

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 15

Thursday, December 12, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Brad Layton
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Andrea Newell
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
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Colin Bruintjes, Smithers – arrived at 10:54 a.m., left at 11:26 a.m., returned at 11:30 a.m.
Bill Miller, Burns Lake – arrived at 11:45 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Office to Andrea Newell, Director, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural).

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-15-1 “That the agenda of the Board meeting of December 12, 2019 be approved as amended to remove Rezoning File No. A-06-19 (Jones) – Electoral Area “A”; and further, that the Supplementary agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes -November 21, 2019 Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-15-2 “That the Board Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MINUTES (CONT'D)

Broadband Committee
Meeting Minutes
-November 21, 2019

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-15-3

"That the Board receive the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2019 (Unapproved)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Rezoning Application

Rezoning File No. A-06-19
(Jones) -Electoral Area "A"

Removed from the Agenda as per motion 2019-15-1.

Permit Applications

Development Permit A-01-16
(West End Ventures Inc.)
-Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2019-15-4

"That the application to amend Development Permit A-01-16 be denied, and that enforcement of non-compliance to Development Permit A-01-16 be deferred until phase 2 of the site development."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Memo

Recent Agriculture Decisions

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-15-5

"That the Board receive the Planner 1's November 28, 2019 memo titled "Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendation
- November 21, 2019

Moved by Director Watt-Senner
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-15-6

"That the Board approve November 21, 2019 Committee Meeting Recommendations 1 and 2 as written:

Broadband Committee Meeting – November 21, 2019

Recommendation 1:

Re: RDBN Broadband Study

"That the Board provide the July 15, 2019 RDBN Broadband Study completed by Tanex Engineering Corporation to Telus and CityWest."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

**Broadband Committee Meeting – November 21, 2019
(Cont'd)**

Recommendation 2:

Re: Invite Coastal GasLink, TC Energy RE: Connectivity Infrastructure

“That the Board invite Coastal GasLink, TC Energy to discuss opportunities for connectivity infrastructure.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

2019-15-7

1. That the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce be given \$250 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with the Community & Business Excellence Awards.
2. That the Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for the purchase of a barbecue.
3. That the Vanderhoof Children’s Theatre be given \$5,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with a local production.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Policy Revision

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-15-8

“That the Board approve the revised Grant in Aid Policy.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

By-Election – Electoral Area
“G” (Houston Rural)

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-15-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako hold the by-election for Electoral Area “G” on Saturday, February 29, 2020 and the Advance Poll on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Further, that Cheryl Anderson be appointed the Chief Election Officer and that Wendy Wainwright and Geraldine Craven be appointed the Deputy Chief Election Officers for the byelection.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

North Central Local
Government Association
Resolutions Submission
Guidelines and Deadlines

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-15-10

“That the Board receive the Manager of Administrative Services’ December 3, 2019 memo titled “North Central Local Government Association Resolutions Submission Guidelines and Deadlines.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Northern Development Local
Government Internship
Program

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-15-11

- 1) "That the Board support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$35,000 to host an intern under the Local Government Internship Program from the Northwest and Prince George Regional Development Accounts, and;
- 2) That the Board is committed to providing sufficient financial and staffing resources to host an intern and is committed to providing training and professional development opportunities for the intern."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Northern Development Initiative
Trust – Business Façade
Improvement Program

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-15-12

- 1) "That the Regional District Board support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$10,000 for the Business Façade Improvement Program from the Prince George and Northwest Regional Accounts.
- 2) That the RDBN Board of Directors agree to enter into a contract with NDIT, should the funding be approved and provide overall grant management for the project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Amendment #2 - 2019
Bylaw No. 1888 - RDBN
Financial Plan 2019-2023

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-15-13

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1888, 2019" be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019".

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Amendment #2
- 2019 - Bylaw No. 1889
- Administrative Services
Capital & Planning Reserve

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Playfair

2019-15-14

"That "Administrative Services Capital and Planning Reserve Bylaw No. 1889, 2019" be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019".

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Budget Amendment #2
- 2019 - Bylaw No. 1890
- Emergency Planning, Fire
Prevention & Suppression Reserve

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-15-15 "That "Emergency Planning, Fire Prevention and Suppression Reserve Bylaw No. 1890, 2019" be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019".

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Amendment #2
- 2019 - Bylaw No. 1891
- Environmental Services
Capital & Planning Reserve

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-15-16 "That "Environmental Services Capital and Planning Reserve Bylaw No. 1891, 2019" be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019".

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Amendment #2
-2019 – Bylaw No. 1892
-Regional Parks and Trails
Capital & Planning Reserve

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-15-17 "That "Regional Parks and Trails Capital and Planning Reserve Bylaw No. 1892, 2019" be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019".

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Amendment #2
-2019 – Bylaw No. 1893
-Fort Fraser Sewer and Water
Capital & Planning Reserve

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

2019-15-18 "That "Fort Fraser Sewer and Water Capital and Planning Reserve Bylaw No. 1893, 2019" be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019".

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Additional Northern Capital & Planning Grant Reserves
Bylaw No. 1895 - Cluculz Lake Emergency Response Service Reserve

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-15-19

“That “Cluculz Lake Emergency Response Service Reserve Bylaw No. 1895, 2019” be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019”.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional Northern Capital & Planning Grant Reserves
Bylaw No. 1896 – Round Lake Fire Protection Service Reserve

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-15-20

“That “Round Lake Fire Protection Service Reserve Bylaw No. 1896, 2019” be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019”.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional Northern Capital & Planning Grant Reserves
Bylaw No. 1897 – Economic Development Planning Reserve

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-15-21

“That “Economic Development Planning Reserve Bylaw No. 1897, 2019” be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December 2019”.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakes District Arts and Culture Local Service Budget

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-15-22

“That the Board include the Lakes District Arts and Culture budget in the 2020 Five Year Financial Plan.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Agreement with Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2019-15-23

“That the Board enter into the Operating Agreement with the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society for a period of two years and request the Chair and the Corporate Officer to sign the agreement.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Economic Development
Agreement with the Village
of Burns Lake

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2019-15-24

“That the Board enter into an Economic Development Agreement with the Village of Burns Lake for a period of five years and request the Chair and the Corporate Officer to sign the agreement.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort Fraser Local Service
Budgets

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

2019-15-25

“That the Board include the Fort Fraser Local Government Water and Sewer budgets in the 2020 Five Year Financial Plan.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Parker, Vice Chair removed himself from the meeting at 11:09 a.m. due to a conflict of interest in regard to the Minor Amendment to the Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement Bylaw regarding Vice-Chair remuneration.

Minor Amendment to the
Remuneration and Expense
Reimbursement Bylaw
– Vice-Chair Remuneration

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Fisher

2019-15-26

“That the Board approve the Vice-Chair of the Regional District Board shall receive an additional amount equal to 0.75 times the basic remuneration.”

Opposed: Director Brienen

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Director Parker returned to the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Minor Amendment to the
Remuneration and Expense
Reimbursement Bylaw

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2019-15-27

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Director’s Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw Amendment No. 1894, 2019” as amended to exclude amendment to 3 (C) be given, first, second, third reading and adoption this 12th day of December, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Areas "B" (Burns
Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/
Ootsa Lake Rural) - School
District #91

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-15-28

1. "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$20,000 for each of Electoral Areas 'B' and 'E' of Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to School District #91 for a Recreation Infrastructure improvement project at the Burns Lake Track;

2. That the Board authorize transferring \$6,000 of the above Area 'B' Gas Tax Fund monies to the Area 'B' Grant in Aid account; and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$40,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural) Smithers Community
Services Association

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-15-29

1. "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$50,000 of Electoral Area 'A' Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to Smithers Community Services Association for a Cultural Infrastructure project at the Smithers Rail Station building, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Appointments – 2020

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

2019-15-30

"That the Board ratify the 2020 RDBN Board appointments as amended to appoint Director Clint Lambert to the Fraser Basin Council."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen will discuss with Fraser Basin Council Director Greenaway and Director Lambert's attendance at the Fraser Basin Council meeting in February 2020.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Completion of Bond Issues

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Funk

2019-15-31

"That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's December 12, 2019 memo titled "Completion of Bond Issues."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RBA Investment Needs Analysis Report

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Layton

2019-15-32

"That the Board receive the Manager of Administrative Services' December 3, 2019 memo titled "RBA Investment Needs Analysis Report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke of the need to include information regarding the provision of services within rural areas. Director Brienen will follow up with Kris Boland, Project Manager, RBA.

VERBAL REPORTS

Integrus Credit Union -Village of Fraser Lake

Director Parker mentioned that Integrus Credit Union has installed signage for its new bank located within the mall building in the Village of Fraser Lake. It is hoping to be in place by January 2020.

Doctor Recruitment and Retention Meeting in Vanderhoof

Director Parker and Chair Thiessen attended a Doctor Recruitment and Retention meeting in Vanderhoof and mentioned there was good dialogue and initiatives to move forward.

John Rustad, MLA Nechako- Lakes and Ian Patton, Official Opposition Co-Critic for Agriculture Meeting-Vanderhoof - December 3, 2019

Director Parker attended a meeting held in Vanderhoof on December 3, 2019 by John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and Ian Patton, Official Opposition Co-Critic for Agriculture. The meeting had a very diverse group attend and provided an opportunity for individuals to discuss the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission. Chair Thiessen spoke of the importance of meetings outlining a solution or plan to address issues and concerns.

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

Director Lambert mentioned that he met with Skin Tyee Nation, Nee Tah Buhn Band and Cheslatta Carrier Nation and discussed a number of common interests and initiatives. Key items discussed were: three nations fire truck for the Southside; dry hydrants; connectivity and three phase power. It was an excellent meeting.

Broadband within the Region

Director Riis-Christianson provided a brief update in regard to Broadband within the region. He mentioned discussions with service providers are taking place to determine synergies moving forward. Shaw has also indicated its willingness to meet with the RDBN. He spoke of proceeding slowly in order to ensure that the best outcome is achieved.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Forestry within the Region Director Layton noted that progress is being made to schedule a presentation regarding wildfire timber salvage in the beginning of 2020. He provided a brief overview of salvage discussions with the Skeena Stikine, Nadina and Stuart Nechako Natural Resource District.
- Spruce Bark Beetle Workshop -Smithers Director Layton attended a Bark Beetle Workshop in Smithers. He encouraged workshop organizers to ensure local government representative contact information is up to date to receive workshop invitations. Director Layton mentioned discussions are taking place in regard to protecting resources and the seven-year cycle of the spruce beetle. He spoke to the past cycle of the spruce beetle being established because of work completed to control the beetle. He brought forward concern regarding the loss of knowledge from past information and the impacts of changes to weather patterns.
- Village of Telkwa Water Tower and Water Line Break Director Layton mentioned that the Village of Telkwa new water tower began full operations on December 7, 2019. In the late afternoon of December 7, 2019, a cascade failure occurred with four breaks occurred in aging water lines. He spoke of an additional water line break that occurred on the highway in Telkwa. Director Layton noted the pressure on the aging infrastructure and that in some areas is the water lines are approximately 60-65 years old. He commented that the RBA moving forward to assist small communities with aging infrastructure is extremely important.
- Babine Lake Community Forest – Granisle Director McGuire commented that Babine Lake Community Forest has begun work in regard to wildfire mitigation in Granisle.
- Village of Granisle Water Line Break Director McGuire noted that the Village of Granisle also experienced a water line break and is in the final stages of repairing the line. She expressed her appreciation of a planning grant that the community had received.
- Light Up – Memorial Park in Granisle Lions Club Director McGuire spoke of the Light Up the Park at Memorial Park in Granisle. Individuals purchase trees in memoriam and there were 54 trees as part of the 2019 light up event.
- Cram the Cruiser Event in Granisle – December 13, 2019 Director McGuire mentioned that the Granisle Cram the Cruiser event will take place December 13, 2019. An RCMP Cruiser will be in the community from Houston and in the past the event has provided hampers of provisions for 25 families.
- Grand Opening of Tachet Gas Station Director McGuire attended the Grand Opening of the gas station at Tachet on December 11, 2019. It's an exciting business for the community of Tachet.
- Tyhee Lake Protection Society AGM Director Fisher attended the Tyhee Lake Protection Society AGM and spoke of the 1st Annual Cleanup of Tyhee Lake which included the removal of 90 tires from the lake. He also noted the level of commitment from the residents and members of the society.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Local Government Class at Smithers Secondary School</u>	Director Fisher met with Councillor Casda Thomas, Town of Smithers and Smithers Secondary School Law Teacher and developed a class to be presented at Smithers Secondary School that will include a mock Regional District Board debating the topics of tiny homes, recreation and recycling. The class will take place in early January 2020.
<u>Pinnacle Pellet – Smithers</u>	Director Fisher mentioned that Pinnacle Pellet in Smithers has agreed in principal to upgrade its chipper to address the noise issues that have been a concern of residents living near the facility. Director Atrill noted Pinnacle Pellet upgrading its chipper is positive news for the community.
<u>District of Houston Annual Christmas Tree Light Up</u>	Director Brienon commented that the District of Houston has completed its annual Christmas Tree Light Up and he encouraged the Board to visit the park. Director Brienon encouraged communities thinking of planting trees to move forward with community improvement projects and initiatives.
<u>Rail Movement</u>	Director Brienon mentioned that there has been rail movement in Houston of some railway that has not been in use since the sawmill closure that took place in 2014.
<u>Employee Recruitment and Pipeline Construction</u>	Director Brienon brought forward concerns in regard to employee recruitment and labour shortages for jobs outside LNG due to the high paying pipeline construction jobs that are being offered throughout the region. He also spoke of the impact to housing within communities along the pipeline routes. Director Brienon mentioned further discussing the concerns in early 2020. Director Atrill reiterated the issues regarding labour shortages within Smithers. Director Watt-Senner mentioned positive experiences working with the pipeline companies in the Village of Fraser Lake.
<u>Thank You</u>	Director Brienon thanked the Regional Board and expressed his appreciation and honour in working together and moving forward initiatives. He also expressed his appreciation of RDBN staff. Director Petersen spoke of the challenges experienced in 2019 and thanked the Board and staff for their support.
<u>Bulkley Valley District Hospital</u>	Director Atrill toured the Bulkley Valley District Hospital recently. She noted that the CT Scanner that was installed in July 2019 has had over 2000 visits.
<u>Smithers Moves One Step Closer to Second Stage Housing</u>	Director Atrill announced that Smithers has moved one step closer to second stage housing at its last Council meeting and is entering the final stages to have second stage housing and housing for young pregnant women at risk.
<u>Upgrades to Provincial Building in Smithers</u>	Director Atrill reported that façade upgrades are taking place on the Provincial Government buildings in Smithers.
<u>Hudson Bay Mountain Ski Hill Awaiting Snow to Open</u>	Director Atrill mentioned that Hudson Bay Mountain Ski Hill is still awaiting more snow in order to open the ski hill for the season.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Annual Christmas in the Valley Celebration Director Atrill noted that the Annual Christmas in the Valley Celebration in Smithers has taken place and spoke of the best of the community being showcased at the event.
- Director Andrea Newell Director Newell thanked the Regional Board for welcoming her and reaching out to the family during the passing of Director Rob Newell. She spoke on behalf of Director R. Newell and his belief in the Regional Board and the Board's belief and support in one another and as a group. He also believed in the power of working together and in the rural people throughout the entire region. Director Newell also mentioned that Director R. Newell was a very proud Canadian. She asked that the Regional Board continue to move forward and make decisions in honour of Director R. Newell.
- Village of Fraser Lake – Santa Claus Parade and Craft Fair and Tea Director Watt-Senner commented that the Fraser Lake Craft Fair and Tea took place November 30-December 1, 2019 and the Santa Claus Parade took place December 6, 2019. She noted the importance of bringing communities together to celebrate festive events.
- Silver Birch Lodge in Fraser Lake Director Watt-Senner spoke of Silver Birch Lodge working to bring assisted living to Fraser Lake. She mentioned that they may reach out to Houston and Vanderhoof to discuss assisted living in their respective communities.
- Village of Fraser Lake Community Forest Director Watt-Senner mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake Community Forest is now operational and moving through the startup process.
- Welcome Past RDBN Chair Bill Miller Director Thiessen welcomed past RDBN Chair Bill Miller in attendance.
- Pipeline Work Camp at Vanderhoof Airport Chair Thiessen commented that the District of Vanderhoof is resubmitting its application to the Agricultural Land Commission in regard to the pipeline work camp Vanderhoof Airport location.
- Stuart Lake Manor Chair Thiessen mentioned that Northern Health provided a recent update in regard to the Stuart Lake Manor Pod D fire restoration project. He mentioned that it will be a further three months before completion. Frustrations were expressed in regard to the extended timeline.
- Saik'uz First Nation Small Home Plan Chair Thiessen spoke of recently visiting Sak'uz First Nation and having an opportunity to see their small homes built to accommodate bachelors. Saik'uz First Nations has developed a relationship with its forest licensees to build 320 sq ft. homes for housing needs.
- District of Vanderhoof Parade of Lights and Carol Sing Chair Thiessen spoke of the success of the District of Vanderhoof Parade of Lights and Carol Sing. He recognized the passion that individuals have for their communities again.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director McGuire

2019-15-33

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

District of Fort St. James Request for Letter of Support -Seniors Housing Project

Moved by Director Playfair
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-15-34

"That the Board write a letter of support to the District of Fort St. James for its Seniors Housing Project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration Correspondence, Invitation, Action Lists

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-15-35

"That the Board receive the following:

Administration Correspondence

-BC Hydro – Prince George to Terrace Capacitor Project – Update

-Union of B.C. Municipalities – Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment

Invitations

-BC Council of Forest Industries Convention April 1-3, 2020 – Prince George, B.C.

Action Lists

-Action List – November 2019

-Action List – October 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2019-15-36

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2019-15-37

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:13 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant