

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 10

Thursday, September 17, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway – left at 11:15 a.m., returned at 11:45 a.m.
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey
Casda Thomas

Director Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa

Absent

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator – left at 11:30 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Erik Sagmoen, Regional Business Liaison - left at 10:36 a.m.
Chantal Wentland, Northern Development Initiative Trust Intern – left at 10:57 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Gregory Willick, Fort St. James – left at 10:55 a.m.

Media Priyanka Ketkar, Lakes District News

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were conducted for staff members Erik Sagmoen, Regional Business Liaison and Chantal Wentland, Northern Development Initiative Trust Intern.

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-10-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of September 17, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes **-August 13, 2020**

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Petersen

2020-10-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting **Minutes**

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

2020-10-3

“That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
-September 3, 2020
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
- September 3, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-10-4

“That the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaws for 3rd Reading

3rd Reading Bylaw No. 1915,
2020 Rezoning Application
C-01-20 (Willick) Electoral
Area “C”

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

2020-10-5

1. “That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1915, 2020.
2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1915, 2020 be given third reading this 17th day of September, 2020.
3. And that adoption not be considered until a covenant is registered on title, to the satisfaction of the Planning Department, ensuring the land is developed as proposed.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws for 3rd Reading (CONT'D)

3rd Reading – Bylaw No. 1916, 2020 Rezoning Application A-01-20 (Hunting) Electoral Area “A” Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Thomas

2020-10-6

1. “That the Board receive the Report of Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1916, 2020.
2. “That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1916, 2020 be given third reading this 17th day of September, 2020.
3. And that adoption not be considered until the Building Inspectors have obtained a complete building permit application for the building on the subject property.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke to the following:

- Public process
- Providing notification and information to neighbors
 - o Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning outlined the notification requirements and indicated that additional notification requirements can be established by amending the Development Procedures Bylaw
- Communication and overall engagement
- How to better understand the whole picture regarding development and water management
- Water regulations and provincial agency oversight
 - o Working together to understand long term collaboration of water management
- Evolution of water usage over time.

Discussion took place in regard to the application being for a Cannabis Processing Facility and has to operate according to Health Canada and Provincial Government standards for water management and regulations.

Bylaws for 3rd Reading and Adoption

3rd Reading & Adoption
-Bylaw No. 1913 & 1914, 2020
OCP Amendment & Rezoning
Application E-01-20 (Brewer)
Electoral Area "E"

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-10-7

1. "That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1913, 2020 and Rezoning Bylaw No. 1914, 2020.
2. That Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw 1913, 2020 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1914, 2020 be given third reading and adoption this 17th day of September, 2020."

(All/2/3 Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Application

Chair Thiessen recused himself from the meeting at 10:52 a.m. due to a conflict of interest regarding ALR Non-Farm Use Application No. 1224 (CSFS) – Electoral Area "F". He is the realtor selling the adjacent property.

ALR Non-Farm Use
Application No. 1224 (CSFS)
-Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-10-8

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1224 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda Correspondence in regard to the Application from McWalter Consulting Limited be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen returned at 10:54 a.m.

Temporary Use Permit

Temporary Use Permit
Application G-01-20 (CGL)
Electoral Area "G"

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-10-9

"That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit G-01-20 to allow gravel crushing on the application area."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Memo

Bill 52: What We Heard
Report From the Residential
Flexibility Engagements

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Parker

2020-10-10

“That the Board receive the Planner 1’s September 17, 2020 staff report regarding Bill 52: What We Heard Report from the Residential Flexibility Engagements.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
September 3, 2020

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-10-11

“That the Board approve Recommendations 1 and 2 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting– September 3, 2020

Recommendation 1:

**Re: Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
– Core Advisory Council**

“That the Board nominate Curtis Helgesen, CAO to the Core Advisory Council.”

Recommendation 2:

Re: Cow Moose and Calf Cull

“That, in preparation for the Minister of FLNRORD UBCM meeting regarding the Board’s opposition to the cow moose and calf cull, the Board request letters of support from First Nations and Sportsman’s groups within the RDBN.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounting of Administrative
Overhead Policy

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-10-12

“That the Board approve the Accounting of Administrative Overhead Policy.”

Opposed: Director Fisher
Director Thomas

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding allocation of support services to the Environmental Services Department and changing the allocation from 6% to 7%. Budget 2021 will assist in determining the allocation of support services moving forward.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Accounting of Directors' Remuneration and Expense Policy

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-10-13

“That the Board approve the Accounting of Directors’
Remuneration and Expenses Policy.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Shareholders’ Resolution

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-10-14

“That the Board approve the Chinook Comfor Limited
Shareholders’ Resolution and authorize the Chair and Corporate
Officer to sign the resolution.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Community Society

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-10-15

“That the Board approve the Chinook Community Society’s
resolutions and authorize the Chair and the Corporate Officer to
sign the resolution.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds -Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural), Burns Lake Mountain Bike Association

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-10-16

“That the Board authorize contributing up to an additional
\$15,000 of Electoral Area “B” Federal Gas Tax allocation monies
to the Burns Lake Mountain Bike Association for a Recreation
Infrastructure project at the Burns Lake Mountain Bike Park.

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

And, that the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$15,000
from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Withdrawal - Village of Granisle - Letter of Support Request

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-10-17

“That the Village of Granisle – Letter of Support Request be
withdrawn.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CN – Whistle Cessation and
Controlled Crossings

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Thomas

2020-10-18

“That the Board authorize staff to consult with CN in regard to gated railway crossing construction with whistle cessation at two Lake Kathlyn Road Crossings and the Slack Road Crossing.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort Fraser Fire Protection
Service Area Boundary
Amendment Bylaw
No. 1920, 2020

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-10-19

“That Fort Fraser Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1920, 2020 be given first, second, and third reading this 17th day of September, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

British Columbia - Modernizing
BC’s Emergency Management
Legislation

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director J.Greenaway

2020-10-20

“That the Board direct staff to pursue further engagement with the Province of BC with the recommendations outlined in the September 17, 2020 Protective Services Staff Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021 FireSmart Community
Funding & Support Application

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-10-21

“That the Board support applying to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Resiliency Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding & Support (CRI Funding), to extend the FireSmart program from May 2021 – May 2022.

And that the Board authorize the Chair and CAO to enter into the RDBN’s contract with the CRI Funding program, should the funding be approved, and provide overall grant management for the project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Government
Broadband and Spectrum
Advocacy Letter

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Parker

2020-10-22

“That the Board provide the September 17, 2020 letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau to advocate for changes to Broadband Infrastructure Investment and Spectrum Allocation policies.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Friends of Morice Bulkley
-Risk Assessment of
Hazardous Petroleum Cargo
on Northwest BC Rail Corridor

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-10-23

"That the Board receive the Manager of Administrative Services September 17, 2020 Friends of Morice Bulkley – Risk Assessment of Hazardous Petroleum Cargo on Northwest BC Rail Corridor memo."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Bringing forward for future discussion the increased rail traffic and rail crossings being blocked by stopped trains for long periods of time
- Rail and pipeline transportation safety
- CN Rail safety
 - In the event of a major issue with rail the impact to communities would be significant
 - Length of time for CN Rail to respond to an event
- Lack of communication by CN Rail with local government when derailments occur
- Lack of information provided to Volunteer Fire Departments and First Responders in regard to goods being transported via rail
- Speeds and ability for trains to stop
- Communication challenges
- Past and current CN Rail discussions and issues
- Requesting CN Rail to be a delegate at a future Board meeting
- Bringing forward the topic with the Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure at the RDBN 2020 UBCM meeting with the Minister.

Write a Letter to the Honourable
Marc Garneau, Minister of
Transport Canada

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-10-24

"That the Board write a letter to the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport Canada advising that the Board received the concerns of the Friends of Morice Bulkley and request an update on plans and measures concerning the proposed increase of hazardous petroleum cargo on the northwest rail corridor."

Opposed: Director Lambert

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

VERBAL REPORTS

New Fire Truck for the Southside Volunteer Fire Department

Director Lambert mentioned that the Southside Volunteer Fire Department has received its new fire truck.

Telus Meeting

Director Riis-Christianson noted that, along with staff, he met with the Northeast Telus General Manager September 11th. He indicated that it was a good meeting.

Public Meeting in Fort St. James

Director T. Greenaway thanked Planning Department Staff for attending the Public Hearing in Fort St. James.

Village of Granisle Update

Director McGuire provided an update for the Village of Granisle:

- Babine Elementary Secondary School is in session and there are 33 students enrolled
- Granisle General Store and Gas Station is for sale
 - o Will be closing by winter if it doesn't sell
- BC Emergency Health Services – Bursary
 - o Director McGuire mentioned that she has information regarding the BC Emergency Health Services Bursary and if there is interest Directors may contact her.

Air Canada Resumes Service in Smithers

Director Thomas announced that Air Canada is resuming service to Smithers with four flights a week.

Dungate Community Forest

Director Newell mentioned that a community meeting was held regarding the Dungate Community Forest Expansion. Good suggestions were brought forward and the meeting went well.

Working with Drilling Company in Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Director Newell noted that he has been in communication with a drilling company working in the Bob Creek Area to address resident concerns regarding access issues. The company will be hosting a public meeting to discuss concerns with area residents.

Starlink High Speed Internet Access

Director Newell commented that Starlink, on its website, is taking names to conduct a beta test of its satellite system. It may be an opportunity for those with poor internet in rural areas to provide feedback for future high-speed internet access.

Tour Coastal GasLink Work Camp – Vanderhoof

Director Petersen was invited to participate in a tour of Coastal GasLink's work camp near Vanderhoof along with the District of Vanderhoof Council, including Chair Thiessen, on September 10th. The camp is a 1000-man camp with 750 workers currently at the camp. Chair Thiessen and Director Petersen recognized the effort of Coastal Gaslink in implementing its COVID Protocols. The tour also provided an opportunity to view the assembling of pipe.

Chair Thiessen mentioned that during the tour he had an opportunity to speak with long term employees of the company. Two employees started with the company with entry level jobs 35 and 17 years ago and continued to move into more senior positions and love working for the company.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

Director Fisher mentioned that he has received a number of calls recently, mostly involving issues in regard to balancing development and residential concerns. He spoke of the importance of addressing people's legitimate concerns.

Village of Burns Lake By-Election

Director Funk announced that the Village of Burns Lake will be having a By-Election in the future as Councilor Darrell Hill has recently accepted a job position that will require his resignation from Village Council.

Seniors Housing Project in Vanderhoof

Chair Thiessen mentioned that they are hoping to start pouring cement in the near future for the Seniors Housing Project that the District of Vanderhoof is working on in partnership with BC Housing and Northern Health.

Mental Health and Drug Addiction

Chair Thiessen spoke of the emotional and mental health and addiction issues occurring in communities along with the number of suicides.

Chair Thiessen noted the importance of trying to keep recreation facilities open during the COVID 19 Pandemic to provide an outlet for people. He also spoke of the Regional District moving forward with parks and recreation initiatives and providing access to outdoor activities to assist in mitigating impacts from the Pandemic. Chair Thiessen recognized the impact to Seniors and those having to be isolated.

Chair Thiessen raised concerns regarding the number of people on the waiting list for long term care in Vanderhoof.

District of Fort St. James By-Election

Director J.Greenaway reported that the District of Fort St. James By-Election will take place on September 26, 2020. The two candidates that have been declared are Rob MacDougall and Bob Motion.

ICI Recycling in Fort St. James

Director J. Greenaway announced that an individual in Fort St. James has started a co-op with a number of businesses in the community to operate ICI (Industrial, Commercial, Institutional) Recycling in the community. They will utilize the District of Fort St. James Integris Building and baler.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-10-25

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy -Cardboard Recycling

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-10-26

“That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy -Cardboard Recycling.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Citizens’ Services -Connectivity Funding

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-10-27

“That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Ministry of Citizens’ Services - Connectivity Funding.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -Together for Wildlife – Improving Wildlife Stewardship and Habitat Conservation in British Columbia

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director J.Greenaway

2020-10-28

“That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Together for Wildlife – Improving Wildlife Stewardship and Habitat Conservation in British Columbia.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION LIST

Action Lists – July and August 2020

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-10-29

“That the July and August 2020 Action Lists be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-10-30

“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, and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-10-31

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:54 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant