

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 4

Thursday, April 23, 2020
Via Video/Teleconference

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen – left at 12:34 p.m., returned at 12:42 p.m.

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert – left at 12:58 p.m.
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief – arrived at 11:30 a.m., left at 11:40 a.m., returned at 12:00 p.m., left at 1:00 p.m.
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Haley Jeffrey, Emergency Services Manager – arrived at 11:30 a.m., left at 11:50 a.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-4-1 “That the Board Meeting Agenda of April 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
-March 19, 2020 Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-4-2 “That the Board Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2020 be adopted.”

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

PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaws for Adoption

New Zoning Bylaw for 3rd
Reading – Bylaw 1800, 2020

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-4-3

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 be adopted this 23rd day of April, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rezoning Application A-07-19
(Hanson North Valley)
Adoption Report for Rezoning
Bylaw 1902, 2020
-Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2020-4-4

1. “That first, second, and third reading of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1901, 2020 be repealed this 23rd day of April, 2020.”
2. “That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1902, 2020 be adopted this 23rd day of April, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws for 1st and 2nd Reading

Rezoning Application A-08-19
(Penninga) 1st and 2nd Reading
Report for Rezoning Bylaws
1907 and 1908, 2020

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2020-4-5

1. “That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1907, 2020 be given first and second reading this 23rd day of April, 2020 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1908, 2020 be given first and second reading this 23rd day of April, 2020 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
3. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1907, 2020 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1908, 2020 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development Variance Permit Applications

Development Variance Permit
Application A-01-20 (Vriend)
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2020-4-6

1. "That the Board receive the submissions regarding Development Variance Permit Application A-01-20 (Vriend) on the Supplementary Agenda.
2. That the Board deny Development Variance Permit A-01-20 for the property located at 6943 Lake Road to vary the side parcel line setback required for a building in the Small Holdings (H1) Zone from 5 metres (16.40 ft.) to 1.8 metres (6 ft.) for the proposed structure built in general compliance with Schedule A of the permit."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development Variance Permit
Application C-02-20 (Hughes)
Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-4-7

1. "That the Board receive the submission regarding Development Variance Permit Application C-02-20 (Hughes) on the Supplementary Agenda
2. That the Board approve Development Variance Permit C-02-20 for the property legally described as "South ½ of District Lot 1662, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 4805, PRP13842, PRP14451, PRP14748 and 5879" to vary the minimum parcel area required for a parcel in the Rural Resource (RR1) Zone from 28 ha. to 27 ha. to allow the subdivision in general compliance with Schedule A of the permit."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALR Applications

ALR Non-Farm Use
Application No. 1222 (Landry)
Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2020-4-8

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1222 (Landry) be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application Referrals

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410115 (PG
Amateur Radio Club)
Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-4-9

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410115 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410115."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410120
(Kochel Cattle Company)
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-4-10

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410120 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410120."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410121
(Kochel) - Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-4-11

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410121 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410121."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410122
(Kochel) - Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-4-12

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410122 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410122."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410130
(Jackson) - Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-4-13

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410130 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410130."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Building Inspection

First Quarter Building Permit Summary

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-4-14

“That the Board receive the Planning Department’s First Quarter Building Permit Summary.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club – Northern Development Application -Community Halls and Recreation Facilities

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-4-15

“That the Board support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club for a grant of up to \$10,669 for the New Auxiliary Groomer Project from the Northwest Regional Account.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds -Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Bulkley Valley Gymnastics Association

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2020-4-16

1) “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$120,000 of Electoral Area ‘A’ Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Bulkley Valley Gymnastics Association for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the LB Werner building, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$120,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds -Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Bulkley Valley Regional Pool

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-4-17

1) “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$42,175 of Electoral Area ‘A’ Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Bulkley Valley Regional Pool for Boiler and Air Handling System upgrades, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$42,175 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund and increase the Regional District’s Bulkley Valley Regional Pool local service capital budget by \$42,175.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Areas "B" (Burns
Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/
Ootsa Lake Rural) Lakes District
Fair Association

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-4-18

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$18,250 of Electoral Area 'B' and up to \$18,250 of Electoral Area "E" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Lakes District Fair Association for Rodeo Concession Renovation and Electrical Upgrades Project, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$36,500 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Area "C" (Fort St.
James Rural) Community Arts
Council of Fort St. James

Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-4-19

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$80,000 of Electoral Area 'C' Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Community Arts Council of Fort St. James for an Entrance and Interior Renovation project, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$80,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RigStar and ABnet Letter
of Support Request

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-4-20

"That the Board provide a Letter of Support to RigStar and ABnet for their partnered application to the CRTC Broadband Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Telus Letter of Support
Request

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-4-21

"That the Board provide a Letter of Support to Telus for their application to the CRTC Broadband Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds Moved by Director Petersen
-Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Seconded by Director T. Greenaway
Rural) Nechako Valley Exhibition
Society

2020-4-22

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$75,000 of Electoral Area 'F' Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Nechako Valley Exhibition Society for Fire Safety Upgrades, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$75,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Update
-Month of March 2020

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-4-23

"That the Board receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator's April 23, 2020 memo titled Grant in Aid Update – Month of March 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution re: Municipal
Solid Waste – ICI EPR Program

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-4-24

"That the Board approve NCLGA's suggested wording changes to the resolution titled 'Municipal Solid Waste – ICI EPR Program.'"

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to:

- Submitting the resolution titled 'Municipal Solid Waste – ICI EPR Program' including NCLGA's suggested wording changes
- Continuing to move the issue forward
- CAO Helgesen spoke to an e-mail he recently received from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change staff.

Fort Fraser Fire Protection
Service Area Boundary
Amendment Bylaw No. 1904, 2020

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-4-25

"That Fort Fraser Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1904, 2020 be adopted this 23rd day of April, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Cluculz Lake Fire Department Moved by Director Petersen
Bylaw Amendment No. 1906, Seconded by Director T. Greenaway
2020

2020-4-26 "That Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1906, 2020 be given first, second and third reading this 23rd day of April, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Internet Allowance for Electoral Moved by Director Parker
Area Directors Seconded by Director Storey

2020-4-27 "That the Board increase the internet reimbursement allowance for Electoral Area Directors from \$75 per month to \$125 per month, and include a one-time maximum \$200 payment in 2020 to cover any internet related installation/upgrade fees, and that these changes be included in the next amendment to Bylaw 1837 (Director's Remuneration)."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors Remuneration for Moved by Director McGuire
April 2020 Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-4-28 "That the Board provide a one-time payment equivalent to the pay of one full meeting to each Director for the month of April."

Opposed: Director Fisher CARRIED
Director Riis-Christianson

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place in regard to:

- RDBN Meetings in May, 2020
 - Virtual meetings
- Combining COVID-19 updates with scheduled meetings where possible.

RDBN Emergency Operations Moved by Director Storey
Centre COVID-19 Response Seconded by Director Layton
Update

2020-4-29 1. "That the Board approve the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Addendum 3 Pandemic Response.
2. That the Board approve the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Business Continuity Plan APPENDIX 1 – Pandemics."

Opposed: Director Riis-Christianson CARRIED

(All/rectors/Majority)

The Province provided a template to be used for the Essential Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the RDBN and each of the member municipalities.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RDBN Solid Waste
Management Facility
Regulation and User Fee
Amendment Bylaw No. 1879, 2019

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-4-30

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Solid Waste Management Facility Regulation and User Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1879, 2019 be adopted this 23rd day of April, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Covid-19 Pandemic Event &
Impacts

Directors discussed the following in regard to the COVID-19 Pandemic event and impacts:

- Food Security – meeting the demand with limited capacity and labour
 - Director Lambert has been in discussions with Wes Shoemaker, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture in regard to utilizing the Class D Licensed Abattoir on the Southside of Francois Lake to assist in providing food security and allowing local farmers to process their beef for sale purposes
- Internet/Cell phone connectivity concerns
 - Lack of connectivity on the southside of Francois Lake is creating challenges
 - Teachers are driving to students' homes to provide schoolwork
 - The community is trying to find creative solutions to work around not having adequate cell/internet connectivity
 - Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) along with the Village of Burns Lake are experiencing connectivity challenges
 - Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) internet access worsening
 - During an emergency event - more emphasis on the importance of connectivity
 - Support companies wanting to expand connectivity in the region
 - Director Riis-Christianson encouraged the Regional Board to have residents experiencing issues to contact the RDBN Economic Development Department
 - Important to lobby the Provincial and Federal Government to resolve the connectivity issues and challenges
 - Staff are touching base with internet providers that have connectivity interests in the region
 - Reach out to Telus - Southside of Francois Lake
 - Province’s Virtual Health Announcement requires internet access
 - Funding - Northern Development Initiative Trust Connecting British Columbia Phase Three: Funding Intake in Support of COVID-19
 - Project ready initiatives
 - Staff developing an online survey for residents in regard to connectivity concerns

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Follow up with companies to determine full utilization of bandwidth to provide service
- Staff will work to develop a plan to bring forward for Directors' input
- Federal Government announced subsidy for students
 - Significant government compensation may make it difficult for small businesses to hire summer student employees
- Impacts to businesses
 - Employees receiving government funding not wanting to return to work
 - Some small businesses/not for profits e.g. Fraser Lake Legion unable to qualify/access Federal/Provincial Funding programs
- 2020 UBCM Convention
 - No update as of yet in regard to the 2020 UBCM Convention moving forward.

Director Fisher, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Potential challenges in regard to taxation
- Very busy – business conducted differently within the parameters of the Provincial Orders, Guidelines and Notices

Director Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

- Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy
 - Requires individuals to have a CRA My Business Account
- Impacts to the cultural sector – libraries/museums are significant
 - Federal Government announced some help this week
 - No guidelines currently

Director Parker – Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Reviewing options to use Federal Gas Tax funding to assist where possible
- Agriculture sector follow-up with the Province
- Acknowledged the Regional Board for its efforts during the event

Director Atrill, Town of Smithers

- Moving toward a Recovery Task Force
 - Looking for examples from neighboring communities
- Hosting a number of virtual meetings to address any and all topics along with the Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce
- Smithers RCMP have indicated an increase in frequency and severity of calls
- Concerned in regard to Provincial discussions of diverting businesses from smaller centres to larger centres – will follow up
- Reviewing additional public messaging

Director McGuire, Village of Granisle

- Hosted a Town Hall meeting on April 22, 2020
- Observing mental health and wellness of its residents
- Senior population has been enjoying walks outside

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Teleconference with Minister Robinson
 - Discussed B.C.'s addition of more ambulances
 - Brought forward the importance of including additional personnel as well
 - Concerns in regard to Ambulances in Granisle continuing to provide cross coverage. Director Storey indicated the Village of Fraser Lake is having the same issues

Director Brien, District of Houston

- Residents in Houston struggling to access EI programs
- Hosting a Town Hall meeting tonight (April 23, 2020) along with the Houston Chamber of Commerce
- Moving forward with its Downtown Revitalization Projects
 - Good to move these projects forward

Director Funk, Village of Burns Lake

- Burns Lake Recycling Depot Closure
 - Location of ICI bin
 - Creating concerns for local businesses
- Awaiting a Provincial response in regard to the start of Tree Planting in the area
 - Concerns - companies preparing to move forward without Provincial guidelines
 - John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes has reached out to Northern Health and is awaiting a response
 - Chair Thiessen indicated the Province and Northern Health may be working on a plan
- Working with Directors Riis-Christianson and Lambert to develop an Emergency Response Roundtable
 - Beneficial moving toward recovery
- Small Business assistance from the Federal Government can now be accessed through the local Credit Union
- Moving forward with its 2020 infrastructure projects

Director Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

- Working with Taylor Bachrach, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley regarding issues being encountered in the community
- White Swan Park in Fraser Lake is closed to tourists
 - The Park will be used for locals needing to self-isolate if required
- Parades by First Responders have been good
- Mt. Milligan is recalling workers April 27, 2020
- West Fraser in Fraser Lake is recalling workers
- NCLGA is working on conducting its AGM electronically

Director J. Greenaway, District of Fort St. James

- Seniors helping Seniors' program in Fort St. James has partnered with Save On Foods to provide food to seniors and those with mobility issues
- Nak'azdli Whut'en is only open to members living on reserve
 - Security is in place
- Apollo Forest Products Ltd. is reopening April 26, 2020.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Flooding in Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Director T. Greenaway mentioned that two locations in Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) have flooding concerns. Flooding from Sowchea Creek is impacting the Sowchea Bay area and there is a washout on Pinchi Lake Road, approximately 30 kms north of Fort St. James. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is aware of the issues and has contacted RDBN staff and will provide further updates this afternoon. Manager Jones-Middleton provided an update.

UNBC Agriculture Working Group

Director Parker commented that he participated in a working group with the University of Northern B.C. regarding UNBC becoming more involved in the Agriculture sector. He will provide the minutes when they are completed on a future RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting.

Fire Truck for the Southside Fire Department

Director Lambert spoke of the work taking place to purchase a Fire Truck for the Southside Volunteer Fire Department.

Stuart Nechako Manor

Director Petersen mentioned that the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District (SNRHD) provided a thank you letter and gift card in recognition of the Stuart Nechako Manor staff in regard to the adverse conditions they encountered regarding the fire, flooding and subsequent repairs that occurred at the Manor. SNRHD Chair Petersen received a letter of appreciation from Northern Health on behalf of the Manor. The Manor is fully operational at this time. Chair Thiessen will follow up in the near future with Northern Health in regard to its building integrity analysis for the Manor.

Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) Update

Director Newell thanked those that have welcomed him to the RDBN. As a newly elected director he has received numerous calls from area residents in regard to the following concerns and topics:

- Lake Babine Nation Foundation Agreement
 - Potential impact to some residents in regard to land transfers
 - Smithers Landing area formed a community association to address LBN Foundation Agreement impacts to area residents
 - Has been in contact with Tlell Glover, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Negotiations and Regional Operations Division – Skeena Region
 - Director McGuire indicated that MIRR is planning to provide engagement sessions in Granisle
- Houston Mill curtailment
 - Director Brien indicated Canfor extended its curtailment a further two weeks
 - The sawmill is now into its 4th week of a 5-week curtailment
- Rural broadband and cell coverage
 - Concerns regarding the lack of adequate service
 - Contact information for ISP's and cell phone companies.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Thank You to Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors

Director Layton thanked Chair Thiessen and the Board of Directors for reaching out during his recent health concerns.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Southside Volunteer Fire Department Apparatus

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-4-31

“That the Board approve issuing a “Notice of Intent” to purchase the 2019 Stock Liberator Side Control Fire Engine that is currently available through Fort Gary Fire Trucks.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CN – Fraser Lake

Director Storey mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake has requested that CN clean up the junk yard located at White Swan Park. CN has also been completing construction works in the area at late hours with high levels of noise without providing notification. Concerns have been provided to CN.

Village of Fraser Lake – 4th Lagoon

Director Storey reported that work is being completed on the 4th Lagoon which is exciting and will be beneficial for the community.

Chair's Update

Chair Thiessen attended the following meetings recently:

- Meeting with Premier Horgan – COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Attended with five local government elected representatives from Northern BC
 - Provide an understanding to the impacts of COVID-19 in northern B.C.
- Follow-up meeting - Pathway Forward 2.0 Agreement
 - Chair Thiessen and CAO Helgesen participated in a teleconference meeting with Cory Waters, Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
 - CAO Helgesen will work with Mr. Waters moving forward
- Rio Tinto Water Engagement
- Nechako Roundtable
- Coastal GasLink re: COVID-19 Protocols.

Chair Thiessen spoke of moving forward in a safe manner regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic event.

ICI Recycling in Fort St. James

Director J. Greenaway mentioned that they are experiencing similar issues with ICI Recycling in Fort St. James as Burns Lake. She noted that the District of Fort St. James has been working with a cooperative group to develop a plan for ICI recycling. The COVID-19 event has created some challenges completing the plan in the timeline provided. Director J. Greenaway spoke of the importance of the Regional District continuing work with the Province in regard to ICI recycling.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director J. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-4-32

“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 and Action List

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Atrill

2020-4-33

“That the Board receive the following:

Administration Correspondence

- Northern Development Initiative Trust – 2020 Local Government Internship Program
- the Union of B.C. Municipalities – Provincial Response to 2019 Resolutions

Action List

- March 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Manager Jones-Middleton provided an overview of the 2020 Local Government Internship Program Hire that will begin May 18, 2020 for a one-year term.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

2020-4-34

“That the Board write a letter to the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Deputy Minister Wes Shoemaker in regard to allowing Class D and E Abattoirs to process meat for sale purposes.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Parker noted that currently Class D and E Licensed Abattoirs are unable to sell meat processed at their facilities. Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic and the recognized need for local processing to provide food security it would be beneficial for Class D and E Licensed Abattoirs to be able to sell locally processed meat. There is currently an Abattoir on the Southside of Francois Lake that would potentially be a location for increased sale possibilities.

Chair Thiessen

Chair Thiessen noted the work that Board of Directors are doing for their residents and recognized the importance of the RDBN Board of Directors supporting their communities and encouraging one another in these challenging times.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-4-35

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:16 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant