process to present to the Regional Board if required
 - Consideration for more spatial information when plans are approved
 - proposed workshop at UBCM was declined

Community/Forestry Resilience

- Wildfire in relation to communities
- Timber Supply
 - Lakes Timber Supply Review (TSR)
 - Challenging
- How to build more resilience into the forest management land base and how to manage in order to have more resiliency built into the forest management land base
- Some areas have become dysfunctional due to Mountain Pine Beetle and/or wildfire
- Timber Sustainability, wildlife and biodiversity sustainability or a community safety perspective - some areas needed to be managed through a more dynamic system that created a more diverse system and could be more resilient to beetle epidemic and or wildfire
- Investigating a pilot project in the Lakes District Area:
 - Suggested at the Wildfire Resilience Conference in Burns Lake in April 2019
 - Created momentum to move forward with initiative
 - Same geographic area as the LRMP (Land and Resource Management Plan):
 - Include area based tenures
 - Community Forest Licences
 - Woodlot licences
 - Planning on public land not private land
 - Mindful of parallel processes occurring

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

- Community planning in regard to wildfire mitigation and protection plans
 - TSR – separate process but will provide input
 - FRPA and IFR processes
 - Other considerations
 - Engagement with a broad cross section of stakeholders
- Process/Next Steps
 - Distinction– most communities familiar with LRMP process and the LRMP still exists
 - Different objective at the time the LRMP was developed:
 - Having right balance between economic, park interests and other community values that were managed in the matrix
 - The pilot project will investigate more of a landscape plan but will consider some objectives eg. Visual Quality Objectives (VQO), etc.
 - Will have some linkages to regulatory changes and the FRPA renewal process
 - Summer/early fall 2019
 - Scoping exercise
 - Early discussions with community leaders/stakeholders
 - Recommendations in regard to timelines, process design
 - Initiate process in fall/winter 2019
 - Full open public process will follow
 - FLNRORD will provide follow up report as move forward through process

Discussion took place in regard to:

- Forestry issues relating to the RDBN:
 - RDBN elected officials have an interest in the economics and sustainability of the area
 - Province listens to local government – want to be considerate of implementing policies that are in sync with rural BC and local governments
 - May be links to Emergency Management
 - Opportunity for conversation in regard to BC Wildfire Service – more attention to planning and prevention similar to Regional Districts
 - Opportunity for conversation in regard to forestry landscape level plans and RDBN land use planning
- Community input in forest policy is important
- IFR (Interior Forest Revitalization)
 - more flexibility to allow companies to transfer cuts to other timber supply areas in terms of beetle epidemics - allow better utilization of forests
 - Bill 22 received Royal Assent last week of May 2019
 - Contribute to short term benefit to communities in regard to being in the mid-term currently
 - Spruce Beetle transfers – questions have been asked by a number of stakeholders –Chief Forester considers a number of factors in regard to potential transfers
 - Important that the fairness component is considered
 - Risk assessment and mitigation – fire/flooding etc.
 - Build measures into communities and local governments
 - FLNRORD will be reviewing through the Lakes District Area Pilot Project

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

- Midterm now - short term (next 20-40 years) considerations:
 - Incent better utilization of fiber
 - There will be challenges
 - Not enough trees for the milling capacity that exists
 - Attempt to mitigate impact as best can
 - FLNRORD Rural Development Department
 - Programs
 - Grant funding opportunities
 - Staff within FLNRORD go to communities impacted by mill closures to assist with the recovery process moving forward
 - Important to work together to develop solutions
- June 20, 2019 Regional Board Meeting – FLNRORD Delegation
 - Discussion topics:
 - Timber appurtenancy
 - Species at Risk
 - Forest Tenures
 - Salvage
 - Economics of the Forest industry
 - Peter Jacobsen, Executive Director, Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations Division, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- FRPA renewal
 - address fuel mitigation management within 2 kms municipal boundary zone
 - LRMP values /goals – challenges for public safety
 - can raise the concerns through the FRPA renewal feedback process
- Important for continued communications and opportunities to provide feedback and input
 - Mr. O'Donoghue expressed his willingness to provide further information and continue to present to the Regional Board on topics of concern
- Mill shutdowns and curtailments
 - Markets threatening the vitality and viability of communities
 - Challenging to attract investment
 - What impact can local governments have moving forward
 - Impacts to Houston with the closure of the West Fraser Sawmill closure in 2014 and the timber transfer
- July 1, 2019 stumpage increase
 - Supply and demand
 - Capacity and volume
 - Softwood Lumber Agreements
 - Past prices
- Discussion Paper provided to the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) by Ray Shultz that spoke to Jurisdictions and Jobs
- Short term reinvestments in mills being curtailed/cancelled
- Examples of forest innovation projects
- FLNRORD economic values and objectives being clearly defined
 - Auditor General's audit of FLNRORD in the region in regard to management of cumulative effects
 - FLNRORD developed a cumulative effects framework – currently has five values
 - Report with the Wet'suwet'en First Nation and Lake Babine Nation with approximately 25 values
 - Work in progress to improve
 - Environmental Stewardship Initiative with five Nations across the Skeena
 - Mr. O'Donoghue is willing to provide the reports

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT'D)

- Comparison of value of timber left standing and value of timber cut
 - Land use plans define values
- Importance of the Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)
 - Province benefits from timber transfers
 - Impacts to regions and communities from timber transfers
- Pipeline right of way clearing
 - Economically viable for pipeline companies or forest companies for fiber utilization
 - Mr. O'Donoghue will follow up with further information
 - Harvesting plans for pipeline right of ways
- Fire Bans
 - Fires started with cigarettes
 - BC Wildfire Services (BCWS) consideration and conditions to implement fire bans
 - Indicators for fuel loads being different today than those in the past and logging practices
 - Mr. O'Donoghue will follow up with Ian Meier, Acting Executive Director, BC Wildfire Service, Smithers, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- Mr. O'Donoghue will follow-up regarding:
 - Pipeline fiber utilization agreement
 - Economics of Industry – Peter Jacobsen, Executive Director, Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations Division, FLNRORD
 - BCWS – Fire Bans – Ian Meier, Acting Executive Director, BC Wildfire Service, Smithers, FLNRORD
 - Provide links to the FRPA and IFR discussion papers to RDBN staff
 - Copy of Premier Horgan's letter to industry referenced at the 2019 COFI Conference.

Chair Layton spoke of the Regional Board's topics of discussion concerning fiber utilization, access to residual fiber, harvesting activities, bioenergy, value added, etc. that can be brought forward through the IFR roundtable discussions. Chair Layton will follow up with Mr. O'Donoghue in regard to further discussion.

Chair Layton thanked Mr. O'Donoghue and Mr. Recknell for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Thiessen
 Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

F.C.2019-2-3

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:35 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brad Layton, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



August 26, 2019

Dear Respected Colleagues:

In April 2019 at the Northern Conference for Wildfire Resiliency in Burns Lake, Eamon O'Donoghue (Assistant Deputy Minister) and Ian Meier (Director, BC Wildfire Service) committed the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to a landscape-level planning pilot project for the Lakes District. The commitment reflects what the Province of BC heard at the conference – that a fundamental change in resource management is needed to support resilient landscapes and communities.

The first step is to engage with interested First Nations, industry and community representatives in the design of the planning process. The Province is committed to collaborating with your organization and others at every step of this process, including designing how we can best work together to create a landscape-level plan that addresses the needs of First Nations, local communities and industries.

The Province has created a project team and hired consultant Cathy Scott-May to support the design phase. Cathy will be contacting you to discuss your involvement and, if your organization is interested, to identify a date and time for an initial meeting.

Participants at the April conference strongly agreed that action is needed to reduce the risks from catastrophic wildfires. While the issues are complex, the Province is confident that this landscape-level planning process will build on the energy and momentum of the April conference and result in agreement on effective actions. We look forward to working with you in designing the landscape-level plan pilot project.

For further information please contact Andrea Scarth, Project Manager, by email at Andrea.Scarth@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250-876-8709.

Sincerely,

Ryan Holmes
Director of Regional Initiatives
Regional Operations Division – North Area

Tony Falcao
Deputy Fire Centre Manager
BC Wildfire Service – Skeena Zone

Wendy Wainwright

From: Wendy Wainwright
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Wendy Wainwright
Subject: FW: Lakes Landscape-Level Planning Pilot project – an introduction
Attachments: Lakes Landscape-Level Planning Pilot - Introductory Letter.pdf

From: Scarth, Andrea FLNR:EX <Andrea.Scarth@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 3:42 PM
To: 'gerrythiessen@rdbn.bc.ca' <gerrythiessen@rdbn.bc.ca>
Cc: Curtis Helgesen <curtis.helgesen@rdbn.bc.ca>; Clint Lambert <Clint.Lambert@rdbn.bc.ca>; Michael Riis-Christianson <michael.riischristianson@rdbn.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Lakes Landscape-Level Planning Pilot project – an introduction

Dear Mr. Thiessen,

Attached please find an invitation to collaborate with the Province of BC and other interested organizations in the design of a landscape-level planning process for the Lakes District.

In April 2019 at the Northern Conference for Wildfire Resiliency in Burns Lake, Eamon O'Donoghue (Assistant Deputy Minister) and Ian Meier (Director, BC Wildfire Service) committed the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to a landscape-level planning pilot project. The commitment reflects what the Province of BC heard at the conference – that a fundamental change in resource management is needed to support resilient landscapes and communities.

Scheduling an initial discussion with your organization

Cathy Scott-May, the consultant hired to support the design of the planning process, will be contacting your organization to discuss your interests and potential involvement. If your organization is interested, then Cathy hopes to schedule a meeting with the appropriate representatives of your organization, ideally during the week of September 30 to October 4th.

Introducing consultant Cathy Scott-May

Cathy has been a consultant for 25+ years and has extensive experience in land use planning and negotiations involving governments, First Nations and industry. She was the project manager for both the Northeast and North Area Cumulative Effects Programs and has recently worked with Tsilhqot'in communities to define an Indigenous framework for cumulative effects and land use planning. She is currently working with the Tsay Keh Dene Nation, governments and industry to scope out pilot projects that will support decision-makers to better incorporate climate change information into decision-making.

If you would like to contact Cathy, then she can be reached at cathy.scott-may@outlook.com or 250.354.3759.

On behalf of the project team, I look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,
 Andrea

Andrea Scarth
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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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Wendy Wainwright

From: Wendy Wainwright
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:07 AM
To: Wendy Wainwright
Subject: FW: Discussions about Lakes Landscape-Level Plan Pilot Project

From: Cathy Scott-May
Sent: August 27, 2019 3:48 PM

Questions:

1. As per the email from Andrea Scarth, which was sent on August 26th, is Council interested in meeting to discuss the design of the Lakes Landscape-Level Plan Pilot Project?
 - a. If yes, should we try to organize one local government meeting – with representatives from the Village and Regional District – or two meetings?
 - b. The meetings are being scheduled for the week of Sept 30-Oct 4th. If Council would like to meet first – before any other discussions are held, then I could meet Sunday evening, October 3rd at a time and location of their choosing or we can select a different time. Below please find the topics we hope to discuss.
2. Who should be my main contact in organizing a meeting and any follow-up communication?
3. This phase – to design the planning process – is a focused effort that will develop a Terms of Reference by November. Therefore, community engagement at this stage is targeting representatives of key groups. There won't be any public meetings as we aren't doing the planning, rather we are designing the process. If Council is interested, I could share the list of organizations/people I will be contacting in case they might propose additional groups/people.
4. If there are any background documents that Council would like me to review before we meet, then please forward them to me. The Province has provided me with a number of documents, but if there is new information, then I would welcome the opportunity to review it.

To create a draft Terms of Reference for the Lakes Landscape-Level Plan Pilot Project by November 2019, we hope to discuss the following:

- a. **The scope for the plan:** What are the key questions that can and need to be explored through the Lakes Landscape-Level Plan Pilot Project?
 - i. What questions can we likely answer with reasonable confidence during development of the plan, which will form the foundation for the plan and best practices?
 - ii. What questions will have to be explored during implementation of the plan, which will form the basis for research, monitoring and innovative trials?
 - iii. What will remain uncertain and how can the plan support resilient ecosystems and communities in the face of uncertainty?
- b. **An appropriate niche:** As some of the questions and concerns will need to be addressed through other initiatives, how will the pilot landscape-level plan need to be undertaken so it is part of a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the issues? There are a lot of other initiatives going on.
- c. **The planning process:** What does the Province need to understand to design a planning process that will effectively support the interests and needs of residents, including:

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- i. Timelines: balancing the time required for an inclusive process with the need to take action to address risks?
- ii. Geography: the general planning area is the former Lakes District, but do we need to look at sub-units within that area?
- iii. Structures: are there existing organizations/ forums that could be used to support plan development and implementation? Do we need to create one or more structures?
- iv. Principles, processes, protocols for engagement, incorporation of both scientific and Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and decision-making. Can we build on existing agreements that have worked well? What have been the lessons learned that need to be reflected in a Terms of Reference for the Lakes Landscape-Level Plan?
- d. **Next steps** for creating the Terms of Reference for the pilot project
- e. **Other topics of interest** of Local Government

Cathy Scott-May
Project Consultant
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Wendy Wainwright

From: Brad Layton <brad.layton@ptfr.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Wendy Wainwright
Subject: FW: follow-up June 20th RDBN meeting

Here was the response from Geoff earlier in July.

From: Recknell, Geoff FLNR:EX [mailto:Geoff.Recknell@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July-22-19 10:41 AM
To: Brad Layton; cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca; mayor@telkwa.ca
Cc: Martin, Bradley M FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: follow-up June 20th RDBN meeting

Hi Brad / Cheryl

Here is the follow-up on my "to dos" from the last meeting of the Forestry Committee. Let me know if there is anything else.

1. Provide information on permit requirements for fibre utilization on pipeline corridors
 The permit to clear the pipeline right-of-way is under the authority of the Oil and Gas Commission and is granted through an Occupant Licence to Cut (OLTC). The OLTC issued to Coastal GasLink does not require any fibre utilization standards and therefore is up to the licence holder to determine what they will do with the fibre cleared from the right-of-way. I would suggest contacting Coastal GasLink directly about their intentions.
2. BCWS – provide information on fire indices use to determine fire bans. Have they changed to reflect changing forest conditions? [is this a topic to bring BCWS to Council meeting to discuss?]
 Martin Bradley with the Northwest Fire Centre is available to discuss this issue with the Forestry Committee. Brad is copied on this e-mail and can also be reached at 250 847 6608
3. Presentation on forest economics / BCTS market pricing system at future Council meeting [Brad – I would appreciate a bit of an outline on what you are looking for so I can line this up to meet the interest].
 Brad to advise on outline for the topic and when the Forestry Committee may be interested in a presentation. Will need at least 1 month notice to arrange.
4. Status on bark beetle – presentation to Council at future meeting
 A presentation to the Forestry Committee can be arranged. Skeena beetle coordinator is Ken White. The Provincial Beetle Coordinator is John Pousette
5. Proposed FRPA changes, are there anticipated changes to range?

This Spring, Bill 21 was passed in the Legislature. It comes into force with the creations of Regulations that are projected to be completed February, 2020

Range Tenure Holders could either choose a Range Stewardship Plan or a Range Use Plan as their operational plan in FRPA. Bill 21 eliminated Range Stewardship Plans as an option for Range Tenure holders. No Range Stewardship Plans are active as ALL Range Tenure holders had chosen to use the Range Use Plan as their operational plan. Because of this, the Province in a parallel process had chosen to develop a digital Range Use Plan for staff and Range Tenure Holders.

Forest Stewardship Plans had the requirement to include measures for managing invasive plants and damaged natural range barriers. The limited effectiveness of these measures led to a decision to remove the measures as a Forest Stewardship Plan content requirement in Bill 21. We will be developing Practice requirements that will

be included in the Regulations that will bring Bill 21 into force.

Further information provided from the BC Cattlemen's Association newsletter may be of interest.

FRPA Legislative Review - Have your say! (from Cattlemen's Association Newsletter)

The Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) is currently undergoing a legislative review and government has signalled a willingness to take broad consideration of how we can better manage our crown resources in a contemporary context. This is a rare and important opportunity to influence the path forward for the management of timber and range resources in BC; one not to be missed.

BCCA's Land Stewardship Committee has been actively involved in this process and have drafted a series of comments for a formal submission from our association that has been approved by BCCA Board of Directors. We are also holding a face-to-face engagement session with ministry staff at the end of June.

Some of the key points we have brought forward include:

- The need to elevate the profile of forage within FRPA legislative framework to ensure a sustainable forage supply. Ensuring sustainable forage is an essential part of ecosystem resilience, sustainable resource management and provides support for rural economies because forage:
 - Provides AUMs for cattle
 - Ensures feed and habitat for wildlife and a variety of above and below ground organisms
 - Supports soil health, protection and productivity, which is the basis for the abundance of all renewable resources
- The need to plan and manage for a variety of values at both a landscape and site level, especially forage values.
- The need to include ranchers in landscape and site level planning.
- The need for a new mechanism to support planning and managing for multiple values on a changing landscape. To this effect, we encourage the expansion of District Manager's authority to intervene in cases of undue impact to other licenses and undue impact to other values.
- The important role that forage and grazing can play in climate change mitigation and adaptation – in particular the role it can play in wildfire prevention.
- The need to create new, clear policy direction that enable crown ALR lands to be managed primarily for the purpose of agriculture.

A copy of BCCA's messaging will be available on the BC Cattlemen's Association website at www.cattlemen.bc.ca by July 5th, 2019.

In addition to BCCA engagement, **we strongly encourage you as individual producers to engage in this process.** The perspectives and voices of individual producers are extremely valuable and help amplify our collective messaging.

To access the online engagement site, and to read the discussion paper, please visit: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/forestandrangepractices/>

If you have any questions about BCCA's involvement in this process, please contact Andrea Haywood-Farmer at ahaywoodfarmer@gmail.com

Regards,

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REGIONAL DISTRICT
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"A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION"

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June 29, 2015

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Attention: Reiko Tagami
Information & Resolutions Coordinator

Dear Ms. Tagami,

RE: 2015 Resolutions

The Regional Board, at its June 25, 2015 Board meeting, resolved to forward the attached resolution to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for consideration at its 2015 Annual Convention.

Would you please be so kind as to include the resolution on your agenda for consideration?

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Yours truly,

Wendy Wainwright
Executive Assistant

Encl. (5)

MUNICIPALITIES:

SMITHERS FORT ST. JAMES
VANDERHOOF FRASER LAKE
HOUSTON TELKWA
BURNS LAKE GRANISLE

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A Call for follow-through on the Government of Canada's \$800 million commitment to Mountain Pine Beetle impacted communities.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

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AND WHEREAS that commitment is outstanding;

AND WHEREAS the wellbeing of the region and its communities is of significant importance to Canada's economic health, particularly in regard to trade in forest products with the United States, Europe and Asia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Union of BC Municipalities immediately and publicly call on the Government of Canada to fulfill its commitment to invest \$800 million in targeted mitigation programs in the region during the next eight years; and urge that such investments occur in consultation with the Province, First Nations and local governments.

Attachments:

1. June 2015 Board Report: *Community impacts of the Mountain Pine Beetle in central BC*
2. Government of BC FACTSHEET dated October 2013
3. Omineca Beetle Action Coalition Letter dated June 29, 2015



June 29, 2015

Reiko Tagami
 Information & Resolutions Coordinator
 Union of British Columbia Municipalities
 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way
 Richmond BC V6X 2W9
 Sent via email rtagami@ubcm.ca

Re: A Call for follow-through on the Government of Canada's \$800 million commitment to Mountain Pine Beetle impacted communities

The Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) is pleased to support the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's Resolution, *A Call for follow-through on the Government of Canada's \$800 million commitment to Mountain Pine Beetle impacted communities.*

The OBAC represents local governments in the region between Valemount and Smithers, and is led by a Board of the region's Mayors and Regional District Chairs. The members of the Coalition are:

The Village of Burns Lake	The City of Prince George
The District of Fort St. James	The Town of Smithers
The Village of Fraser Lake	The Village of Telkwa
The Village of Granisle	The Village of Valemount
The District of Houston	The District of Vanderhoof
The District of Mackenzie	The Regional District of Bulkley - Nechako
The Village of McBride	The Regional District of Fraser - Fort George

It is recognized that although the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic has nearly run its course in the forest, the impacts are just beginning in our communities and will continue for decades. The reduction of the Annual Allowable Cut and the resulting closure of mills were expected. The creation of the Beetle Action Coalitions was a bold and innovative experiment in inter-governmental relationship building and action. The Coalitions were formed to ensure that their communities were fully engaged in the development and implementation of the mountain pine beetle strategies to mitigate the effects and maintain community health at all levels.

The Coalition is actively participating in the Province's Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan. We have a unified goal to "sustain long-term community, economic and environmental well-being while dealing with the short-term consequences of the epidemic". The region's local governments have worked together, with the Province and local stakeholders to produce a Blueprint for Action. Consisting of a set of capstone objectives and nine regional strategies, the blueprint describes what must be done to maintain and improve the region's community and economic strength in the face of changing circumstances. Working with senior governments, regional organizations and industries, we wish to see action on as many aspects of the strategies as is feasible.

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We agree with the Province's observation "that responding to this unprecedented situation is complex, dynamic and involves many competing interests. It will be necessary to conduct a continuing dialogue amongst stakeholders during implementation, and to update and add to these objectives and the supporting strategies when appropriate."

The Coalition supports calling on all the Federal Government to follow through on its commitment to the Mountain Pine Beetle impacted communities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Tower". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Sharon Tower
Executive Director
Omineca Beetle Action Coalition**



FACTSHEET

Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations

October 2013

Funding to limit Impacts of mountain pine beetle

- Since 2001, British Columbia has committed \$917 million to battle the beetle and mitigating future impacts.
- Government of Canada has committed \$340 million since 2002 and made a commitment for an additional \$800 million.

Provincial Funding Breakdown – \$917 million

- \$185 million for the Northern Development Initiative Trust to help northern economic diversification communities diversify their economies. To date this has been invested in 1,253 projects and has been leveraged with other funding to bring a total of \$1.15 billion in total funds over the past eight years.
 - Pine-beetle impacted communities also have access to an additional \$30 million account that to date has provided \$21 million to 179 projects – creating 5,586 new jobs.
- \$50 million for the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust to help communities create new opportunities for economic growth.
- Since 2005, spent \$269 million on Forests for Tomorrow for reforestation activities that will ensure long-term timber supply.
- \$121 million to mitigating the impacts of increased logging on roads:
 - \$90 million for rehabilitating highways.
 - \$21 million for maintaining and upgrading forest service roads.
 - \$10 million for rural municipalities to restore roads.
- \$25 million for Geoscience BC to explore central Interior mineral potential.
- \$58 million for research, fire mitigation and administrative funding.
- \$129 million for spread control and fertilizer plants since 2001.
- \$71 million for energy development and infrastructure in beetle communities.
- \$9 million to the three Beetle Action Coalitions for mountain pine beetle mitigation (March 2011).

Federal Funding Breakdown -- \$340 million

- \$200 million for a Mountain Pine Beetle Program (announced in 2007) with forestry and economic diversification components.
 - \$100 million for spread control, wildfire protection, and value recovery.
 - \$100 million for supporting economic growth and job creation, and transportation infrastructure improvements.
- \$100 million transferred from the federal government to the Province in 2005/06 for investment in a number of priority areas, including:
 - \$22.5 million to pine beetle spread control along the B.C.-Alberta border.
 - \$14.1 million to UBCM to protect communities from wildfires. Funding to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.
 - \$12.5 million to First Nations for community diversification and stability. Funding to the B.C. First Nations Forestry Council.
 - \$7.8 million to the Cariboo-Chilcotin, Omineca and Southern Interior regional Beetle Action Coalitions for community diversification.
 - \$5.5 to researching and developing new product uses for beetle-wood.
 - \$2.1 million to protect First Nations communities from wildfires. Funding to the First

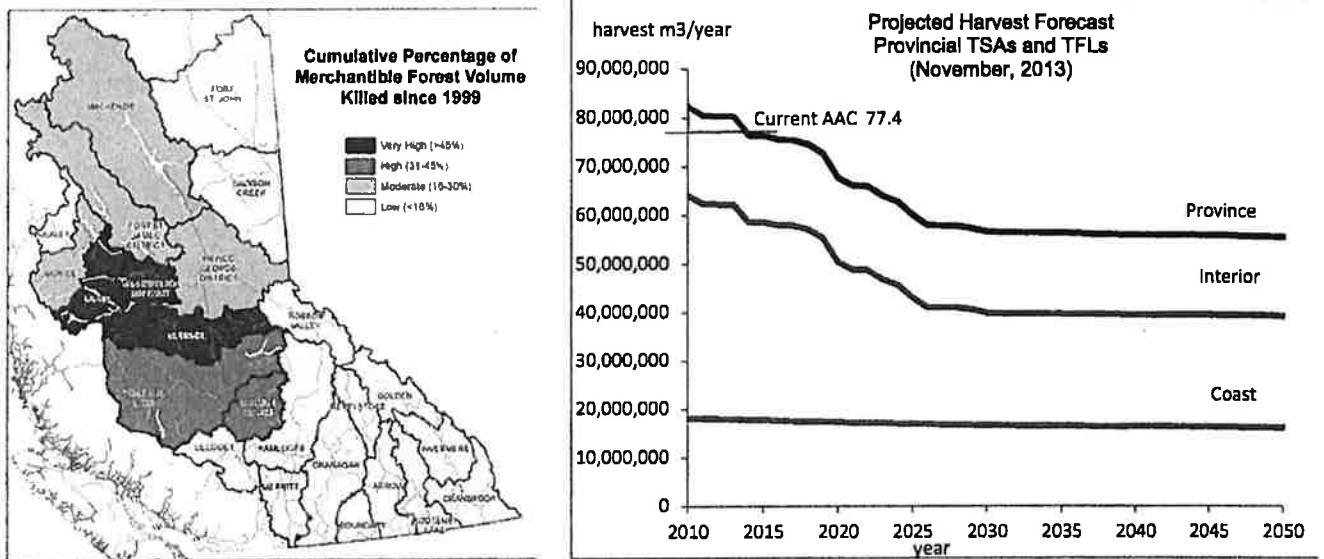
Nations Emergency Services Society.

- **\$40 million (2002) for research, remediation of federal and private forestlands.**

**Contact: Brennan Clarke
 Public Affairs Officer
 250 356-5261**

BRIEFING NOTE: Community impacts of the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic in central BC

much good timber is left to sustain an industry, and how much of the local economy depends on forestry. The Quesnel, Vanderhoof and Lakes areas were the first and hardest hit, and are already experiencing mill closures. The province forecasts a severe shortage of harvestable timber throughout the region will occur soon, and last for several decades.

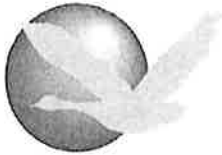


By 2006 the BC government had already forecast that “25% or more of the present income level in several communities will be lost”. As of 2010 the Central 1 Economic Analysis of BC projected the beetle kill would “...lead to a net loss of 11,250 direct forestry jobs and up to 9,500 indirect/induced jobs in the BC interior through to 2028.” These impacts are no longer a forecast – they have begun to happen.

OPPORTUNITY

The critical economic impact, and its cascading social consequences cannot be stopped entirely, but it can be mitigated. In about 2005 when the situation became apparent, local communities formed regional coalitions to take action. The coalitions developed collaborative plans and strategies to transform to more diverse regional economies and build more self reliant, healthy and resilient communities. The province and the federal government have contributed to the mitigation effort so far, but much more needs to be done.

As the epidemic in the forest itself subsides, the transition for communities is just getting underway. It is critical that we find ways to continue our regional collaboration, and to engage the resources of senior governments. Our colleagues in the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities can be important allies in this regard.



District of Vanderhoof

Incorporated 1926
Geographical Centre of BC

Date: 03 July 2015

Re: **UBCM Resolution for Mountain Pine Beetle**

The District of Vanderhoof passed the following resolution at the June 29, 2015 Special Meeting:

Moutray / Frenkel

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RESOLVED: that the Union of BC Municipalities immediately and publicly call on the Government of Canada to fulfill its commitment to invest \$800 million in targeted mitigation programs in the region during the next eight years; and urge that such investments occur in consultation with the Province, First Nations and local governments

CARRIED

Certified to be a true copy of the resolution
as passed by the District of Vanderhoof
Council on 29 June 2015

Gavin Ireland
Deputy Corporate Officer

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Draft Resolution RE: A Call for Follow-Through on the Government of Canada's \$800 Million Commitment to Mountain Pine Beetle Impacted Communities Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Strimbold

2015-8-50

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the draft resolution RE: A Call for Follow-through on the Government of Canada's \$800 Million Commitment to Mountain Pine Beetle Impacted Communities; and further, that the resolution be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN "Draft" Resolution to UBCM RE: BC Emergency Response Management System

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Brienens

2015-8-51

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the RDBN "Draft" Resolution to UBCM RE: BC Emergency Response Management System."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting with Lana Popham NDP Opposition Spokesperson for Agriculture and Food in Prince George June 26, 2015

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2015-8-52

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Director Petersen's attendance at a meeting with Lana Popham, NDP Opposition Spokesperson for Agriculture and Food in Prince George, June 26, 2015 regarding reforestation of agricultural lands."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Supplementary Agenda Items Deadline

Director Fisher asked if there was a deadline for supplementary agenda items. Staff noted that if an item is time sensitive and requires the Regional Board's review a supplementary agenda can be drafted just prior to the meeting start time. Chair Miller noted that staff work diligently to present information to the Regional Board in a timely manner.

Morice Timber Supply Review -Request for Comments

Chair Miller mentioned that he received information today that the Morice Timber Supply Review request for comments deadline is mid-July, 2015. Director Brienens noted that the District of Houston has provided a letter and he would forward it to the RDBN.

Direction
- Drafted by OBA
for submission to
UBCM

Draft Resolution to FCM (July 2015)

Category "A" – Municipal Resolutions

Sponsor: (Member in good standing)

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BYLAWS FOR FIRST & SECOND READING

APPLICATION FOR DENIAL

Rezoning File No. A-01-16
Phil's Boxes Ltd.
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Alternate Director Atrill

2016-11-14

"That OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application No. A-01-16 be denied."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phil Terraut, Phil's Boxes Ltd. spoke to his Rezoning Application No. A-01-16 and his request to include two additional houses in his application. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning provided a brief outline of the recommendation for denial.

Break for lunch at 12:21 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

DELEGATION

Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena-Bulkley Valley RE: Update

Chair Miller welcomed Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena-Bulkley Valley.

Mr. Cullen provided an update in regard to:

- A Rail Safety Bill that he is bringing forward in the fall of 2016 to the legislature;
 - o He spoke to the Federal Government removing itself from emergency response and downloading the responsibility to local government and fire departments that do not have the ability to pay or fund emergency response;
- New Regulation DOT – 111 Rail Cars (type of unpressurized tank car);
- Completed an Infrastructure Report:
 - o Some of the concerns provided by the communities:
 - Communication:
 - Internet/Cell Service;
 - Transportation;
 - Water and Sewer upgrades.
- Potential changes to the voting system;
- Potential changes to the electoral system and the size of the ridings;
 - o Mr. Cullen is one of a few people on the committee from rural Canada;
- Potential changes to the Environmental Assessment process for major projects.

Chair Miller spoke to concerns regarding the low value on resources such as waterways and wildlife when stakeholders and industry such as CN are developing emergency response plans and he spoke to the need for change.

Mr. Cullen indicated he is also working with Members of Parliament in the Prince George region in regard to further funding for the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC). He spoke of the \$1 Billion Mountain Pine Beetle monies that were promised and that only \$200,000 was distributed. He also noted the benefits of resource revenue sharing.

Mr. Cullen mentioned that the Liberal Government elected in 2015 is very different from the past Conservative Government and they are also a very new government. Mr. Cullen is working to bring attention to the region to the Liberal Government.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Infrastructure Grant Funding for Granisle Water System

Alt. Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle has also applied for infrastructure grant funding to replace its aging water infrastructure.

Village of Fraser Lake By-Election

Director Lindstrom mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake held a by-election for municipal Councillor on November 12, 2016 and Tyrel Ray was elected.

Chair Miller's Report

Chair Miller spoke to seeing the list of producers for the Granisle luncheon and noted the value of Beyond the Market and Connecting Consumers Projects in the region.

Omineca Beetle Action Coalition

- Annual General Meeting was held November 18, 2016;
- \$800 million funding shortfall from the Federal Government as promised in 2005 to Mountain Pine Beetle affected communities was discussed;
- Met with Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo Prince George and Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena Bulkley Valley to release a press release to the federal government to have those funds forwarded to communities.

Meeting with Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations Division, Prince George, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO)

- ADM Stagg has worked in small and large industry and is a Registered Professional Forester;
- The OBAC Members update is In-Camera - information will be provided once released to the public.

Northwest Resource Benefits Alliance

- CAO's are working diligently to schedule a meeting with Minister Fassbender, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development;
- He spoke of the need to ensure that the Regional District's concerns are met and in moving forward that a solid strategy is developed;
- Director Repen noted that the NWRBA was discussed with Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena Bulkley Valley and it was suggested to seek in writing from all Provincial Electoral Area Candidates their support for the NWRBA if elected.

Telkwa Diking Issue

- Chair Miller spoke with Eamon O'Donoghue, Regional Executive Director-Skeena, MFLNRO in regard to following up with Telkwa's diking issue.

Grand Opening Event of Hampton's Babine Sawmill

- While attending the grand opening event of Hampton's Babine Sawmill the first logs from Chinook Community Forest Ltd. went across the scales;
- The funds from those logs will remain in the community.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

Nathan Cullen, MP, Skeena-Bulkley Valley RE: Update

Director Repen stated that the Regional Board has sent a letter to the Federal Minister of Agriculture requesting that some of the Mountain Pine Beetle funds be utilized to fund and develop an agricultural resource facility in the region.

Director Fisher mentioned the need for further change to broaden the criteria for the distribution of the Federal Gas Tax Fund. Chair Miller noted that the Federal Gas Tax Funding model is a cost effective model wherein it allows for local government to make ground level decisions.

Director Benedict thanked Mr. Cullen for attending the meeting and encouraged Mr. Cullen to encourage provincial politicians to do the same.

Mr. Cullen noted the importance of providing local products to promote the region. He asked that the Regional District provide him with information in regard to the local producers in the region. Chair Miller provided Mr. Cullen with an RDBN Connecting Consumers Brochure.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Cullen for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural) – Village of Telkwa

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Repen

2016-11-15

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$25,000 of Electoral Area "A" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies for upgrades to the Village of Telkwa's Municipal Office Building; and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$25,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
Electoral Area "C" (Fort St.
James Rural) – Fort St. James
Ski Club

Moved by Director Greenaway
 Seconded by Director Petersen

2016-11-16

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing \$141,750 of Electoral Area "C" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Fort St. James Ski Club for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the Murray Ridge Ski Hill;

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the purchase and installation of approved signage for the project to a maximum of \$400 cost; and further,

3. That the RDBN Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$142,050 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Agriculture Committee – June 23, 2016 (Cont'd)

Recommendation 2:

Re: Letter RE: Funding for Regional Trials and Assessment of Crops and Agricultural Lands

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter requesting that the Federal Government contribute sufficient funds to undergo regional trials and assessment of crops and agricultural lands in the northern region of B.C. with funding from the \$800 million Mountain Pine Beetle monies; and further, that the letter be sent to the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture, Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley, Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo – Prince George."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual UBCM Convention
-September 26-30, 2016
-Victoria, B.C.

Moved by Director Benedict
 Seconded by Director MacDougall

2016-10-5

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize attendance of Rural Directors and the Chief Administrative Officer at the UBCM Convention from September 26-30 in Victoria, B.C. as amended to attend from September 25-30."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Union of B.C. Municipalities
Meeting Requests 2016

Moved by Director Greenaway
 Seconded by Director Parker

2016-10-6

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to submit the following 2016 UBCM Meeting requests:

- Minister of Health:
 - Fort St. James Primary Care Clinic and Hospital;
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure:
 - Colleymount Road;
- Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development:
 - Provincial Download:
 - Emergency Preparedness;
 - New Fire Services Act;
 - Dangerous goods transportation;
 - Dikes (communities within the RDBN that have been impacted by the responsibility and maintenance of dikes within their communities.)
- Network BC:
 - Internet and cell phone connectivity;
- Minister of Agriculture:
 - Tree planting agricultural land for carbon offsets;
 - Foreign ownership of agricultural land;
 - Support for Beyond the Market Program."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Moved by Director Bachrach
 Seconded by Director Repen

2016-10-7

"That Motion 2016-10-6 be amended as follows:

- remove discussion topic "
 - Minister of Agriculture:
 - Tree planting agricultural land for carbon offsets;
- add the following discussion topics:
 - Minister of Health:
 - Seniors Health Care;
 - Minister of Agriculture:
 - inform the Province regarding the RDBN's request that the Federal Government contribute sufficient funds utilizing the \$800 million Mountain Pine Beetle funding to undergo regional trials and assessment of crops and agricultural lands in the northern region of B.C"

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

"That the question be called on Motion 2016-10-6 as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2016 UBM Meetings
-Discussion Topics – Lead
Speaker

Moved by Director Bachrach
 Seconded by Director Repen

2016-10-8

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako approve the Chair and/or his delegate be the lead speaker for the 2016 UBCM Meetings."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell requested that the Northwest Regional Health Board be made aware of RDBN meetings with the Minister of Health.

Round Lake Community
Association – Request for
Grant in Aid – Electoral Area "A"
(Smithers Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Repen

2016-10-9

"That the Round Lake Community Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) to refinish the floor of the Round Lake Hall."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY