

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 7

Thursday, June 18, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – arrived at 11:11 a.m.
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton – Via Teleconference – left at 12:24 p.m., returned at 1:11 p.m.
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – arrived at 11:05 a.m.

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – left at 12:17 p.m.
Steve Davis, Building Inspector/Bylaw Enforcement Officer – left at 11:08 a.m.
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:34 a.m., left at 12:17 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – arrived at 11:04 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – Via Teleconference
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Elaine Wiebe, Environmental Services Assistant – arrived at 11:34 a.m., left at 12:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-7-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of June 18, 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
-May 21, 2020

Moved by Director J. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

2020-7-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES (CONT'D)

Committee Meeting
Minutes

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-7-3

"That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - June 4, 2020 (Unapproved)
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - June 4, 2020 (Unapproved)
- Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes
 - June 4, 2020 (Unapproved)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION (All Directors)

Section 57 Notice on Title

Section 57 Notice on Title
-Block I, District Lot 1586,
Range 5, Coast District
(233 Prairie Road)
Electoral Area "A"

Chair Thiessen called for comments from the gallery.

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-7-4

"That the Board receive the June 17, 2020 e-mail correspondence from Gary Huxtable – 233 Prairie Road – Hudson Bay Mountain.

And that the Corporate Officer file a notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* relating to land legally described as: Block I, District Lot 1586, Range 5, Coast District (233 Prairie Road)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Section 57 Notice on Title
-Lot 2, Section 2, Township 4,
Range 5, Coast District,
Plan 11676 (2400 Telkwa High Road)
Electoral Area "A"

Chair Thiessen called for comments from the gallery.

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-7-5

"That the Board receive the June 17, 2020 e-mail correspondence from Gary Huxtable – 2400 Telkwa High Road.

And that the Corporate Officer file a notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* relating to land legally described as: Lot 2, Section 2, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 11676 (2400 Telkwa High Road)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development Variance Permit Applications

Development Variance Permit Application No. C-01-20 (Tschampa) - Electoral Area "C" Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-7-6 "That the Board approve Development Variance Permit C-01-20 for the property located at 11186 Huffman Drive to vary Section 3.0.8 d) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 to decrease the setback from the natural boundary of a lake from 15 metres to 6.7 metres for the proposed addition and the existing cabin built in general compliance with Schedule A of the permit."

Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-7-7 "That the Board defer Motion 2020-7-6 to a future RDBN Board meeting."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development Variance Permit Application No. F-01-20 (Thomson) - Electoral Area "F" Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

2020-7-8 "That the Board approve Development Variance Permit F-01-20 for the property located at 55655 Jardine Road to vary Section 3.0.8 1 d) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 to decrease the setback from the natural boundary of a lake from 15 metres to 12 metres for a proposed dwelling."

(Participants/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Temporary Use Permit Application

Temporary Use Permit Application E-01-20 (CGL Laydown Site 43) Electoral Area "E" Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-7-9 "That the Board issue Temporary Use Permit E-01-20 for the property legally described as 'West ½ of District Lot 4999, Range 5, Coast District.'"

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for 3rd Reading and Adoption

Rezoning Application A-08-19 (Penninga) 3rd Reading and Adoption – Bylaw 1907 and 1908 Electoral Area “A” Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-7-10

1. “That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako OCP Amendment Bylaw 1907, 2020 and Rezoning Bylaw No. 1908, 2020;
2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 1907, 2020 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1908, 2020 be given third reading and adoption this 18th day of June, 2020.”

(All/Directors/2/3 Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw Enforcement

Illegal Scrap and Salvage Operation at 5200 Aspen Road – Electoral Area “A” Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-7-11

“That Staff work with the solicitor to undertake the process to petition for a B.C. Supreme Court injunction prohibiting Mr. Schultz from operating a scrap and salvage operation at 5200 Aspen Road, or at any other location in contravention of the Regional District’s Zoning Bylaw. This process may involve the negotiation of a consent order by staff.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

Memos

Telkwa Coal Environmental Assessment: Pre-application Draft Application Information Requirements Moved by Director Riis-Christiansen
Seconded by Director Fisher

2020-7-12

“That Staff submit comments to the Environmental Assessment Office regarding draft Application Information Requirements, as discussed in the June 18 staff report titled Telkwa Coal Environmental Assessment: Pre-application Draft Application Information Requirements staff report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors) (CONT'D)

Memos (Cont'd)

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Study Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director T.Greenaway

2020-7-13

"That the Board receive the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Service Study, and direct staff to report back to the Board with a strategy for the implementation of a parks and recreation service that does the following:

- Allows Directors the ability to determine the services provided, if any, in their service areas;
- Allows for the ownership of parks and recreation facilities;
- Allows for the provision of sustainable funding to societies; and,
- Ensures that taxation dollars are spent in the service areas in which they were raised."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Village of Granisle
 - o Potential tax for a Parks and Outdoor Recreation Service
 - o RDBN staff presenting to Village of Granisle Council
- Ability for staff to provide a presentation if Municipal Councils and Area Directors want to establish a group
- Staff time allocation depending on services determined
 - o Administration costs will be outlined in the report coming forward to the Board
- Report will provide an opportunity for Area Directors to present options to constituents
- Ensuring that the principles are included and maintained now and in the future for the Board, staff and the public.

Cycle 16 Trail Society Memorandum of Understanding Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2020-7-14

"That the Board enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Cycle 16 Trail Society."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure directive that the Cycle 16 Commuter Trail be owned by the RDBN and/or local government
- Questions regarding the role of the RDBN moving forward will be provided in the report to the Board regarding strategy and implementation for the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Study.

Crown Land Application Referrals

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410124
(Winarto/Dennison)
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-7-15

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410124 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410124."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 0278936
(Allan and Lisa Volts)
Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-7-16

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Application Referral No. 0278936 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 0278936."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mine Referral

Mine Application Referral
No. 122802354-006 (Endako)
Electoral Area "D"

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-7-17

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Mine Referral No. 122802354-006 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Mine Application Referral No. 122802354-006 (Endako)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-June 4, 2020

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director J.Greenaway

2020-7-18

"That the Board approve the June 4, 2020 Committee Meeting Recommendations 1 to 3 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting– June 4, 2020

Recommendation 1: Re: COVID-19 Board Meeting Safety Precautions

"That the Board approve plexiglass desk dividers at an estimated cost of \$8,000."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – June 4, 2020

Recommendation 2: Re: Livestock Evacuation Plan

“That the Board approve the amended Livestock Evacuation Plan.”

Recommendation 3: Re: Solid Waste Inventory and Feasibility Plan

“That the Board not proceed with hiring Tetrattech to conduct the waste inventory study for the RDBN.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Amendment

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-7-19

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1912, 2020 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 18th day of June, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Community Forest Annual Operating Budget

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-7-20

“That the Board support Chinook Comfor Limited Shareholders’ resolutions to approve the 2020-2021 Operation Budget.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Road Rescue Contribution Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1905, 2020

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

2020-7-21

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Road Rescue Contribution Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1905, 2020 be adopted this 18th day of June, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1906, 2020

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-7-22

“That Cluculz Lake Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1906, 2020 be adopted this 18th day of June, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Request for Letter of Support
Watershed Security Funding Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Riis-Christiansen

2020-7-23 "That the Board write a letter to Premier Horgan in support of the Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society (NEWSS) and the BC Watershed Security Coalition proposal to the B.C. and Federal Governments to invest in watershed security as a core focus of economic recovery plans for B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 UBCM Resolution
Deadline Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-7-24 "That the Board receive the Manager of Administrative Services' June 18, 2020 memo titled 2020 UBCM Resolution Deadline."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Allocations of Federal
Gas Tax Funds
-to June 1, 2020 Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-7-25 "That the Board receive the Regional Economic Development Coordinator's June 18, 2020 memo titled Electoral Allocations of Federal Gas Tax Funds – to June 1, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Climate Action Revenue
Incentive Program (CARIP)
Public Report – Climate Action
Survey 2019 Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-7-26 "That the Board approve the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Report for 2019."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will investigate the potential to utilize RDBN Climate Action Revenue for parks and recreation green space for carbon offsets and the inability to utilize the building of Transfer Stations for carbon offsets.

VERBAL REPORTS

Village of Granisle Water
Treatment Facility
Commissioning Director McGuire stated that the technicians are arriving the week of June 22-26, 2020 to commission the Village of Granisle's Water Treatment Facility.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Canada Day Celebration -Village of Granisle

Director McGuire mentioned that the Village of Granisle intends to move forward with its Canada Day Celebrations with a flag raising ceremony with the RCMP and prepared hotdogs and cake to handout. They are being mindful of current COVID-19 limitations. The event is a trial to move forward with its Granisle Days Celebration.

Funding for Home Meals for Vulnerable Residents in Granisle

Director McGuire noted that the Village of Granisle received funding for a home meal delivery program to assist vulnerable residents in the community.

District of Fort St. James Update

Director J. Greenaway provided a brief update regarding the District of Fort St. James:

- District of Fort St. James Municipal Office remains closed at this time due COVID 19
- Community grocery delivery system remains in place
- Canada Day Celebrations
 - o Virtual
 - o Trivia Contest being conducted by District staff
- Northern Development Initiative Trust Planning Intern has started at the District and is from Vancouver.

Lakes District Fall Fair Cancelled

Director Riis-Christianson commented that the Lakes District Fall Fair has had to cancel its event this year due to COVID-19. It is the second time it has been cancelled in three years. He recognized the number of events and impacts to the communities in the region due to COVID-19.

Meeting with Telus RE: Broadband on Southside of Francois Lake

Director Riis-Christianson commented that, along with Directors Lambert and Newell he met with Telus in regard to broadband coverage on the Southside of Francois Lake. Director Lambert mentioned that they are working on details for additional towers. Director Newell spoke of connectivity issues and that he wants to move forward with access to internet in Area "G" (Houston Rural).

Parks and Recreation Discussion -Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

Director Parker noted that he has had conversations with groups in Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake) in regard to a potential Parks and Recreation function/service in the area.

Meeting – Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Director Petersen, Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services and Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief met with the Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department to announce that utilizing the Northern Capital Planning Grant, there is funding to build a new fire hall. A committee has been organized to work with RDBN staff to move forward with a new fire hall.

Funding for a Foundry in Burns Lake

Director Funk announced Carrier Sekani Family Services has received funding for a Foundry in Burns Lake. It will provide health and wellness resources, including social, educational and mental health resources for people ages 12 to 24 and their families. Carrier Sekani Family Services worked with a number of stakeholders in the community, including Director Funk, to submit an expression of interest to the Province of BC.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Burns Lake Standing Committee -Economic Diversification and Recovery

Director Funk mentioned that the Village of Burns Lake has formed a standing committee in regard to Economic Diversification and Recovery to move projects forward in the community.

Recognition of Houston Community Members

Director Brienen commented that Houston recently lost two very active volunteer community members; Hank Buursema and Tom Guest, each serving on the Houston Volunteer Fire Department for 43 and 40 years respectively. Mr. Guest was also a municipal councilor for one term of office. Director Brienen provided recognition to both men for their community service and dedication and the incredible ways they always helped the community.

LBN Foundation Agreement

Director Newell noted that he met with Tom McCarthy, Divisional Chief Negotiator, and Tlell Glover, Senior Resource Coordination Officer, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation in regard to the Lake Babine Foundation Agreement. Due to COVID-19 restrictions challenges have been identified due to the inability to have public meetings and meeting virtually creates a number of issues. Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Glover are creating a working group and have requested Director Newell's participation. He has also put forth CAO Helgesen's name to be a part of the working group.

Post Rail Pilot Project

Director Storey mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake has been approved to conduct a Post Rail Pilot Project utilizing the airport land. It will investigate innovative ideas in regard to thinning and spacing of trees as a sustainable model.

Pipeline Project Accommodations

Director Storey commented that the Coastal GasLink project will be increasing its number of workers in the area by the end of 2020, and the Village of Fraser Lake is developing RV space to allow for additional workers in the area.

Village of Fraser Lake 4th Lagoon

Director Storey reported that the Village of Fraser Lake's 4th lagoon project has been approved and will be moving forward. It will also allow the ability to accept camp waste.

New Gold Inc Sells its Blackwater Project to Artemis Gold

Director Storey announced New Gold Inc's announcement of its sale of the Blackwater Project to Artemis Gold. She noted they are awaiting further information.

Town of Smithers Update

Director Atrill provided a Town of Smithers update:

- Continues to have its Community Outreach Roundtable discussions on a bi-weekly basis.
- Town of Smithers Municipal Council Chambers are open to the public
- Working on a long-term governance structure for the Smithers Fall Fair Grounds
- Smithers held a Black Lives/Indigenous Lives Matter rally
 - o Attendees shared local stories.

Twelve Unit Senior Housing Unit – Village of Telkwa

Director Layton mentioned that the Twelve Unit Senior Housing project is in its last stages of planning. He is hoping that with sufficient funding construction of the project will begin in the near future.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Telkwa Sewer and Water Infrastructure Funding

Director Layton commented that the Village of Telkwa will be completing sewer and water infrastructure projects in 2020 with approximately \$6 million from successful grant applications.

District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office

Chair Thiessen noted that the District of Vanderhoof Municipal Office remained open during the pandemic with no public attendance at Council Meetings.

Grad Ceremonies

Chair Thiessen spoke of the innovative Grad Ceremonies that took place in Vanderhoof. He mentioned the importance of Grad Ceremonies and great new ideas that have been implemented.

Preplanning for Second Wave of COVID-19

Chair Thiessen, along with First Nations, RCMP, Northern Health and School District 91 Nechako Lakes have been meeting to preplan for the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19.

District of Vanderhoof -Northern Capital & Planning Grant

Chair Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof is utilizing its Northern Capital and Planning Grant on paving and infrastructure upgrades in 2020.

Northern Development Initiative Trust Board Member Announcement

Chair Thiessen announced that Director Parker was elected to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Board of Directors. He spoke of the importance of participating on NDI's Board of Directors.

Northern Mayors Meeting

Chair Thiessen met with ten northern community Mayors and a topic for discussion was the various organization membership fees for local government.

Police Funding

Chair Thiessen indicated that the District of Vanderhoof is currently reviewing police funding.

North Central Local Government Association

Director McGuire questioned how the North Central Local Government Association was moving forward with virtual meetings for its Executive Committee. Director Storey noted that the Executive Committee had its AGM via Zoom and resolutions that had been submitted to NCLGA have been forwarded to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for consideration at its 2020 Virtual Convention. NCLGA has cancelled some projects for 2020 as well. NCLGA continues to meet regularly but there are challenges with poor internet.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-7-27

"That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LIST

Action List

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-7-28

“That the Board receive the Action List for May 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

RFP-Purchase of Computers for ESS Program

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Atrill

2020-7-29

“That the Board enter into a contract with Microserve for the purchase of 71 Lenovo Thinkpad T14 computers and 71 HP printers as described in their submission for the quoted price of \$138,013.82 (including PST).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Knockholt Landfill Phase 3B -Authorization to Proceed Using Prime Contractor Agreement

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-7-30

“That the Board proceed with completion of the Phase 3B Development Project at the Knockholt Landfill with the RDBN assuming the role of Prime Contractor as authorized under Bylaw No. 1532. And, that the Board approve an expenditure limit for completion of the Phase 3B Development Project of \$450,000.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING

Public Hearing Minutes -Rezoning Application A-08-19 (Penninga) and Development Variance Permit Application C-01-20 (Tschampa) Submission From Lisa Schlueter

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-7-31

“That the Board receive the following:

Bylaw for 3rd Reading and Adoption

- Public Hearing Minutes – Rezoning Application A-08-19 (Penninga) 3rd Reading and Adoption Bylaw 1907 & 1908 – Electoral Area “A”

Development Variance Permit Application

- Development Variance Permit Application C-01-20 (Tschampa) Submission from Lisa Schlueter.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch at 12:24 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 UBCM Resolution
RE: Connectivity

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-7-32

“That the Board submit the following resolution to the 2020 Union of B.C. Municipalities in regard to Internet and Cell Phone Service:

WHEREAS access to fast, affordable broadband internet and cell phone service is essential in today’s digital world;

AND WHEREAS broadband internet and cell phone service in many rural and remote communities across British Columbia is either non-existent or too slow and unreliable to access many services necessary for economic and social well-being;

AND WHEREAS during an emergency where social interaction is limited or traditional communications infrastructure is compromised, it is imperative that citizens have reliable broadband internet and cell phone service to access health care, education, online meeting platforms, emergency information, and other programs relating to health and wellness;

AND WHEREAS while fees charged for broadband internet and cell phone service in rural and remote communities are among the highest in Canada and the world, the quality of service has in many instances declined in recent months;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM urge the Province of BC to establish an infrastructure framework to ensure that equal access to internet and cell phone service is available to all British Columbians.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 UBCM Resolution
RE: Cardboard Recycling

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-7-33

“That the Board submit the following resolution to the 2020 Union of B.C. Municipalities in regard to Cardboard Recycling:

WHEREAS cardboard is cardboard;

AND WHEREAS all cardboard in the Province of BC should be treated equally:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of BC immediately incorporate all cardboard into the existing Extended Producer Responsibility Program operated by Recycle BC.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

2020 UBCM Resolution
RE: Ministry of Transportation
and Infrastructure RE: Active
Transportation

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-7-34

“That Staff work with Director Fisher to prepare and submit a resolution in regard to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Active Transportation.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 UBCM Meeting with
BC Assessment

Director Fisher spoke of scheduling a meeting with BC Assessment at the 2020 UBCM Convention. He brought forward concerns in regard to the impacts to residents with the significant increase to tax assessments in particular areas in the region. Staff will follow up with BC Assessment to schedule a meeting. Prior to COVID-19 staff was working to have BC Assessment assessors in the region attend a RDBN Board Meeting. Staff will continue to work with BC Assessment to schedule meetings.

Rural Coordination Centre of
BC Invitation – BC Rural and
First Nations Health and
Wellness Summit

Director Lambert mentioned that he had received an invitation to attend the Rural Coordination Centre of BC's (RCCBC) BC Rural First Nations Health and Wellness Summit held virtually on June 29-30, 2020. Chair Thiessen spoke of the importance of attending the Summit.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-7-35

“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 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 McGuire
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-7-36

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:18 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant