

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee of the Whole)

Thursday, December 10, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Tom Greenaway

Directors Gladys Atrill – Via Teleconference
Shane Brien
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton – Via Teleconference
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Via Tele-Conference Dave Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation & Technical Services, City of Prince George
Michael Coulson, Transit Planner, City of Prince George
Linda Harmon, Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Debbie Joujan, CAO, Village of Telkwa – arrived at 1:20 p.m.
Lindsay Taylor, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit

Media Priyanka Ketkar, Lakes District News – left at 1:09 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Greenaway called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director J. Greenaway
Seconded by Director McGuire

RTC.2020-2-1

“That the Regional Transit Agenda of December 10, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Regional Transit Committee Minutes – October 8, 2020

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Storey

RTC.2020-2-2

“That the Regional Transit Committee meeting minutes of October 8, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee Revised Terms of Reference

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Brienen

RTC.2020-2-3

“That revised Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended.”

Opposed: Director J. Greenaway
Director McGuire
Director Storey

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

The Manager of Administrative Services mentioned that Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Committee Terms of Reference were revised to remove Procedure: #1. The revised version was distributed to all members of the Regional Transit Committee.

Chair Greenaway provided an update in regard to a meeting he attended in regard to determining options for transit service for the community of Fort St. James. He spoke of future meetings with stakeholders to move forward an option for Fort St. James. Lindsay Taylor, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit indicated that BC Transit plans to begin a check-in with communities on and off the Highway 16 Transit route system in the Spring of 2021. The check-in will provide an opportunity for all communities to provide input and to investigate opportunities moving forward to build service expansion for future requests of the Province.

Chair Greenaway provided an overview of the past community bus program with First Nations communities neighbouring Fort St. James. Linda Harmon, Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure mentioned that the Community Transportation Grant program has been extended for the First Nations Communities neighbouring Fort St. James. The Community Transportation Grant Program is also under review.

Director Funk asked how the role of the Regional Transit Committee could support the review process MOTI will be undertaking in 2021. Ms. Harmon indicated that she will provide the Regional Transit Committee’s contact information to the Community Transportation Grant Program representative.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Bulkley-Nechako Regional
Transit Service Annual
Operating Agreement
Amendment

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director J. Greenaway

RTC.2020-2-4

“That Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Annual
Operating Agreement Amendment be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director McGuire

RTC.2020-2-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:25 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tom Greenaway, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant