

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 14**

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brien  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Brad Layton  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Bev Playfair  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Kim Watt-Senner

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – left at 10:49 a.m.  
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator – left at 11:34 a.m.  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 11:09 a.m., returned at 12:05 p.m.  
Sashka Macievich, Recovery Coordinator – arrived at 11:53 a.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Christa Kilbourne, PMP, Project Engineer, Pipeline Implementation West, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy – left at 11:11 a.m.  
Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Coastal GasLink Project, TC Energy – left at 11:11 a.m.  
Chad Moulatt, Cypress Land/TELUS – left at 11:10 a.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Curtis Helgesen, CAO called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

**ELECTIONS**

**Chairperson**

Mr. Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020.

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director McGuire

**2019-14-1**

“That Director Thiessen be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2020.”

Mr. Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

Mr. Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a third time.

## **ELECTIONS (CONT'D)**

There being no further nominations Mr. Helgesen declared Director Thiessen as Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020 by acclamation.

### **Vice – Chairperson**

Mr. Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020.

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Layton

### **2019-14-2**

“That Director Parker be nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2020.”

Mr. Helgesen called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a second time.

Mr. Helgesen called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations Mr. Helgesen declared Director Parker as Vice-Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020 by acclamation.

Chairperson Thiessen assumed the Chair.

### **RDBN Electoral Area ‘G’ (Houston Rural) Director Rob Newell Passed Away**

Chair Thiessen recognized the passing of Director Rob Newell and spoke of his passion for Electoral Area ‘G’ (Houston Rural), his family and friends. He mentioned Director Newell’s dedication advocating for broadband initiatives in the region and his contribution to the region. Chair Thiessen asked for a moment of silence in honour of Director Newell. Director Newell will be sadly missed.

### **Break at 10:45 a.m.**

### **Reconvened 10:49 a.m.**

### **AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Layton

### **2019-14-3**

“That the agenda of the Board meeting of November 21, 2019 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

### **Board Meeting Minutes -October 24, 2019**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Layton

### **2019-14-4**

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2019 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES (CONT'D)**

### **Committee Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-14-5

"That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes  
-October 24, 2019
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
- November 7, 2019 (Unapproved)
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
- October 10, 2019
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes  
-November 7, 2019 (Unapproved)
- Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes  
-September 5, 2019
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes  
-November 7, 2019 (Unapproved)
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes  
- October 10, 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)**

### **Rezoning Application**

Rezoning File No. A-03-19  
(Barrie) -Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2019-14-6

"That OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application A-03-19 (Barrie) be denied."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Temporary Use Permit Applications**

Temporary Use Permit A-03-19 Chair Thiessen called for comments from the gallery.  
(Jones) – Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

2019-14-7

1. "That the Board receive the Supplementary Agenda e-mail submission from Eric Person and e-mail submission from Sharon and George Schultze - Temporary Use Permit A-03-19.
2. That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit A-03-19 for property located at 4777 Tyhee Lake Road."

(Participants/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Temporary Use Permit Applications (Cont'd)**

Temporary Use Permit F-02-19 Chair Thiessen called for comments from the gallery.  
(CGL Stockpile Site 10A)  
– Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

2019-14-8

1. “That the Board receive the Supplementary Agenda item - Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - Temporary Use Permit F-02-19.
2. That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit F-02-19 for the proposed Stockpile Site 10A located on the property legally described as “Section 35, Township 18, Range 5, Coast District”, and “Part of Primary: Section 26, Township 18, Range 5, Coast District.”

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Temporary Use Permit F-03-19 Chair Thiessen called for comments from the gallery.  
(CGL Laydown Site 26)  
– Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-14-9

1. “That the Board receive the Supplementary Agenda item - Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - Temporary Use Permit F-03-19.
2. “That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit F-03-19 for the proposed “Laydown Site # 26” located on the property legally described as “Part of Primary: Section 26, Township 18, Range 5, Coast District.”

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

#### **Referrals**

Land Referral No. 7410110  
(Hopkins) - Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-14-10

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Land File No. 7410110 be provided to the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Telus Wireless Communication  
Facility BC1777 (Perow)  
-Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-14-11

“That the Board direct staff to send a letter stating that the RDBN has no objection to the proposed communication tower location.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CONT'D)**

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

Telus Wireless Communication Facility BC104157 (Quick East Road) -Electoral Area "A" Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2019-14-12

"That the Board direct staff to send a letter stating that the RDBN has no objection to the proposed communication tower location, and that the applicant be advised to submit a Notice of Intent to the ALC to place fill on ALR lands; and further that staff include the following comment: that the applicant consider advertising in the municipal newspaper closest to the location wherein the application is located."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Committee Meeting Recommendation - October 24 & November 7, 2019 Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-14-13

"That the Board approve October 24 and November 7, 2019 Committee Meeting Recommendations 1 through 15 as written:

### **Broadband Committee Meeting – October 24, 2019**

#### **Recommendation 1:**

**Re: British Columbia Cattlemen's Association – Request to Improve High-Speed Internet in Rural Communities**

"That the Board provide a thank you letter to the British Columbia Cattlemen's Association encouraging them to forward the letter to the Provincial and Federal Government in regard to the Request to Improve High-Speed Internet in Rural Communities; and further, that the Board reference the letter in its UBCM 2019 letters to the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Citizens' Services."

### **Forestry Committee Meeting– November 7, 2019**

#### **Recommendation 2:**

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

"That the Board invite Lakes Landscape Level Planning Pilot Project Representatives to a future RDBN Meeting."

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

### **Forestry Committee Meeting– November 7, 2019 (Cont'd)**

#### **Recommendation 3:**

**Re: Invite Fire Rehabilitation Officers for Nadina, Skeena Stikine and Stuart Nechako Natural Resource Districts and Eamon O'Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, FLNRORD**

“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.”

### **Rural Directors Committee Meeting– November 7, 2019**

#### **Recommendation 4:**

**Re: Fort St. James Sled Dog Association – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C”**

“That the Fort St. James Sled Dog Association be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the 2020 Caledonia Classic Sled Dog Races.”

#### **Recommendation 5:**

**Re: Fort St. James Secondary Sr Boys Soccer Team – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “C”**

“That the Fort St. James Secondary Sr Boys Soccer Team be given \$750 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the Provincial Championships in Burnaby, B.C.”

#### **Recommendation 6:**

**Re: Grant in Aid – Fraser Lake Business Expo Draw Prize – Electoral Area “D”**

“That the draw prize in the amount of \$223.99 for the Fraser Lake Business Expo be paid out of Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) grant in aid monies.”

#### **Recommendation 7:**

**Re: Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Studies 11 Class – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “D”**

“That the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School Studies 11 Class be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with a Parliamentary Tour.”

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

**Rural Directors Committee Meeting– November 7, 2019  
(Cont'd)**

**Recommendation 8:**

**Re: Connexus Community Resources – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “F”**

“That Connexus Community Resources be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with the Seniors’ Christmas Dinner.”

**Recommendation 9:**

**Re: Nechako Valley Rodeo Association – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “F”**

“That the Nechako Valley Rodeo Association be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo.”

**Recommendation 10:**

**Re: A Rocha Canada – Northern BC Project – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “G”**

“That A Rocha Canada – Northern BC Project be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for the purchase of a portable generator and stereo microscope.”

**Recommendation 11:**

**Re: Electoral Area Directors’ Forum – February 5-7, 2020 – Richmond, B.C.**

“That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors wishing to attend the Electoral Area Directors’ Forum from February 5-7, 2020 in Richmond, B.C.”

**Recommendation 12:**

**Re: Street Lighting Services**

“That the Board include the Street Lighting Services in the 2020 Financial Plan.”

**Recommendation 13:**

**Re: Establishing an Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve**

“That the Board establish an Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve.”

**Recommendation 14:**

**Re: Funding for Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve**

“That the Board allocate \$100,000 region-wide Northern Capital and Planning Grant funding to the Agriculture Planning Grant Reserve for consideration of a RDBN Food Hub Feasibility Study and a Non-Timber Forest Product Study.”

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

**Rural Directors Committee Meeting– November 7, 2019  
(Cont'd)**

**Recommendation 15:**

**Re: Distribution of Northern Capital and Planning Grant**

“That the Board allocate the following from the Northern Capital & Planning Grant general fund:

-Administrative Building Retrofit	\$300,000
-Replacement of spare Bobcat	\$ 75,000
-Creation of new (additional) Septage Receiving Beds at Burns Lake Transfer Station and Knockholt Landfill	\$ 50,000
-Contribution to Environmental Services 2020 Capital Projects	\$102,752
-Agriculture Planning Capital Reserve	<u>\$100,000</u>
	\$627,752

And, that the Electoral Area allocation for Areas A through G be allocated as per the November 7, 2019 staff report and spreadsheet.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to

- Utilizing the funding contributed to Environmental Services 2020 Capital Projects for a forestry initiative project
- Developing an RDBN forestry vision, goal and/or policy
- Scheduling a Forestry Committee of the Whole Strategic Planning meeting in early 2020
  - o Agenda to include:
    - Value added
    - Community based management/fiber licenses
    - Transportation of resources
  - o Including outside agencies in a meeting with the RDBN after the completion of a strategic planning session
  - o Potential facilitation of the meeting.

Moved by Director Funk

Seconded by Director Brien

2019-14-14

“That the Board direct staff to schedule a Forestry Committee of the Whole Strategic Planning meeting in February, March or April 2020 on a scheduled meeting day.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Proposed UBCM Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training Fund Application Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-14-15

"That the Board supports the application to UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund's Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training for facilitation of two 1-day Indigenous Cultural Awareness Workshop sessions at Northern Emergency Support Services Training Conference in April 2020; and further, that the RDBN provide overall grant management; and further, that the Board authorizes Staff to enter into an agreement with UBCM for any grants received for the above purposes."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nechako Watershed Roundtable Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2019-14-16

"That the following grant in aid contributions be provided to the Nechako Watershed Roundtable:

- Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) - \$1,417
- Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) - \$1,700
- Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) - \$1,700
- Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) - \$1,700
- Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) - \$1,700."

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-14-17

"That Motion 2019-14-16 be amended as follows:  
- Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) - \$1,700."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

"That the question be called on Motion 2019-14-16 as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

First Nations Working Dinner -Electoral Area "E" Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-14-18

"That up to \$1,000 Electoral Area "E" grant in aid funding be provided for costs associated with a First Nations Working Dinner."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Electoral Areas' Parks and Trails Establishment Bylaw

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-14-19

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Areas' Parks and Trails Establishment Bylaw No. 1881, 2019" be adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

### **RDBN Emergency Program Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw**

Moved by Director Watt-Senner  
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-14-20

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Emergency Program Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1883, 2019” be adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Amendment to Chinook Shareholders' Agreement**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-14-21

“That the Board agree to amend the Shareholders' Agreement for the Chinook Limited Partnership and request that the Chair and Manager of Corporate Services sign the amendment.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Schedule of Board Meetings -2020**

Moved by Director Playfair  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-14-22

“That the Board ratify the 2020 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Meeting Schedule as presented.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Income Statements for the Third Quarter 2019**

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-14-23

“That the Board receive the Income Statements for the Third Quarter 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### **Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

Directors Parker, Atrill, Riis-Christianson, Petersen, Greenaway, Funk, McGuire, Watt-Senner and Chair Thiessen laid wreaths at their respective Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Director Parker noted that he also spoke at the ceremony in Fraser Lake. Director Atrill commented that the message provided at the Town of Smithers and Village of Telkwa ceremonies acknowledged the deep sacrifices of the past. Discussion took place in regard to the attendance of youth and senior involvement at the respective ceremonies and remembering the importance of “Lest we Forget”. Chair Thiessen mentioned that minor hockey and the air cadets are involved in the ceremonies in Vanderhoof.

Director Brienens spoke of the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Houston Secondary School and the outstanding respect shown by the youth at the ceremony. He also noted that District of Houston Councillor Tim Anderson laid a wreath on behalf of the District.

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

### Meetings with Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Nadina

Director Lambert attended meetings with Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Nadina in Burns Lake in regard to the Nadina wildfire recovery and the Lakes Timber Supply Area (TSA) Annual Allowable Cut (AAC). The new AAC for the Lakes TSA will be 970,000 cubic metres. Director Lambert noted that this is a workable amount. Director Funk mentioned that the AAC is 6% lower than previous harvest level.

Director Riis-Christianson spoke of the three partitions included in Diane Nicholls, Chief Forester's AAC announcement.

### Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) meeting with Skin Tyee Nation, Nee Tahí Buhn Band and Cheslatta Carrier Nation

Director Lambert mentioned that he has been working with Skin Tyee Nation, Nee Tahí Buhn Band and Cheslatta Carrier Nation to schedule a lunch meeting between himself and the First Nations Communities to discuss initiatives and potential working partnerships within Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural).

### Topley Fire Department Meeting

Director Riis-Christianson met with the Topley Volunteer Fire Department and credited both the Fire Department and RDBN Regional Fire Chief for their good work.

### Village of Telkwa Water System

Director Layton mentioned that the Village of Telkwa's new water system will begin operating over the next week.

### 2018 Wildfire Timber Salvage Meeting

Director Layton reported that he has been in contact with Fire Salvage Resource Technicians with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development in Smithers, Burns Lake and Vanderhoof to schedule a meeting with the RDBN in January 2020.

### Mass Emergency Notification System

Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle considered the RDBN's request for interest for the Mass Emergency Notification System at its Council Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services provided a brief overview of the potential funding options for the system based on municipal interest.

### Village of Granisle Water Tower

Director McGuire mentioned that the Village of Granisle Water Tower project will be commissioned December 2019.

### Smithers District Chamber of Commerce 2019 Community & Business Awards

Director Fisher attended the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce 2019 Community & Business Awards on November 20, 2019. He mentioned that it is a great event and very well organized. Director Fisher spoke of the broad recognition for individuals and businesses in the community and noted the considerable youth participation. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their work and commented that he is working to make changes to his contribution to the Environmental Business of the Year Award. Director Atrill also commented that the Community & Business Awards is a fabulous event and spoke of the amazing awards presented.

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

### Smithers Public Library -Repair Café

Director Fisher supported the Smithers Public Library Repair Café that brought a group of ten volunteers to the library where individuals could bring items to be repaired. He spoke of the success of the program bringing all levels of skillsets and backgrounds and a range of ages and individuals together. There is discussion to move forward with Phase 2 of the program.

### Tiny Homes Builder

Director Fisher met with an individual in Smithers that builds tiny homes to connect him with RDBN staff.

### District of Houston Boil Water Advisory

Director Brienien mentioned that the District of Houston had to issue a boil water advisory. He spoke of the new system and potential contributing factors for the boil water advisory. The District of Houston was able to remove the advisory within a week.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bark Beetle Summit in Prince George-November 13-14, 2019

Director Brienien and Chair Thiessen attended the Bark Beetle Summit in Prince George November 13-14, 2019. Director Brienien and Chair Thiessen participated in a Mayoral Panel discussion in regard to issues communities have encountered as a result of bark beetles and how communities addressed the issues in their communities. He mentioned that he brought forward the District of Houston's perspective that decisions made at a corporate level and in Victoria have a direct impact to communities and those impacts are not always considered. Director Brienien commented that there was great follow up questions and e-mails. He encouraged the Regional Board to attend in the future. The Forum is also open to the public.

Chair Thiessen mentioned that there was good engagement and cross section of people in attendance. The Summit provided an opportunity for different perspectives and provided an understanding to those in attendance of the impacts to communities.

### Thank You to the Regional Board

Director Brienien expressed his appreciation and thanked the Regional Board for their commitment and hard work.

### Stuart Lake Hospital Advisory Planning Committee

Director Petersen attended the Stuart Lake Hospital Advisory Planning Committee on November 12, 2019. They reviewed the Business Plan for a new hospital for submission to the Province in December 2019. He spoke of the potential timeline for the Province to review the plan and provide approvals for construction of a new hospital.

### Rio Tinto Water Engagement Meeting – November 20, 2019

Director Petersen mentioned that he attended the Rio Tinto Water Engagement Meeting on November 20, 2019. He commented that there has been a lack of progress after six meetings.

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

### Message as Acting Mayor -Town of Smithers

Director Atrill spoke of being the Town of Smithers Acting Mayor and commented on the respect and humanity at the Regional District table providing a good learning experience. She thanked the Regional Board.

Director Atrill thanked Chair Thiessen, Director Fisher and CAO Helgesen for attending the meeting held in Smithers in regard to recycling. She is also learning more about the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) and Northwest Regional Hospital District.

### Town of Smithers - Director of Finance

Director Atrill mentioned that the Town of Smithers has recently hired a Director of Finance and they will be joining the Town in the near future.

### Village of Fraser Lake – Santa Claus Parade and Craft Fair and Tea

Director Watt-Senner commented that the Fraser Lake Craft Fair and Tea are scheduled to take place November 30-December 1, 2019 and the Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for December 6, 2019.

### Small Business BC Award

Director Watt-Senner announced that AirRays, a drone service business from Fort Fraser has been nominated for the Premier's People's Choice Small Business BC Award. She encouraged the Regional Board to vote for the local business as the nomination and voting closes soon.

### College of New Caledonia Stakeholders Meetings

Chair Thiessen attended a stakeholders meeting with the new President of the College of New Caledonia, Dr. Dennis Johnson. He indicated that it was a good meeting and efforts will be refocused on post-secondary education.

### Lakes Timber Supply Annual Allowable Cut

Chair Thiessen mentioned that he received a call thanking the Regional District for its input in regard to the Lakes Timber Supply Annual Allowable Cut. Director Riis-Christianson will forward the e-mail that he received to CAO Helgesen.

### Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) – All Members Meeting

Chair Thiessen attended the RBA All Members Meeting in Terrace on November 15, 2019. He expressed his appreciation to Director Brienens for his commitment to the RBA. He noted the need to focus moving forward.

### Engagement Sessions

Chair Thiessen spoke of the numerous engagement initiatives that Regional Board members are asked to participate in and the need to prioritize them moving forward.

### Director Rob Newell

The Regional Board provided sentiments in regard to Director Newell being a true champion for the community and recognized his work on the Northwest Regional Hospital District as the Vice-Chair. He was passionate about connectivity for rural residents and the possibility of a future memorial was brought forward. Director Newell requested Director Brienens to pass along his love and respect for the Regional Board and past Chair Bill Miller. He also requested that his appreciation for the RDBN and NWRHD staff be expressed.

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

Chair Thiessen – Thank You Chair Thiessen thanked the Regional Board for the opportunity to be elected Chair of the RDBN for 2019 and 2020. He spoke of his commitment to the Regional District.

Receipt of Verbal Reports Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-14-24 “That the verbal reports of the various Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Administration Correspondence & Action Lists Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-14-25 “That the Board receives the following Administration Correspondence:  
-Ministry of Agriculture – 2019 UBCM Convention Meeting  
-Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – 2019 UBCM Convention Meeting  
-Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – NCLGA Resolutions  
-Nechako Valley Secondary School – Paper and Cardboard Recycling  
-Village of Burns Lake – Letter to BC Cattlemen’s Association – Request to Improve High-speed Internet in Rural Communities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the letter from Nechako Valley Secondary School in regard to Paper and Cardboard Recycling. The following was discussed:

- The need to work with youth in regard to recycling
- Providing a response letter
  - RDBN will bring forward the NVSS letter when meeting with the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment
- Will bring forward at an upcoming RDBN Waste Management Committee
- A letter written by a high school student in Smithers in regard to recycling issues.

Nechako Valley Secondary School – Paper and Cardboard Recycling Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-14-26 “That the Board write a letter to the Nechako Valley Secondary School providing notification that the Board intends to bring the letter forward at its meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on November 26, 2019 and to a future RDBN Waste Management Committee meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

Ministry of Forests, Lands,  
Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development  
– NCLGA Resolutions

Concerns were brought forward in regard to FLNRORD response to the NCLGA in regard to R13 Stay and Defend Policy and R14 Permitting Entry into an Evacuation Order Area. The Board is waiting for a response from the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General in regard to discussion at UBCM 2019.

**ACTION LISTS**

Action Lists – July, August,  
and September 2019

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-14-27

“That the Board receives the following Action Lists:  
-Action List – July 2019  
-Action List – August 2019  
-Action List – September 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-14-28

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:28 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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