

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee of the Whole)

Thursday, November 7, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Brad Layton

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair – via teleconference
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Absent Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Rob Newell, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

Alternate Director Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator – arrived at 1:06 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News – arrived at 1:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Layton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Watt-Senner
Seconded by Director Brien

F.C.2019-4-1

“That the Forestry Committee Meeting Agenda of November 7, 2019 be adopted as amended to include under New Business – Decommissioned Roads.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Forestry Committee Meeting
Minutes – September 5, 2019

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Greenaway

F.C.2019-4-2

“That the Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2019 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Lakes TSA Pilot Project

Discussion took place in regard to:

- Concerns and challenges regarding the direction of the project
 - o Project is repeating the past model
 - o FLNRORD indicating need for redundancies
 - o Important to have a dynamic model for the Lakes TSA that can be adjusted if required
- Essential for local governments to have meaningful input in the process
- Imperative to review the Lakes TSA Pilot Project paper
- The Province is the steward of the forests
- Submission to the Interior Forest Sector Renewal Engagement – October 7, 2019–
Submitted by: Ray Schultz, Chris Ortner, and Randy Sunderman
- Lakes TSA Working group has also raised concerns
 - o To be the lead in raising their specific concerns
 - o RDBN provide support
- Options for communities/local governments/Community Forests to acquire Forest Licences from licencees to ensure licences do not leave communities
- Bill 22 – 2019: *Forest Amendment Act, 2019*
- Developing a regional policy taking into consideration community individuality
 - o Timber rights
 - o Appurtenancy
- Peak annual cut numbers – actual numbers harvested
 - o Necessary to have the actual numbers
- Developing shelf ready projects – forestry economic development plan
- Ramifications of the Lakes TSA Pilot Project across the Province
- Value added timber opportunities
- Volume and area based licences
- Interior Forest Revitalization process.

Invite Lakes Landscape
Level Planning Pilot Project
Representatives to a Future
RDBN Meeting

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

F.C.2019-4-3

“That the Forestry Committee recommend that the Board invite Lakes Landscape Level Planning Pilot Project Representatives to a future RDBN Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Fire Salvage

Discussion took place regarding:

- Salvaging timber damaged by the 2018 wildfires
- Inviting Fire Rehabilitation Officers for Nadina, Skeena Stikine and Stuart Nechako Natural Resource Districts, and Eamon O’Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
 - o To ask:
 - What is being salvaged?
 - What is not being salvaged?
 - Why it’s not being salvaged?
 - How many permits have been issued?
 - What is the delay in some areas?
 - What is the appropriate level of salvage to ensure forest health?
 - o Advocating for expedient salvaging of timber
- Appropriate levels of salvage.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONT'D)

Invite Fire Rehabilitation
Officers for Nadina, Skeena
Stikine and Stuart Nechako
Natural Resource Districts
And Eamon O'Donogue, Assistant
Deputy Minister, FLNRORD

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

F.C.2019-4-4

"That the Forestry Committee recommend that the Board invite the Fire Rehabilitation Officers for Nadina, Skeena Stikine and Stuart Nechako Natural Resource Districts and Eamon O'Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) to discuss 2018 wildfire timber salvaging."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Decommissioned Roads

Director Watt-Senner brought forward concerns in regard to the dangers of decommissioned Forest Service Roads to individuals recreating in the backcountry. Chair Layton outlined the process and policy for licencees in regard to temporary and permanent access forest service roads and the decommissioning of those roads. Discussion took place in regard to the social values to be considered in regard to roads in the backcountry.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

F.C.2019-4-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brad Layton, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant