

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 11

Thursday, August 15, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

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

Directors Absent Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
Kim Watt-Senner, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Directors Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers
Craig Lepoidevin, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – left at 11:24 a.m.
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:43 a.m.
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator – left at 11:04 a.m.
Jordanna Evans, Economic Development Support Assistant– left at 11:04 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Shari Janzen, Economic Development Support Assistant – left at 11:04 a.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services - left at 11:04 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Protective Services
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:10 a.m.
Rebecca Rodriguez, Acting Manager of Emergency Services – left at 11:04 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Sam West, Planning Student – left at 11:41 a.m.

Others Samantha Charlton, Project Coordinator, Regional Adaptation and Program Manager, Farm Adaptation, BC Agriculture and Food Climate Action Initiative – left at 11:04 a.m.
Steve Forseth, Electoral Area D, (Commodore Heights-McLeese Lake), Cariboo Regional District
Travis Marttinen, Vanderhoof – left at 11:29 a.m.
Alan Taylor, Vanderhoof – left at 11:29 a.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Office to Alternate Director Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-11-1

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting of August 15, 2019 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-2

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
-July 18, 2019

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

2019-11-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2019 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

BC AGRICULTURE AND FOOD CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE – Samantha Charlton, Project Coordinator, Regional Adaptation and Program Manager, Farm Adaptation RE: Overview of the Completed Bulkley-Nechako and Fraser-Fort George Regional Adaptation

Chair Thiessen welcomed Samantha Charlton, Project Coordinator, Regional Adaptation and Program Manager, Farm Adaptation, BC Agriculture and Food Climate Action Initiative.

Ms. Charlton provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Bulkley-Nechako and Fraser-Fort George Regional Adaptation Strategies

Outline

- Introduction to the Climate Action Initiative (CAI)
 - o Timeline of key CAI Activities
- Regional Program
 - o Two adaptation programs
 - Regional Adaptation Program
 - Farm Adaptation Innovator Program
 - o Strategies
 - Completed
 - Underway
 - o Projects
- Engagement to date

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

BC AGRICULTURE AND FOOD CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE – Samantha Charlton, Project Coordinator, Regional Adaptation and Program Manager, Farm Adaptation RE: Overview of the Completed Bulkley-Nechako and Fraser-Fort George Regional Adaptation (Cont'd)

- Bulkley-Nechako and Fraser-Fort George Strategies
 - o Four Impact areas:
 1. Increasing wildfire risk
 2. Increasing variability and changing crop suitability
 3. Warmer and drier summer conditions
 4. Changing pest and beneficial insect plantations
 - o 12 Strategies and 26 Actions
- Implementation priorities
- Next Steps
 - o Continued Regional District Partnership Continuum
 - o Why collaboration is critical.

Discussion took place in regard to:

- Administration fees
- Funding and sourcing grants
- RDBN staff to work on funding sources.

Ms. Charlton noted that organizations administering funding are usually agriculture associations and grants/funding are project specific with an administration fee to oversee the project. Ms. Charlton also mentioned that the Bulkley-Nechako and Fraser-Fort George Agricultural Adaptation Projects: Discussion and Prioritization report provides a preliminary outline and is a discussion document for the working groups to have an outline of projects and the priority of the project.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Charlton for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Minor Update to Asset Disposal Policy

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Fisher

2019-11-4

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer's July 23, 2019 memo titled "Minor Update to Asset Disposal Policy."
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors amend the Tangible Capital Asset Accounting Policy as outlined in the Chief Financial Officer's July 23, 2019 staff report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Broadband Connectivity
Committee

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-11-5

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors establish the Broadband and Connectivity Committee with Director Riis-Christianson as Chair and Directors Greenaway, Newell, Lambert and Parker as members; and,
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors adopt the Terms of Reference for the Broadband and Connectivity Committee; and
3. That the first meeting be held August 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Applications

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Petersen

2019-11-6

1. "That the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce be given \$170.62 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for the Environmental Business of the Year Award.
2. That the Burns Lake Public Library be given \$1,415 grant in monies from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for the purchase of a sea container for additional storage.
3. That the Decker Lake Recreation Commission be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) for upgrades to the Decker Lake Hall.
4. That the Nechako Valley Community Services Society be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for the Gala Dinner.
5. That the College of New Caledonia be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) for the "Paint the Lake" Retreat."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

College of New Caledonia
"Roots of our Forest" Workshop
-Request for Letter of Support

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-7

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a letter to the College of New Caledonia in support of the "Roots of our Forest" workshop/speaker series."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Contract Award Decision
-Glacier Electric for Omineca
Ski Club Trail Lighting

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-11-8

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into and finalize contract negotiations with Glacier Electric for the Omineca Ski Club Trail Lighting Improvement project; and
2. That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to enter into that contract."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Village of Granisle Letter of
Support Request

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-11-9

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a Letter of Support to the Village of Granisle for their Waterfront Trail Planning Project application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional District of Kitimat-
Stikine Letter of Support
Request

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienens

2019-11-10

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a Letter of Support to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine for their Comprehensive Signage Strategy Project application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Burns Lake Mountain Bike
Association Letter of Support
Request

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-11-11

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a Partnership Letter of Support to the Burns Lake Mountain Bike Association for their Up-Track and Village Connector Project application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Village of Burns Lake
Letter of Support Request

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-11-12

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors provide a Letter of Support to the Village of Burns Lake for their Tourism Master Plan and Mobile Visitation Center Project application to the BC Rural Dividend Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Chinook Community Forest
2019 Dividend

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-11-13

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

1. receive the Chief Financial Officer’s July 23, 2019 memo titled “Chinook Community Forest 2019 Dividend;”
2. receive the \$12,680.23 dividend payment;
3. return \$5,000 to each of Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grant in Aid; and,
4. contribute \$2,680.23 to the Chinook Community Fund Society.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Signing Authorities for RDBN
Accounts

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-11-14

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s July 31, 2019 memo titled “Signing Authorities for RDBN Accounts.”

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors appoint Directors Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area “B” and Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake, Chair Gerry Thiessen and Vice Chair Mark Parker to be signing authorities for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako’s accounts at Bulkley Valley Credit Union (Burns lake); and that,

“The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors appoint the following staff members as additional signing authorities, Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer, John Illes, Chief Financial Officer, Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services and that past CAO Melany de Weerd be removed as a signing authority.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Broadband Study
-Completed by TANEx
Engineering

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-11-15

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator’s April 9, 2019 memo titled “RDBN Broadband Study – Completed by TANEx Engineering.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Administration Reports

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-11-16

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Administration Reports:
-Chief Financial Officer – Municipal Finance Authority – Loan Completion
- Chief Financial Officer – Income Statements for the First Half of 2019
-Protective Services Assistant – Monthly 9-1-1 Call Report – May 2019
-Protective Services Assistant – August 1, 2019 BC Drought Report
-Accounting Clerk – Electoral Area Allocations of Federal Gas Tax Funds to July 24, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell requested the Federal Gas Tax Funds distribution model be brought forward to the Rural Directors Committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

Fort Fraser Local Commission Recommendation – BC ONE Call Agreement

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director Lepoidevin

2019-11-17

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Deputy Director of Environmental Services’ August 2, 2019 memo titled “Fort Fraser Local Commission Recommendation – BC ONE Call Agreement.”
2. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize entering into an agreement with BC ONE Call for the Fort Fraser Utility Service Area.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Authorization to Proceed with Purchase of Capital Equipment -Two Tractors with a Frontend Loader

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-18

1. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Director of Environmental Services’ August 6, 2019 memo titled “Authorization to Proceed with Purchase of Capital Equipment – Two Tractors with a Frontend Loader.”
2. “That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to purchase the Two Tractors from Huber Farm Equipment for a total cost not to exceed \$120,000.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS (CONT'D)

Bylaw No. 1764 Amendment
-Camp Waste/user Fee
Schedule D

Moved by Director Playfair
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-19

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Bylaw No. 1879, 2019” as amended be given first, second and third reading this 15th day of August, 2019 and subsequently be submitted to the Ministry of Environment for approval.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Applications

ALR Application No. 1214
(Tschuor-Caviezel) Non-Farm
Use within the ALR
Electoral Area E

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-11-20

“That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1214 (Roy Northern Land Services Ltd.) be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval subject to the recommendations outlined in the July 30, 2019 Board Report for ALR Application No. 1214.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALR Application No. 1216
(Goebel/Tevely) Non-Adhering
Residential Use Electoral
Area A

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-11-21

1. “That the APC Meeting Minutes for ALR Application No. 1216 on the Supplemental Agenda be received, and;

2. That the Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Adhering Residential Use Application No. 1216 (Goebel) be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALR Application No. 1215
(Marttinen) Non-Farm
Use within the ALR
Electoral Area F

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-11-22

“That the Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1215 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Referrals

Land Referral No. 7410097
(Hoy) Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

2019-11-23

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7410097" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7410097."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral No. 7410092
(Buchanan) Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-11-24

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7410092" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7410092."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral No. 7405905
(Larworth Logging Ltd.)
Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director Lepoidevin

2019-11-25

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7405905" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7405905."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral No. 7409785
(One Hope Ministries Canada)
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-11-26

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409785" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land application 7409785."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Applications

Chair Thiessen called for comments from the gallery.

Development Variance
Permit No. C-02-19
Shelara Holdings Ltd.
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-11-27

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve Development Variance Permit C-02-19 for the property located at 2539 Highway 27 South developed in compliance with Schedule A of the permit, and that the permit be issued once Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) approval is received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION (All Directors)

Building Inspectors Report
-July 2019

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-11-28

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Buildings Inspectors Report for July 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen questioned the implications to owner builds and construction with the new Provincial requirements for owner/builders to complete and pass an exam prior to building. He questioned the number of people writing and passing the test. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning will research the information and provide it to the Board. Mr. Llewellyn noted that modular home construction has increased. Modular Home construction does not require an owner/builder to complete the Provincial examination process. Discussion took place regarding the impacts to the residential construction industry throughout the region.

VERBAL REPORTS

Federation of Canadian
Municipalities – Recognizes
the Village of Granisle for its
use of Federal Gas Tax Funds

Director McGuire announced that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recognized the Village of Granisle for its use of Federal Gas Tax Funds for its biomass project which heats the Village office, ice arena, elementary school, curling rink, fire hall, public works office and tourist information centre.

John Rustad, MLA Nechako
Lakes attended Village of
Granisle Council Meeting

Director McGuire mentioned that John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes attended a Village of Granisle Council meeting and indicated his willingness to attend Village of Granisle 2019 UBCM Convention Minister Meetings if requested.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Granisle Community Transit Bus Director McGuire noted that the Village of Granisle intends to speak with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure at the 2019 UBCM Convention regarding the funding model of its Community Transit Bus. The Village of Granisle's original funding was based on operating the service with volunteers but due to the increase of service levels, because of demand, the cost to operate the service has increased.

Better at Home Program -Village of Granisle Director McGuire spoke of the importance of the Better at Home Program in the Village of Granisle that allows seniors to remain in their homes and community. She noted the struggles the community has to ensure that seniors no longer able to stay at home have the ability to have higher levels of care provided within their communities.

RBA Meeting in Terrace -August 23, 2019 Director McGuire commented that Alternate Director Liversidge will be attending the RBA meeting in Terrace on August 23, 2019 on her behalf.

Interior Forest Renewal Engagement Meetings in Burns Lake and Houston Director McGuire mentioned that along with Chair Thiessen Directors Riis-Christianson and Funk, attended the Interior Forest Renewal Engagement Meeting in Burns Lake and was disappointed in the attendance and that a number of the audience left prior to the end of the meeting. Director Riis-Christianson noted that the meeting being held during the day may have impacted the number of attendees. Director Funk spoke of the need to move forward with raw log exports. She also voiced concerns in regard to the engagement process and lack of attendees.

Chair Thiessen referenced the letter from Premier John Horgan and the need to have stakeholders, industry, First Nations, and community representatives involved in the engagement process. He voiced concerns in regard to people leaving the meeting and lack of industry representation. He noted the need to relay concerns to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and Premier Horgan.

Director Newell attended the engagement session in Houston and noted that good ideas were brought forward and a number of rural residents spoke of the importance of FireSmarting rural population pockets.

Village of Telkwa Water Tower Project Director Layton reported that the Village of Telkwa's Water Tower Project is proceeding. He noted that the project completion will assist in encouraging development in the community.

Telkwa Coal - Environmental Assessment Certificate Director Layton noted that Telkwa Coal is awaiting its Environmental Assessment Certificate in September 2019.

Apollo Forest Products Ltd. -Fort St. James Director Playfair announced that Apollo Forest Products Ltd. in Fort St. James will begin a two week curtailment of operations August 16, 2019.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- 2018 Wildfire Land Reclamation Director Lambert mentioned that he spoke with a representative from BC Wildfire Service in regard to the 2018 Wildfire land reclamation applications and denials for lands on the Southside of Francois Lake. The applications are approved at the Provincial level and they encouraged people to continue to submit applications and seek approval.
- Rural Coordination Centre of B.C. Visits Director Lambert met with the Rural Coordination Centre of B.C. in regard to their Rural Site Visit project to hear directly from community members about health care delivered in B.C. They spoke of the cost of having long term care residents in the hospital utilizing acute care beds vs. in a long term care facility. It is \$1,500 per day in a long term care facility vs. \$5,000 per day in an acute care bed.
- Preparing information for the 2019 UBCM Convention
Re: Agriculture Director Parker mentioned that he has been preparing to take forward information in regard to Agriculture concerns in the region to the Minister of Agriculture at the 2019 UBCM Convention in Vancouver, September 23-27, 2019.
- Major Paving Projects
-Village of Burns Lake Director Funk spoke of the major paving projects being completed in the Village of Burns Lake and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructures paving Highway 16 through the community.
- Village of Burns Lake & District of Houston Meeting with John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes Director Funk commented that John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes will be meeting with the Village of Burns Lake on August 22, 2019 and extended the invitation to the Regional Board if they would like to attend.
- Director Brienien noted that the District of Houston is meeting with Mr. Rustad August 20, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. and also extended an invitation to the Regional Board to attend.
- Bulkley Valley Exhibition
-August 22-25, 2019 Director Fisher announced that the Bulkley Valley Exhibition will take place August 22-25, 2019 and extended an invitation to the Regional Board to attend.
- Farmer's Market Grant
-Better Recruitment Strategy Director Fisher mentioned that the Smithers Farmer's Market received grant funding to complete a recruitment strategy to recruit and support vendors through a direct marketing model.
- Letter to the Federal Government Re: Forest Dependent Communities Director Brienien mentioned that the District of Houston added their signature to the joint letter to the Federal Government regarding the impact to forest dependent communities with the recent downturn of the Forest Industry.
- Director Brienien spoke of the funding originally promised by the Federal Government to communities impacted by the Mountain Pine Beetle but the full amount was never allocated.
- He also spoke to developing a regional voice in regard to the Interior Forest Renewal Engagement process at an upcoming RDBN Forestry Committee Meeting.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Grand Opening Skateboard Park – Vanderhoof

Director Petersen and Chair Thiessen attended the Grand Opening of the Skateboard Park in Vanderhoof on August 7, 2019. Chair Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof now has the majority of its recreation facilities in one location: the Arena, Curling Rink, Tennis Courts, Football, Soccer, Ball and Track Fields, Pool, Soccer and Skateboard Park. He noted his appreciation for Director Petersen's involvement and support of the project.

Nechako Valley Exhibition August 16-18, 2019

Director Petersen extended an invitation to the Regional Board to attend the Nechako Valley Exhibition in Vanderhoof August 16-18, 2019 in Vanderhoof.

Town of Smithers New CAO Starts August 19, 2019

Alternate Director Atrill mentioned that the new CAO for the Town of Smithers will begin on August 19, 2019.

Big Bar Landslide – Rio Tinto Water Engagement Initiative -Nechako River

Chair Thiessen brought forward concerns regarding the Province providing an order to Rio Tinto to reduce flows to the Nechako River in response to the Big Bar Landslide. He spoke of the impacts to the water temperatures in the Nechako River and the lack of consultation with local governments and First Nations.

Director Parker thanked Chair Thiessen for his leadership and due diligence ensuring that there was a voice to bring forward concerns in regard to the impacts to the Nechako River.

Discussion took place in regard to meeting with the First Nations communities impacted by the Province's decisions in regard to the order to Rio Tinto for the Nechako River and Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-11-29

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Thompson-Nicola Regional District –Request that Chair be Signatory on ICI Recycling Letter to Minister Heyman

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-11-30

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Chair Thiessen to be a signatory to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District letter to the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; and further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako participate in a representative group to attend a single meeting with Minister Heyman at the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities Convention."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Administration Correspondence & Action List Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-11-31 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Administration Correspondence from BC Hydro – Prince George to Terrace Capacitor Project and the June 2019 Action List."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL

Operating Accounts -July, 2019 Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-32 "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the Operating Accounts – Paid July, 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION BYLAWS

Bylaws for Adoption

No. 1874 –Cluculz Lake Emergency Response Team (CLERT) Contribution Local Service Area Amendment Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-33 "That "Cluculz Lake Emergency Response Team (CLERT) Contribution Local Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1874, 2019" be adopted this 15th day of August, 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 1875 –RDBN Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) Economic Development Service Area Establishment Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brien

2019-11-34 "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) Economic Development Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1875, 2019" be adopted this 15th day of August, 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Smithers Christian Reformed Church – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Alternate Director Atrill

2019-11-35

“That the Smithers Christian Reformed Church be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) towards the purchase of a dishwasher.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakes District Fair Association – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) & “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-11-36

“That the Lakes District Fair Association be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas “B” (Burns Lake Rural) and “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with insurance costs.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invitation to the 6th Annual Resource Breakfast Series -September 2019 hosted During the 2019 UBCM Convention Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-37

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the following attendance at the 6th Annual Resource Breakfast Series:

- Directors Greenaway and Newell at the Mining Sector Breakfast Tuesday, September 24, 2019
- Director Parker at the Energy Sector Breakfast, Thursday, September 26, 2019
- Directors Layton and Lambert at the Forestry Sector Breakfast Friday, September 27, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 1st and 2nd Reading

Bylaw No. 1880, 2019
Rezoning File A-02-19
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-38

1. "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1880, 2019" be given first and second reading this 15th day of August, 2019 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing."

2. That the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1880, 2019" be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area "A".

(Electoral Area Planning/All Directors/Majority)

3. That the \$700.00 application fee and signage deposit for Rezoning Application A-02-19 be waived."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Parker

2019-11-39

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter to the Director and Comptroller of Water Rights, Water Management Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding the need for the Province to increase participation in Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative and in support of the District of Vanderhoof's letter; and further, that the letter be cc'd to the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Eamon O'Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, FLNRORD, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Skin Tyee First Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Band, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation, Stellat'en First Nation and Saik'uz First Nation."

(All/Directors/Majority)

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Chair Thiessen spoke of the importance of having Provincial decision makers involved in Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative.

Discussion took place regarding local government and First Nations engagement. Past RDBN C2C Forums were discussed and staff will provide information to Director Funk.

Cell Phone Signage for the Southside of Francois Lake

Director Lambert spoke of funding received by the Chinook Emergency Response Society to install cell phone signs to indicate there is cell coverage on the Southside of Francois Lake. During the 2018 Wildfires there was a need to identify areas where there is cell service. He brought forward concerns regarding the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructures lack of approval to install the signage.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Cell Phone Signage for the
Southside of Francois Lake

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-11-40

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the Chinook Emergency Response Society to install its cell phone signage along Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right of way on the Southside of Francois Lake.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

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IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-11-41

“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)(k), negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public (recycling), 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 Brien
Seconded by Director Newell

2019-11-42

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:27 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant