

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 12

Thursday, November 19, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton – Via – Teleconference – left at 1:07 p.m., returned at 1:33 p.m.
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey -arrived at 10:43 a.m.

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 1:08 p.m., returned at 2:51 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 2:13 p.m., returned at 2:31 p.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – left at 3:35 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Via Zoom Bob Gammer, Community Relations Manager, BC Hydro -10:30 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.
Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, TC Energy -11:06 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Barrett Kennedy, Socio-Economic Advisor, TC Energy -11:06 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Rachel Kulasa, Public Affairs, Calgary, TC Energy -11:06 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Johnson Lee, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, BC Hydro -10:30 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.
Ian McLeod, Community Relations Team, TC Energy -11:06 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, TC Energy -11:06 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Anne Pulford, Project Manager, BC Hydro -10:30 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.
Tamara Trevelyan, Public Affairs, Prince George, TC Energy -11:06 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Media Priyanka Ketkar, Lakes District News – left at 12:06 p.m., returned at 2:42 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER CAO Helgesen called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

ELECTIONS

Chairperson

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020/2021.

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-12-1

“That Director Thiessen be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2020/2021.”

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a second time.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations CAO Helgesen declared Director Thiessen Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020/2021 by acclamation.

Vice – Chairperson

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020/2021.

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-12-2

“That Director Parker be nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for 2020/2021.”

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a second time.

CAO Helgesen called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson a third time.

There being no further nominations CAO Helgesen declared Director Parker as Vice-Chairperson for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the year 2020/2021 by acclamation.

Chairperson Thiessen assumed the Chair.

Chair Thiessen and Vice-Chairperson Parker thanked the Board.

AGENDA

Moved by Director J. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

2020-12-3

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of November 19, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes **-October 22, 2020**

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Petersen

2020-12-4

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting **Minutes**

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-12-5

“That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

-Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes

-November 5, 2020

-Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

-November 5, 2020

-Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes

- November 5, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

BC HYDRO – Johnson Lee, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Anne Pulford, Project Manager and Bob Gammer, Community Relations Manager RE: Prince George to Terrace Capacitor Project Update Via-Zoom

Chair Thiessen welcomed Johnson Lee, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Anne Pulford, Project Manager, and Bob Gammer Community Relations Manager, BC Hydro.

Mr. Lee and Ms. Pulford provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Prince George to Terrace Capacitor Project

- Project Driver
 - o Kitimat LNG
- What BC Hydro is planning
- Capacitor
- Location for Capacitor Stations #1 and #2 Alternatives for Capacitor Station #3
- Capacitor 3 Site Selection
- Timeline
- Next Steps.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Demand for LNG Plant in Kitimat
 - o 500 megawatts
 - o 100 % electricity driven
 - o 100 % supply from BC Hydro
- Output from Site C
 - o 1100 megawatts
- Capacity to operate LNG Plant without Site C
 - o Can LNG Plant run without Site C?
 - o BC Hydro will provide further information to the Board
- Current Capacitor Station locations in relation to proposed Capacitor Stations
- BC Hydro correlation to Rio Tinto and Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative
 - o BC Hydro indicated it will participate in Rio Tinto's Water Engagement Initiative by invitation from Rio Tinto

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

BC HYDRO – Johnson Lee, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor and Anne Pulford, Project Manager RE: Prince George to Terrace Capacitor Project Update Via-Zoom (Cont'd)

- Current capacity of BC Hydro
 - o 800 megawatts
 - Further information required in regard to the current amount of power available
- Does BC Hydro have the capacity for new mines, existing mine restarts and potential increase for industrial activity?
 - o Ensure there is capacity and three phase power to encourage growth in the region
 - o BC Hydro to provide further information
- Burns Lake Industrial Park.

Chair Thiessen thanked Messrs. Johnson and Gammer and Ms. Pulford for attending the meeting.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

TC ENERGY – Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator and Barrett Kennedy, Socio-Economic Advisor RE: Coastal GasLink Update

Chair Thiessen welcomed Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager and Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Barrett Kennedy, Socio-Economic Advisor, TC Energy.

Mr. Giddens and Kennedy provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Coastal GasLink Project Update

- Project overview
- About TC Energy
- Project Highlights
- Construction Timeline
- How TC Energy builds a pipeline
- Clearing and grading in the RDBN
- Pipe arrival and stockpiling progress in RDBN
- Stringing and bending progress in RDBN
- Welding progress in RDBN
- Pipe installation in RDBN
- Workforce accommodation in RDBN
- Safety is TC Energy's number one value
- Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)
- SEEMP Economic & Social Effects
- SEEMP Feedback during Phase 4 Engagement (June-November 2020)
- Minimizing impacts during construction
- Workforce accommodation
- Workforce accommodation locations (waste management)
- Opportunities through Prime Contractors
- Building stronger communities
- Creating a legacy of safety and respect
- Keeping in touch.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

TC ENERGY – Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator and Barrett Kennedy, Socio-Economic Advisor RE: Coastal GasLink Update

Discussion took place regarding:

- Pipeline corridor
 - o 60 metre construction corridor
 - o Allow to revegetate to a 10 metre corridor
 - o Continuous brushing of the right-of-way will take place by sub-contractors
 - o Regulations require public access restrictions
 - o Benefits of rights-of-way e.g. Fire guards during wildfire events

- Liquid waste
 - o Liquid waste disposal when camps reach full capacity
 - TC Energy works with municipalities that have the ability to accept waste within permitted values
 - Last estimates completed in May 2020
 - Monitoring
 - TC Energy will not exceed municipal values
 - Respecting municipal systems and providing a revenue opportunity
 - o Will there be an issue regarding liquid waste disposal when work camps are at capacity?
 - Mr. Giddens commented that issues are not anticipated, and monitoring will continue
 - Work camps have the ability to hold certain volumes

- Contaminated Soil
 - o Clarity required in regard to the disposal of contaminated soils
 - Disposal locations
 - Levels of contamination
 - Source of contamination
 - Frequency
 - o Delivered to Alberta or BC landfill locations based on regulations, permitted volumes, levels of contamination, and willingness to accept material
 - o Concerns were brought forward in regard to the potential impacts to ecosystems
 - Clearly outlined information in regard to disposal of contaminated soils is required
 - Mr. Giddens indicated that TC Energy Environmental Technical Professionals will follow up with the Regional District

- Pipe
 - o Most pipe is manufactured in Regina, Saskatchewan
 - o Travels via rail and truck to required locations
 - o Thicker walled pipe is manufactured in Japan
 - Transported via ship/rail/truck to locations along the pipeline route

- Challenges and pressures on community health care
 - o Trained medical professionals at work camps
 - o BC Ambulance – paramedics leaving to work on the pipeline
 - o Mr. Giddens noted that TC Energy is in discussions with Northern Health
 - Each work camp/lodge
 - Occupational Health Nurse
 - Available on-call physicians
 - TC Energy investigating further to determine impacts to medical communities

- Requirements for Pipeline employees to stay at work camps/lodges
 - o Requirements determined by contractor
 - o TC Energy will provide further information in regard to requirements for workers to stay in camp.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mr. Giddens and associates for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 3rd Reading

Chair Thiessen recused himself from the meeting at 12:04 p.m. due to a conflict of interest regarding 3rd Reading – Bylaw No. 1918, 2020 Rezoning Application F-01-20(CSFS) – Electoral Area “F”. He is the realtor selling the adjacent property.

3rd Reading – Bylaw
No. 1918, 2020 - Rezoning
Application F-01-20 (CSFS)
Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brien

2020-12-6

1. “That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1918, 2020.
2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1918, 2020 be given third reading this 19th day of November, 2020.
3. And that should Rezoning Bylaw 1918 be supported at third reading, adoption not be considered until the proposed use has been approved by the ALR.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:54 p.m.

Chair Thiessen returned to the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Bylaw for Adoption

RDBN Floodplain Management
Bylaw No. 1878, 2020
Proposed New Floodplain
Management Bylaw

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-12-7

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Floodplain Management Bylaw No. 1878, 2020” be adopted this 19th day of November, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

Development Variance Permit Moved by Director Fisher
Application A-03-20 Seconded by Director Atrill
Electoral Area "A"

2020-12-8 "That the Board approve Development Variance Permit A-03-20 for the property located at 6150 Donaldson Road to vary Section 23.0.5 (1) (a) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 to decrease the front parcel line setback from 7.5 metres (24.61 ft.) to 4.5 metres (14.76 ft) for the existing building and proposed addition built in general compliance with Schedule A of the permit; and further, that the permit be issued once authorization is received from the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

Municipal Referral

District of Vanderhoof Official Moved by Director Petersen
Community Plan and Zoning Seconded by Director Parker
Bylaw Referral

2020-12-9 "That staff inform the District of Vanderhoof that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has no concerns with the proposed new Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw and that it is recommended that the reference to a Regional Growth Strategy be removed from page 65 of the draft OCP."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral

Crown Land Referral Moved by Director Petersen
No. 7410156 Electoral Area F Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

2020-12-10 "That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Referral No. 7410156 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Changes In And About A Stream Referral

Changes in and about a Stream Moved by Director Petersen
Referral 7002742 – Electoral Seconded by Director Storey
Area "F"

2020-12-11 "That the Comment Sheet for Changes in and About a Stream Referral No. 7002742 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION (All Directors)

Third Quarter Building Permit
Summary

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-12-12

“That the Board receive the Building Inspector’s Third Quarter Building Permit Summary report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
November 5, 2020

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-12-13

“That the Board approve Recommendations 1 through 5 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 5, 2020

Recommendation 1: Re: Purchasing Policy

“That staff bring forward Bylaw 1926 for three readings and adoption at the next Board Meeting and that the Purchasing Policy be brought back for approval.”

Recommendation 2: Re: Chinook Community Forest Firewood Donation

“That the Board donate its logging truck load of firewood to the Burns Lake Men’s Breakfast Club.”

Broadband Committee Meeting – November 5, 2020

Recommendation 3: Re: Revised Project Priority Setting

“That the Board amend the January 9, 2020 project prioritization resolution as follows: That the Board prioritize the following projects for 2020/21: Fort St. James Rural (Sowchea, Mount Pope, Necoslie Rd); Buck Flats; Highway 35 and Southbank; Grassy Plains and Ootsa Lake; Industrial Cellular and LTE Coverage for Clearview Landfill; and the east end of Francois Lake.”

Recommendation 4: Re: Space Exploration Technologies Corporation Letter

“That the Board send a letter to Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX) requesting participation in the Corporation’s planned beta testing of Starlink Satellite service with volunteer households in Canada.”

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – November 5, 2020

Recommendation 5: Re: Federal Gas Tax Review Letter

“That the Board provide the Federal Gas Tax Review Letter to MP Taylor Bachrach in his role as NDP Critic for Infrastructure and Communities to advocate for changes to the eligibility criteria for the Federal Gas Tax Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Northern Development Initiative Trust-Business Façade Improvement Program Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-12-14

“That the Board supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for a grant of up to \$20,000 for the 2021 Business Façade Improvement Program from the Prince George and Northwest Regional Accounts.

And, that the Board agrees to enter into a contract with NDIT, should the funding be approved, and provide overall grant management for the project.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax Funds -Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Stuart Lake Golf Course Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-12-15

“That the Board authorize contributing up to \$155,000 of Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Stuart Lake Golf Course, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$155,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CRTC Proceeding 2020-366 Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-12-16

“That the Board direct staff to register as a party to CRTC Proceeding 2020-366 and complete the proceeding submission with input from Broadband Committee Members as required.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tourism Prince George - NDIT Application – Marketing Initiatives Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-12-17

“That the Board support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from Tourism Prince George for a grant of up to \$20,000 for the GO North RV Initiative from the Prince George and Northwest Regional Accounts.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Federal Gas Tax Funds
-Electoral Area "A" (Smithers
Rural) Village of Telkwa
-Woodland Park Rink

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-12-18

"That the Board authorize contributing up to \$13,252 of Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Woodland Park Rink, and further,

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$13,252 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C2C Forum Approval

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-12-19

"That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's C2C Forum Approval memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Committees - 2021

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee
- Committee Chair remuneration
- Forestry Committee
 - o Original implementation
 - o Forestry topics relating to the entire region
 - o Ensure key forestry concerns brought forward
 - o Lobbying efforts
 - o Strategic Plan in relation to Forestry
 - o Forestry topics addressed at Committee of the Whole
- Forestry and Waste Management Committees
 - o Remain in place to January 2021 Board Meeting – Board review
 - o 2020 Committee Chairs work with staff in regard to Committee Terms of Reference
 - o Provide a Committee action/priority list monthly to the Board
- A Resource Development Committee
- Ability to establish a Committee or Task Force as required.

RDBN Committees – 2021

Moved by Director T. Greenaway
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-12-20

"That the Board dissolve the Forestry Committee and the Waste Management Committee. And Further that the Board recommend to the Regional Transit Committee that the Terms of Reference be amended to include that the Chair and Vice Chair of the RDBN be the Chair and Vice Chair of the Regional Transit Committee."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

RDBN Committees – 2021

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-12-21

“That the Board recommend to the Regional Transit Committee that the Terms of Reference be amended to include that the Chair and Vice Chair of the RDBN be the Chair and Vice Chair of the Regional Transit Committee.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break at 2:13 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Introduction of Environmental Coordinator

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services introduced Joe Chubb, Environmental Coordinator.

BC Natural Resources Forum (Virtual) – January 26-28, 2021

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Parker

2020-12-22

“That the Rural Directors be authorized to attend the BC Natural Resources Forum (Virtual) January 26-28, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) 2021 Annual Leadership Forum (Virtual) -February 3-4, 2021

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

2020-12-23

“That the Chair and Rural Directors be authorized to attend the LGLA 2021 Annual Leadership Forum (Virtual) February 3-4, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Schedule of Board Meetings -2021

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

2020-12-24

“That the Board ratify the 2021 RDBN Meeting Schedule as presented.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Freedom of Information Bylaw No. 1931, 2020 and Regional District Freedom of Information Repeal Bylaw No. 1932, 2020

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-12-25

1. “That Freedom of Information Bylaw No. 1931, 2020 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 19th day of November, 2020, and further

2. That Regional District Freedom of Information Repeal Bylaw No. 1932, 2020 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 19th day of November, 2020.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Corporate Records
Management Bylaw No. 1917,
2020 and Regional District
Retention of Records Repeal
Bylaw No. 1919, 2020

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Petersen

2020-12-26

1. "That Corporate Records Management Bylaw No. 1917, 2020 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 19th day of November, 2020, and further

2. That Regional District Retention of Records Repeal Bylaw No. 1919, 2020 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 19th day of November, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Telkwa Rural Fire Protection
Service Area Boundary
Amendment Bylaw
No. 1933, 2020

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2020-12-27

"That Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 1933, 2020 be given first, second, and third reading this 19th day of November, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Southside Rural Fire Protection
Local Service Establishment
Amendment Bylaw
No. 1923, 2020

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-12-28

"That Southside Rural Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1923, 2020 be adopted this 19th day of November, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Topley Rural Fire Protection
Service Establishment
Amendment Bylaw
No. 1924, 2020

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Newell

2020-12-29

"That Topley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1924, 2020 be adopted this 19th day of November, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Southside Rural Fire Protection Agreement – January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2020-12-30

1. "That the Board authorize staff to renew the Southside Rural Fire Protection Agreement for the five-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 with the Southside Volunteer Fire Department Society.

2. That the Board authorize the Board Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Southside Rural Fire Protection Agreement."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Topley Rural Fire Protection Agreement – January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Newell

2020-12-31

1. "That the Board authorize staff to renew the Topley Rural Fire Protection Agreement for the five-year term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 with the Topley Fire Protection Society."

2. That the Board authorize the Board Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Topley Rural Fire Protection Agreement."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Engagement Preparedness Fund - Volunteer Fire Department Training Grant Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Parker

2020-12-32

"That the Board receive the Regional Fire Chief's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer Fire Department Training Grant memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New Purchasing Bylaw

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-12-33

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Delegation of Purchasing Bylaw No. 1926, 2020 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 19th day of November, 2020.

And, that the Board approve the Procurement Policy dated November 17, 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

Income Statements for Nine Months Ending September 30, 2020

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director J. Greenway

2020-12-34

“That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Income Statements for Nine Months Ending September 30, 2020 memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding an RDBN Pre-budget meeting in December and staff capacity.

VERBAL REPORTS

Book on the History of Hudson Bay Mountain

Director Fisher mentioned that a book on the history of Hudson Bay Mountain will be released soon. Information regarding the Book was on CBC.

Young Agrarians

Director Fisher spoke of the Young Agrarians and Farm to School pod active in Smithers. He met with them this week.

Director Fisher also met with John Stevenson, Regional Agrologist, Smithers, Ministry of Agriculture.

Smithers District Chamber of Commerce 2020 Community & Business Virtual Awards

Director Fisher mentioned that the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 2020 Community & Business Virtual Awards on November 25, 2020. He spoke of one of the creative initiatives taking place where people can order food and beverage snack boxes from the Riverside Kitchen, Bulkley Valley Brewery or Smithers Brewing Company to take home and watch the Awards.

9th Street Project – Houston

Director Brienens noted that the 9th Street Project is almost complete for the year and noted that some parking areas have been converted to landscaping.

RBA Steering Committee Meeting

Director Brienens will be attending the RBA Steering Committee Meeting November 20, 2020.

North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Board Meeting

Director Brienens, along with Director Storey, NCLGA President and Director Greenaway, NCLGA Director at Large attended the NCLGA Board Meeting. He mentioned that topics discussed included CN, NCLGA 2021 Virtual AGM, capacity of NCLGA Board and staff and NCLGA Membership fees. He noted that CN concerns relate to all members of NCLGA.

Director Storey announced that the NCLGA 2021 Virtual AGM will be held March 5-6, 2021. As President of NCLGA she has been appointed to the Union of B.C. Municipalities Health and Social Development Committee. The Committee is working on three key initiatives: advocate for provincial policies and strategies that support health and wellbeing in communities throughout BC; monitor implementation of Provincial Mental Health Strategy including BC Public Health crisis on opioid deaths; and address homelessness and impacts of homelessness on seniors and others.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Storey commented that Brian Frenkel, President, Union of B.C Municipalities and Garth Frizzell, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities presented at the NCLGA Board Meeting, along with being included in a photoshoot opportunity.

Director Storey indicated that NCLGA is working on a policy regarding emergency resolutions and is also investigating moving forward the Solid Waste Forum potentially in September, 2021.

Artemis Gold Inc. Community Liaison Committee Meeting November 13, 2020

Director Petersen attended Artemis Gold Inc. Community Liaison Committee Virtual Meeting on November 13, 2020. He spoke of Artemis Gold Inc. planning to develop the Blackwater Gold Project in three phases which will extend the life of the mine from 17 to 20 years. There will no longer be an airstrip at the mine site. Access to the mine will be through the Kluskus Forest Service Road. He noted that over the 20-year life of the mine there will be 9000 job years. Construction for the mine is proposed to begin in 2022 with operations to begin in 2024. Artemis Gold Inc. is maintaining an office in Vanderhoof. The Community Liaison Committee is a condition of the Environmental Assessment Process.

Road Usage in Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Director Newell commented that concerns have been raised in Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) regarding secondary roads being narrow and with snow are now less than two lanes in width. The industrial traffic on the roads creates safety concerns.

Railway Ties in Topley

Director Newell inquired about the large number of railway ties located in Topley and questioned the fire risk.

Exploration in Bob Creek Area

Director Newell mentioned that the exploration in the Bob Creek area has concluded. He noted that the company conducting the drilling has recently changed its name and he spoke of the concerns raised by area residents and users at the time of the exploration.

Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony – Town of Smithers

Director Atrill mentioned that the Town of Smithers had a virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony with a small number of in person participants.

Smithers Regional Airport -Town of Smithers

Director Atrill reported that the Smithers Regional Airport is to resume flights December 1, 2020. She noted concerns regarding the financial situation of the airport.

Rail Safety Presentation -Town of Smithers

Director Atrill noted that the Town of Smithers Council received a similar presentation regarding rail safety.

COVID-19 Pandemic – Mask Wearing

Director Atrill mentioned that the Town of Smithers has been asked to consider a leadership role regarding masks concerning COVID-19. She noted the role of the Provincial Health Officer.

Town of Smithers Economic Development Coordinator

Director Atrill announced that the Town of Smithers has recently chosen a successful candidate for the position of Economic Development Coordinator.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Town of Smithers COVID-19 Roundtables</u>	Director Atrill indicated she has resumed participation in the Town of Smithers COVID-19 Roundtables.
<u>CN Follow-up</u>	Director Funk mentioned that a reporter from The Tyee has contacted her in regard to CN safety concerns and CN has also reached out to her for further conversation.
<u>Village of Burns Lake Economic Development & Recovery Committee</u>	Director Funk reported that the Village of Burns Lake Economic Development Recovery Committee started at the end of August 2020. Exciting economic development opportunities have been brought forward.
<u>Village of Burns Lake Tourism Plan</u>	Director Funk announced that the Village of Burns Lake has released its new Tourism Plan. Director Riis-Christianson, along with Director Lambert met with the Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce and Village of Burns Lake in regard to the new Tourism Plan and he commented that it is an exciting initiative for the community.
<u>Village of Granisle Remembrance Day Ceremony</u>	Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle held a Remembrance Day Ceremony and had attendees remain in their vehicles. In attendance were two RCMP for the flag ceremony and seven additional RCMP officers that were in the region for pipeline security detail. Taylor Bachrach, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley participated in the wreath laying ceremony on behalf of the Federal Government.
<u>Village of Granisle Wastewater Treatment Plant Project</u>	Director McGuire announced that the Village of Granisle received seven Tender Packages for its Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.
<u>General Store – Granisle</u>	Director McGuire spoke of the closure of the store in Granisle. She is hopeful the store will find a new owner and remain operational.
<u>Village of Granisle Community Vehicle Program</u>	Director McGuire announced that the Village of Granisle Community Vehicle Program funding has been renewed and extended to March 2022.
<u>Village of Granisle – Logging Truck Traffic</u>	Director McGuire mentioned the Village of Granisle has a number of logging trucks travelling through its community and brought forward concerns regarding the impacts to road infrastructure. They are reviewing their Bylaw in regard to Commercial Vehicles and imposing a fee for road maintenance.
<u>Fort St. James T.V. Rebroadcasting Society</u>	Director T. Greenaway reported that the Fort St. James Rebroadcasting Society has completed works to the system. The Society has been in service for 30 years and currently provides 30 high quality digital channels. He spoke of the good work the Society is doing.
<u>Logging Truck Incidents -Fort St. James Area</u>	Director T. Greenaway voiced concerns in regard to the number of logging trucks that have had accidents or driven off the road in the Fort St. James area recently.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Village of Telkwa – Water Main Updates</u>	Director Layton mentioned that the Village of Telkwa has completed three water main upgrades in the community and is planning complete works on its asbestos line in place since the 1970's in the spring of 2021.
<u>Village of Telkwa Council Chambers</u>	Director Layton commented that the Village of Telkwa Council Chambers are being retrofitted to follow COVID-19 guidelines to allow better public attendance.
<u>Stuart Lake Recycling Coop</u>	Director J. Greenaway announced that the Stuart Lake Recycling Coop had its Grand Opening on October 30, 2020.
<u>Fort St. James Arena</u>	Director J. Greenaway mentioned that the Fort St. James Arena has reopened for the season on November 5 th after requiring upgrades.
<u>Lakes District Arts & Culture Service Establishment Bylaw Meeting</u>	Directors Riis-Christianson and Lambert and the Village of Burns Lake attended a presentation with organizations in regard to the 2021 Lakes District Arts & Culture Service Establishment Bylaw funding allocation.
<u>Regional Broadband Meeting</u>	Director Riis-Christianson participated in the Regional Connectivity Network Committee Meetings this week. He has provided the Terms of Reference to CAO Helgesen. He noted that the CRTC has extended the deadline for submission for CRTC Proceeding 2020-366 in regard to access to utility poles. Director Riis-Christenson mentioned that the more submissions the better.
<u>Chinook Emergency Response Society</u>	Director Lambert indicated he attended the Chinook Emergency Response Society AGM. The Society has completed their Phone Booth Map Project including signage that shows locations where individuals can potentially access cell service on the Southside and Colleymount areas.
<u>Grand Opening of the Fraser Lake Community Centre</u>	Director Parker announced the Grand Opening of the Fraser Lake Community Centre November 24 th . He mentioned that Federal Gas Tax was utilized to assist the Community Centre and it is a great facility.
<u>Inclusion in Communities</u>	Chair Thiessen spoke of the importance of inclusion in a community and for every individual to feel included, valued and safe.
<u>Opioid Crisis</u>	Chair Thiessen brought forward concerns in regard to the current opioid crisis impacting communities and the region. He noted that the First Nations communities of Tlazt'en and Saik'uz has written letters in regard to the opioid crisis. He spoke to potentially having a Task Force to address the issue and the RDBN working with the RCMP. Discussion also took place in regard to inviting Northern Health to a future meeting to discuss the opioid crisis. Director Layton spoke of providing education in regard to the <i>Good Samaritan Act</i> and use of Naloxone kits in Telkwa.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Forestry Initiatives

Chair Thiessen spoke with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development in regard to First Nations forestry initiatives.

NDIT Connecting British Columbia Program

Chair Thiessen mentioned that he spoke with NDIT (Northern Development Initiative Trust) in regard to having community letters of support for submissions for NDIT's Connecting British Columbia Program.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-12-35

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence & Action List

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Brienen

2020-12-36

"That the Board receive the following:

Administration Correspondence

-Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – UBCM Meeting Follow-up
-Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – UBCM Meeting Follow-up

ACTION LIST

-October 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Contaminated Soil/Liquid Waste

Director Brienen brought forward concerns in regard to the lack of information in regard to the disposal of contaminated soils and pipeline activity.

Chair Thiessen identified the importance of having a clear outline of where and how much liquid waste is also being disposed of by pipeline companies. Requesting actual volumes and capacity of liquid waste produced by the work camps, pipelines and all mining companies in the region was discussed.

Director Storey spoke of liquid waste disposal at the Village of Fraser Lake's wastewater system and the inability to develop its fourth lagoon because of the freshet in 2020.

Director J. Greenaway noted that the District of Fort St. James wastewater system is located on Nak'azdli First Nation land.

Staff will follow up in regard to contaminated soils, liquid waste and waste management with pipeline and mining companies in the region.

NEW BUSINESS

Invitation to Pipeline Representatives to attend a Future Board Meeting

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-12-37

“That the Board invite representatives from TC Energy as a delegation to the December 2020 Board Meeting to provide a clear outline of the process, procedures and location of disposal of contaminated soils and liquid waste.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BC Hydro

Director Brien spoke of further clarification regarding the power capacity of BC Hydro and understanding the power grid in relation to available power in communities. He also commented on BC Hydro’s Site C Project and providing power for current and future projects. Chair Thiessen noted that the lack of sufficient power in communities impacts the abilities for business and economic development. LNG requirements for power from BC Hydro’s Site C Project was discussed.

New Provincial Health Orders COVID-19 Pandemic

Director Parker announced that he received notification that the Provincial Health Officer announced new guidelines in regard to masks and COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines.

Electronic Meeting Technology

Director Fisher spoke of upgrading the video/teleconference equipment at the RDBN. He brought forward working with RDBN municipal partners to move forward upgrading virtual technology and discussing the topic during budget discussions. The Town of Smithers, Village of Burns Lake, and Village of Granisle indicated their support and outlined their council’s direction to also move forward with upgrading their municipalities virtual equipment and technology. Staff will bring forward information at a future meeting.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director McGuire

2020-12-38

“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 (First Nations Engagement/Broadband 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 McGuire
Seconded by Director Newell

2020-12-39

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:43 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant