

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 1

Thursday, January 23, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

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

Directors Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers
Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
Kim Watt-Senner, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
Directors Frank Wray, Town of Smithers

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 11:05 a.m., left at 1:00 p.m.
Sashka Macievich, Recovery Manager
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Shawn Trottier, Resource Manager, Nadina Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development – left at 11:30 a.m.
Kris Garneau, Authorizations Technologist, Field Operations Nadina, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – left at 11:30 a.m.
Mike Robertson, Senior Policy Analyst, Cheslatta Carrier Nation – left at 12:05 P.M.
Tiell Glover, Sr. Resource Coordination Officer, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – arrived at 12:55 p.m.
Tom McCarthy, Divisional Chief Negotiator, Negotiations Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – arrived at 12:55 p.m.
Cory Waters, Chief Negotiator, North, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – arrived at 12:59 p.m.
Lori Borth, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – arrived at 12:59 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of January 23, 2020 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
-December 12, 2019

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Minutes

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director Wray

2020-1-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - October 10, 2019 (unapproved)
- Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes
 - January 9, 2020 (unapproved)
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - January 9, 2020 (Unapproved)
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - November 7, 2019
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - January 9, 2020 (unapproved)
- Rural Directors Committee Meeting Minutes
 - November 7, 2019
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes
 - December 12, 2019 (unapproved)
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes
 - September 5, 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Director Lambert referenced the four pillars of agriculture. Staff will follow up and provide the information to the Board of Directors.

DELEGATIONS

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS & RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Shawn Trottier, Resource Manager, Nadina Region and Kris Garneau, Authorizations Technologist, Field Operations Nadina RE: Update Wildfire Salvage

Chair Thiessen welcomed Shawn Trottier, Resource Manager, Nadina Region, and Kris Garneau, Authorizations Technologist, Field Operations, Nadina, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development.

Mr. Trottier provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Nadina District 2019 Harvest Summary and Fires Impact

- Nadina Timber Supply Area
 - Lakes TSA
 - Morice TSA
- Impacts of the 2018 Fires on Timber Supply and Forests in B.C.
- Recent and Planned Harvest of Burned Timber
 - Lakes TSA
 - Combined Nadina, Verdun and Chelaslie Fires
 - Morice TSA
 - Nadina Fire and Hautete Fire
- Utilization by Major Licensees
 - Canfor Licence A16828
 - Fraser Lake Sawmill Site #493
 - Hampton Forest Products (Babine) Site #247
- Harvest Summary
 - Lakes
 - Morice
- Why not more burnt/dead wood being processed?
- The Cutting Permit Process.

The following discussion took place:

- Shelf life of burnt timber
- Bringing forward concerns to the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- Softwood Lumber agreement impacts
- Working with Cheslatta Carrier Nation to utilize fiber for Pinnacle Pellet
- Mr. Trottier expressed an interest in returning to provide further information in regard to wildfire risk reduction/recovery/rehabilitation efforts taking place
- Request for copy of PowerPoint – Mr. Trottier will forward to staff
- What volume was harvested in the Cariboo?
 - Mr. Trottier will follow up and provide the information
- Concerns were brought forward in regard to all the volume allocated to existing licensees and the potential high volume of burned timber left standing after expired shelf life
- Ongoing recovery efforts – younger stands have a more marketable timber value
- Permit tracking
 - Timeline, delays and variables
 - FLNRORD keeps statistics
- Encouraging the removal of burned timber
- Fire behavior of potential fires in areas that have burned timber remaining in the forest
- Controlled/broadcast burning
- Utilization of products on the logging block
 - Pinnacle Pellet, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, etc. are working to develop new opportunities
 - Need for innovation
- FLNRORD works to approve permits.

Chair Thiessen thanked Messrs. Trottier and Garneau for attending the meeting.

PLANNING (All Directors)

Crown Land Application Referrals

Crown Land Application Referrals- Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-1-4

"That the following Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet be provided to the Province regarding following Crown Land Referrals:

- 7410106
- 7410049
- 7410112
- 7410054
- 7410114
- 7410025
- 7410053."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Planning Other

Community Charter Section 94 – Requirements for Public Notice

Discussion took place in regard to potential changes to the *Community Charter* Section 94 – Requirements for Public Notice. CAO Helgesen mentioned that the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) has been working on the topic. Staff will follow up and bring forward information for the Board's consideration.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Development Procedures Bylaw No. 1898, 2020

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-5

"That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Development Procedures Bylaw No. 1898, 2020" be given first, second, and third Reading this 23rd day of January, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cheslatta Land Transfer

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-1-6

"That the Board:

1. Direct staff to inform the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation that the Board has no objection to the proposed land dispositions provided that the lands being transferred into fee simple ownership are zoned to the Board's satisfaction prior to land transfer; and,
2. Direct staff to initiate the zoning process in consultation with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation."

Planning Other (Cont'd)

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-1-7

“That Motion 2020-1-6 be amended to include in the letter to the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation that the Board encourages the province to consult with impacted property owners and mitigate any concerns that may exist.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

“That the question be called on Motion 2020-1-6 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UBCM Housing Needs Reports Program

Moved by Alternate Director Wray
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-8

“That the Board:
1. Support the application to UBCM’s Housing Needs Reports Program to undertake housing needs reports for Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, E, F, and G in order to meet provincial requirements
2. Will provide overall grant management
3. Authorize RDBN staff to enter into an agreement with UBCM for any grants received for the above purpose.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tiny Homes in the RDBN

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-9

“That the Board direct staff to send the attached letter to the Honourable Selina Robinson Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing urging the Province to undertake a review of the BC Building Code to better accommodate tiny homes.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Coastal GasLink Pipeline -Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Alternate Director Wray

2020-1-10

“That the Board invite TC Energy to the April Board meeting to discuss the SEEMP implementation process.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recent Agriculture Decisions

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-11

“That the Board receive the Planner 1’s January 13, 2020 memo titled “Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendation
- December 12, 2019
and January 9, 2020

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Wray

2020-1-12

"That the Board approve December 12, 2019 and January 9, 2020 Committee Meeting Recommendations 1 through 11 as written:

Waste Management Committee Meeting – December 12, 2019

Recommendation 1:

Re: Stewardship Program Agreements to be offered at RDBN Transfer Stations

"That the Board direct staff to:

- 1) enter into service agreements, agreeing to the terms and conditions for the following future Extended Producer Responsibility programs at the RDBN's Vanderhoof, Burns Lake and Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station recycling depots:
 - a. Lightcycle -Residential Lamp/Lightbulbs
 - b. Call2Recycle – Household Batteries
 - c. Alarmcycle – Household Smoke/CO2 Alarms
- 2) negotiate and enter into a service agreement, agreeing to the terms and conditions with ProductCare Recycling to offer the PaintPlus Program at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station."

Broadband Committee Meeting – January 9, 2020

Recommendation 2:

Re: RDBN Broadband Study

"That the Board prioritize the following projects for 2020 grant applications: Fort St. James Cellular Coverage; Buck Flats Cellular and LTE Coverage; Grassy Plains and Ootsa Lake Cellular and LTE Coverage; Industrial Cellular and LTE Coverage for Clearview Landfill, Pinkut Lake and Taltapin Lake; fibre to the home for Area B/Area E – Highway 35 and Southbank, and east end of Francois Lake."

Recommendation 3:

Re: Invite Rio Tinto to an Upcoming Broadband Committee Meeting

"That the Board invite Rio Tinto to an upcoming Broadband Committee meeting to discuss cellular coverage on the Southside of Francois Lake."

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 9, 2020

Recommendation 4:

Re: Asset Management Policy and Strategy

"That the Board direct staff to implement the Asset Management Policy and Strategy."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 9, 2020 (Cont'd)

Recommendation 5:

Re: Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation

"That the Board direct staff to:

1. send the letter of response to the Honourable Minister Farnworth regarding the Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation – Discussion Paper, as attached to the staff report dated January 9, 2020 as amended to include the following:
RDBN Comments (Page 4 of the letter)
There are many residents that live in remote rural areas with historical knowledge, how will these local knowledge experts be included?
2. And, prepare and submit the same response letter regarding the Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation – Discussion Paper to EmergencyProgramAct@gov.bc.ca prior to the comment period deadline of January 31, 2020."

Recommendation 6:

Re: Minerals Roundup – Vancouver, B.C. – January 20-23, 2020

"That the Board authorize Director Greenaway's attendance at Minerals Roundup in Vancouver January 20-23, 2020."

Rural Directors Committee – January 9, 2020

Recommendation 7:

Re: Agricultural Community Meeting on Water Sustainability Act – February 5, 2020 – Vanderhoof, B.C.

"That the Board authorize Chair Parker and any Directors wanting to attend the Agricultural Community Meeting on the *Water Sustainability Act* in Vanderhoof, B.C. on February 5, 2020."

Recommendation 8:

Re: Regional Agriculture Forum Oct 23-24, 2020 "Soil to Table – Celebrating Local Agriculture"

"That the Board approve the 'draft' agenda for Soil to Table – Celebrating Local Agriculture October 23 & 24, 2020 in Burns Lake."

Recommendation 9:

Re: RDBN Food Hub and Food Economy Assessment

"That the Board approve:

1. The RDBN Food Hub and Food Economy Assessment
2. Staff to proceed with a Request for Proposal on BC Bid."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural Directors Committee – January 9, 2020 (Cont'd)

Recommendation 10:

Re: Rural/Agriculture Committee

“That the Rural Directors Committee be renamed the Rural/Agriculture Committee to reflect the work of the Committee.”

Recommendation 11:

Re: Fire Department Emergency Services

“That the Board repeal the following:

- a. “Topley Rural Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1745, 2015”
- b. “RDBN Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Road Rescue Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1651, 2012” and “RDBN Electoral Area D Emergency Extrication Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1516, 2009”; and
- c. “Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 853, 1995.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to Rural Directors Committee Recommendation 12: RE: Fire Department Emergency Services. Staff will follow up with each Electoral Area Director in regard to Fire Department Emergency Services.

Break for lunch – 12:05 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Federation of Canadian
Municipalities 2020
-June 4-7, 2020 in Toronto, ON

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-1-13

“That Chair Thiessen be authorized to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2020 Convention in Toronto, Ontario June 4 to 7, 2020 paid for from general government.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BC Broadband Conference
2020-April 21 & 22, 2020
Richmond, B.C.

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-14

“That Director Riis-Christianson, Chair, Broadband Committee be authorized to attend the BC Broadband Conference 2020 in Richmond, BC April 21 & 22, 2020 paid for from general government.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

2020 COFI (BC Council of Forest Industries) Convention April 1-3, 2020 Prince George, B.C. Moved by Alternate Director Hughes
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-15 "That Director Greenaway be authorized to attend the 2020 COFI Convention in Prince George, B.C. April 1-3, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

North Central Local Government Association Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Alternate Director Wray
RE: 2020 Solid Waste Management Forum Correspondence

2020-1-16 "That the Board contribute \$4,000 from the Environmental Services Budget to the North Central Local Government Association for costs associated with its 2020 Solid Waste Management Forum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Charge North Advisory Committee Moved by Alternate Director Wray
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-1-17 "That Director Atrill and Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services be appointed to the Charge North Advisory Committee for 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Economic Development Bylaw -Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-18 "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) Economic Development Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1884, 2019" be adopted this 23rd day of January, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Economic Development Bylaw -Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-19 "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) Economic Development Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1885, 2019" be adopted this 23rd day of January, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Economic Development Bylaw -Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-20 "That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) Economic Development Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1886, 2019" be adopted this 23rd day of January, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 Grant Writing Services Contract Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Alternate Director Wray

2020-1-21 "That the Board authorize a contract renewal for Grant Writing Services with the District of Fort St. James for 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019 Regional Business Forum Report Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-1-22 "That the Board direct staff to begin preparations for the 2021 Regional Business Forum and invite a member municipality to host as per the following order:
1. Telkwa
2. Houston."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vanderhoof Flying Club Letter of Support Request Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

2020-1-23 "That the Board provide Letters of Support to the Vanderhoof Flying Club for their Aviation Fuel System Purchase Project applications to Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Nechako Kitimaat Development Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Burns Lake Rural Fire Service Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-1-24 1. "That the Board approve the Burns Lake Rural Fire Service to be included in the 2020 Regional District Budget; and
2. That "Burns Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1887, 2020" be given first, second, and third reading this 23rd day of January 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Funding for Telkwa Pedestrian
Crosswalk

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-1-25

"That the Board provide \$25,000 from General Government Grant-in-aid to the Village of Telkwa for the purpose of providing funding for the Telkwa Pedestrian Crosswalk; and that staff are directed to bring back a bylaw to repeal Bylaw 646, Telkwa Pedestrian Crosswalk at a future Board meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Mass
Communications Program

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-1-26

"That the Board approve the implementation of a Regional Mass Communications Program to be paid through the "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako 911 Emergency Telephone Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1483, 2008" when commitment from all member municipalities is confirmed."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Southside Fire Department
Maintenance Reserve

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-1-27

"That the Board approve the withdrawal of \$3,695.95 from the Southside Fire Department Repairs and Maintenance Reserve for cost of parts and labour to inspect and repair the compressed air foam system on their Rescue truck."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UBCM Emergency Support
Services Funding Application

Moved by Alternate Director Wray
Seconded by Director Fisher

2020-1-28

"That the Board supports the collaborative application to UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services stream – for \$174,999.88 to support the further development of the Regional ESS Program in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, and that the Board provide overall grant management."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Update – Month of
December 2019

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-1-29

"That the Board receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator's January 23, 2020 memo titled "Grant in Aid Update – month of December 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Fort Fraser – Utility Charge for 363 – 3rd Avenue Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Alternate Director Wray

2020-1-30 “That the Board deny the request made by Anton Barlescu to reverse the 2018 utility charges for the property located at 363 - 3rd Avenue.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Local Government Class at Smithers Secondary School Director Fisher and Councillor Casda Thomas, Town of Smithers participated in a mock local government exercise at the Smithers Secondary School that included topics regarding tiny homes, recreation and recycling. It was a good exercise and opportunity to bring forward discussions regarding local government.

Smithers District Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Local Government Update Director Fisher attended the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce meeting February 5th and provided an RDBN update.

Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Announcement Director Petersen mentioned that he attended Premier Horgan's announcement in Fort St. James on January 18, 2020 of the funding for the Stuart Lake Hospital Replacement Project. Shovels will be in the ground in 2021. The Healthcare facility will have primary, extended and long-term care beds. Alternate Director Hughes and Playfair also expressed their happiness in regard to the announcement. Director Playfair thanked everyone in the region for their support.

Town of Smithers – By-Election Alternate Director Wray noted that the Town of Smithers is awaiting to move forward with a By-Election for Mayor. They are awaiting the results of a grant application to determine if they will also need to hold a referendum at the same time as a by-election.

Village of Granisle Wildfire Mitigation Director McGuire reported that the Village of Granisle wildfire mitigation is underway to help to protect the community.

Recycle BC Letter to the Village of Telkwa Director Layton mentioned that the Village of Telkwa has received a letter from Recycle BC indicating that if the Village of Telkwa wanted to continue to recycle it would need to send its recyclables to the City of Terrace for consolidation. Recycle BC has indicated it would be willing to negotiate a kilometre rate. He noted that Telkwa is not willing to truck its recyclables to Terrace.

Bailey Bridge over the Bulkley River in Telkwa Director Layton reported that he working to schedule a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Bailey Bridge over the Bulkley River in Telkwa. It is one of three bailey bridges remaining in B.C. On February 5th a cross member was hit by a commercial vehicle and is now under load restrictions.

Three Nations Community Meeting on Southside of Francois Lake Director Lambert mentioned that he met with the three First Nations communities, Skin Tyee Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn and Cheslatta Carrier Nation on the Southside of Francois Lake to discuss various initiatives.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Premier Horgan Visits
Fraser Lake

Director Parker commented that Premier Horgan met with Village of Fraser Lake Mayor and Council along with himself. Premier Horgan also visited the Fraser Lake Legion and toured Autumn Services. It was a good meeting.

Meeting with Ministry of
Transportation and
Infrastructure - Highway 16
Transit Bus

Chair Thiessen mentioned that he participated in a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in regard to the Highway 16 Transit Bus. He mentioned that it was a good meeting and a report will be brought forward at the next Transit Committee Meeting.

Premier Horgan Visits
Vanderhoof

Chair Thiessen noted that Premier Horgan also visited Vanderhoof. He mentioned that he has visited Vanderhoof twice in his term in office.

Conference Call with the
Honourable Seamus O'Regan,
Minister of Natural Resources

Chair Thiessen participated in a conference call with the Federal Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Seamus O'Regan. Topics discussed: the lack of rail cars and challenges with the Canadian National Railway and the doubling of the Federal Gas Tax fund and that the amount needs to remain in place.

Receipt of Verbal
Reports

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-31

"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, Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-1-32

"That the Board receive the following Administration Correspondence:
-Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – RDBN Solid Waste Management Amendment
-Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Receive-Meeting at 2019 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION- Tlell Glover, Sr. Resource Coordination Officer, North Regional Negotiations Team, Smithers and Tom McCarthy, Divisional Chief Negotiator, Negotiations & Regional Operations Division RE: Update LBN Foundation Agreement

Chair Thiessen welcomed Tlell Glover, Sr. Resource Coordination Officer, North Regional Negotiations Team, Smithers and Tom McCarthy, Divisional Chief Negotiator, Negotiations & Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Mr. McCarthy provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Lake Babine Nation Foundation Agreement

- Context: BC/Canada's Approach to Reconciliation
- Lake Babine Nation
- Previous Work with Lake Babine
- What is the Foundation Agreement?
- Topics to be included in the Foundation Agreement
- Immediate Commitments
- Agreement Milestones and Steps
- Land Transfer Process
- Next Steps and Contacts.

Discussion took place in regard to:

- Importance of communication
- Requirement for discussions and understanding to move forward smoothly
- Mr. McCarthy spoke of exploring ideas on moving forward with engagement
 - Northeast B.C. developed a roundtable with provincial agencies, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and key leaders
 - Explore engagement options
 - All stakeholders need to be at the table in order to understand
 - Important for the average resident to be able to understand
 - Early engagement necessary
- Land transfer
 - Crown Land Harvesting
 - Transferring land to fee simple
 - Crucial to negotiate land access
 - Make function for all people and users of the land
- LBN wanting to use ownership of timber on the property to build stronger partnerships with the forest sector
- LBN has not filed a Title Claim and prefer to negotiate an orderly transition
- Encouraged open communication
- Local Government capacity
 - Tax base is only option to build capacity
 - How does local government build capacity to participate in the process?
 - Revenue stream is needed to build capacity.
- Gap between indigenous/non-indigenous peoples in Canada
- Close the socioeconomic gap
- Town Hall meeting in Granisle – Mr. McCarthy will work with Director McGuire over the next 3-4 months.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Glover and Mr. McCarthy for attending the meeting.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-33

“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

Break for In-Camera 1:50 p.m.

Reconvened 3:10 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

BC Natural Resources Forum
January 28-30, 2020
Prince George

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Playfair

2020-1-34

“That Director Clint Lambert be approved to attend the BC Natural Resources Forum January 28-30, 2020 in Prince George, B.C. and further, that Director Brad Layton, Chair, RDBN Forestry Committee be approved to attend the scheduled meeting with the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and “The Future of Forestry” event with Herb Hammond, Forest Ecologist, RPF, on January 29, 2020 in Prince George, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fraser Basin Council Meeting
February 27, 2020
Vancouver, B.C.

Moved by Alternate Director Wray
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-1-35

“That Director Tom Greenaway be authorized to attend the Fraser Basin Council Meeting February 27, 2020 in Vancouver, B.C.”

Opposed: Director Fisher

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (CONT'D)

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Vanderhoof International
Airshow Letter of Support
Request

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-36

“That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the Vanderhoof Airshow for their 2020 Vanderhoof International Airshow application to the Arts and Culture intake of the Community Gaming Grants Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION

John Illes provided a PowerPoint Presentation

The following was discussed:

- \$75,000 – spare bobcat – grant funding
- Capital cost of Houston Recycling option to defer
- Staffing costs
 - No surplus
 - Staff turnover/training costs/vacation payout
- Building maintenance
- Directors remuneration and supplies
 - Changes by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
 - Number of meetings increased in 2019
 - Value of conferences
 - Staff tracking rural directors travel expenses to be provided to the Board
- Continue 2020 Budget Discussion's at the February 6th Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Schedule Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 6th
- Cost of Living increase.

2020 Budget Presentation

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Fisher

2020-1-37

“That the surplus for Financial Administration, Electoral Area Planning, Development Services, 911 Service and Building Inspection be appropriated to Operational Reserves.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Dze L K'ant Friendship
Center Letter of Support
Request

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-38

“That the Board provide a Letter of Support to Dze L K'ant Friendship Center for their application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for funding to support a Commercial Kitchen Upgrade Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Lakes District Rural
Endoscopy Working Group
– Request for Letter of Support

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-1-39

“That the Board provide a Letter of Support in principal to the Lakes District Rural Endoscopy Working Group; and further, that any budget consideration be brought forward to the Stuart Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors for consideration.”

Opposed: Alt. Director Wray CARRIED
 Director Lambert

(All/Directors/Majority)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-1-40

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:59 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant