

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 1 (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, January 28, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk – left at 1:30 p.m., returned at 2:02 p.m.
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton – left at 12:20 p.m., returned at 1:35 p.m.
Linda McGuire
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – left at 1:30 p.m., returned at 1:45 p.m.

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief – arrived at 2:04 p.m., left at 2:30 p.m.
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Lori Borth, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development arrived at 10:30 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Justin Calof, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Regional Executive Director, Omineca, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development arrived at 10:30 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Anthony Giannotti, Tenures Team Leader, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development arrived at 10:30 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Michael Higgins, General Manager of Community Services – 10:05 to 10:26 a.m.
Dave Van Dolah, District Manager, Stuart Nechako District, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development arrived at 10:30 to 11:18 a.m.
Gina – arrived at 11:25 a.m., left at 11:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-1-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of January 28, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-1-2 "That the Supplementary Agenda of January 28, 2021 be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
-December 10, 2020
& Board Budget Meeting
Minutes – December 17, 2020 Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-1-3 "That the Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2020 and Board Budget Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Minutes Moved by Director Motion
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-1-4 "That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes
 - January 14, 2021
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - January 14, 2021
- Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes
 - December 10, 2020
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
 - January 14, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE – Michael Higgins, General Manager of Community Services RE: 911 System Update

Chair Thiessen welcomed Michael Higgins, General Manager of Community Services, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

Mr. Higgins provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

9-1-1 Emergency Response Service

- What we do?
- Who we Serve?
- The Internet of Things
- Next Generation 9-1-1
- What is NG 9-1-1 and how will it impact our Service delivery? National Upgrade to the 9-1-1 System
- Who is responsible for the main system upgrades?
- When will these upgrades need to take place?
- Where is the money coming from to pay for these upgrades?
- What additional features might be on the horizon for Public Safety?
- What role does the BC Provincial Government have?

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE – Michael Higgins, General Manager of Community Services RE: 911 System Update (Cont'd)

- How will we keep the 9-1-1 system stable?
- Prince George Fire Rescue – New Fire Hall #1 – Completed January 2021
- Public Safety Operations Building – Alternate Site – Projected Completion August 2021
- What is RDFFG doing for Business Continuity?
- RDFFG Objectives
- RDFFG Commitment.

Chair Thiessen thanked Mr. Higgins for attending the meeting.

Break at 10:25 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Lori Borth, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Anthony Giannotti, Tenures Team Leader RE: Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Apportionment

Chair Thiessen welcomed Lori Borth, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Anthony Giannotti, Tenures Team Leader, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Ms. Borth introduced Justin Calof, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Regional Executive Director, Omineca, and Dave Van Dolah, District Manager, Stuart Nechako District, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Mr. Calof provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Prince George & Lakes Timber Supply Area Apportionments

- Engagement with Local Governments – January 28, 2021
 - o Regional Context
 - o Apportionment
 - o Key Considerations
 - o Looking Ahead
 - o Next Steps.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Scheduling individual meetings with municipal councils impacted by the Prince George & Lakes Timber Supply Area Apportionment
- Concerns about stability in regard to:
 - o forest industry
 - o Current apportionment structure in place
 - o Market
 - o Forestry being the main industry in the communities impacted
 - o Forest industry businesses and secondary businesses
 - o Investment in communities
- FLNRORD indicated it is aware and appreciates concerns from licensees and the potential impacts to a community such as Burns Lake which is reliant on the forest industry
- FLNRORD has been in dialogue with industry and First Nations for approximately 2 years
- COVID-19 impacts to the economy

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – Lori Borth, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Anthony Giannotti, Tenures Team Leader RE: Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Apportionment (CONT'D)

- Limited response time for input
 - o February 15, 2021
 - o RDBN requires a minimum 6 weeks for response
 - o Importance of fulsome engagement with local government
 - o March 19, 2021 would provide time for the RDBN to review the information provided and respond
- Lack of community input
- RDBN requires further details
 - o Presentation shared with licensees
 - o FLNRORD will provide the presentation shared with licensees to the Board
- First Nations Agreements
 - o Pathways Forward 2.0 Agreement
 - o Apportionment in Lakes TSA in relation to large grants of land and fee simple lands to First Nations
 - Related to managing the Timber Supply Area (TSA) in the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC)
 - o First Nations harvesting
- Transportation of timber from one TSA to another
 - o Kluskus Connector Road– Quesnel and Vanderhoof Forest Districts (currently inaccessible due to snow)
 - o Contacting Lakes TSA Coalition
- Tenure on the land base and correlation to the AAC
 - o Post Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB)
 - o Short term supply constraints
- Province facing the need to focus on short term and how to manage through the mid-term
- Possibly requesting a meeting with the Minister or Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Ms. Borth indicated that the request for more time to respond and additional information was understood and would be provided.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Borth and Messrs. Giannotti, Calof and Van Dolah for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 1st and 2nd Reading

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Fisher
RZ A-02-20 1st & 2nd Reading Seconded by Director McGuire
Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021
Electoral Area "A"

2021-1-5

1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021 be given first and second reading this 28th day of January, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

2. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area A."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Temporary Use Permit Applications

Temporary Use Permit
Application TUP B-01-20
Electoral Area "B"

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-1-6

"That the Board receive the written submission on the
Supplementary Agenda from NATIONS.

That the Board replace the Schedule A to TUP B-01-20 in the
regular agenda with the Schedule A on the Supplementary
Agenda.

That the Board approve the issuance of Temporary Use Permit
TUP B-01-20 to allow a temporary campground for the year-
round occupation of up to 22 camping vehicles on the property at
4420 Moe Road."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development Variance Permit Application

Development Variance Permit
Application DVP F-02-20
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-1-7

"That the Board receive the Advisory Planning Commission
Minutes & Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI)
Referral Responses for DVP F-02-20 on the Supplementary
Agenda.

"That the Board approve Development Variance Permit DVP F-
02-20 for the property located at 2770 Giesbrecht Road to vary
Section 16.0.3 of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 by reducing the minimum parcel
size from 16 ha to 8 ha to allow the proposed boundary
adjustment."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Application

ALR Non-Farm Use Application
1225 - Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-1-8

"That the Board receive the Ministry of Agriculture Referral
Response for ALR Non-Farm Use Application 1225 on the
Supplementary Agenda.

That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No.
1225 be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a
recommendation that the application be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral

Crown Land Referral No.
6402286 – Electoral Area “G”

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-1-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Crown Land Application No. 6402286 Comment Sheet be provided to the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subdivision Referral

Subdivision Referral No.
SUB B-01-20 Electoral Area “B”

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-1-10

“That the Board agree to the property owner’s proposal that the RDBN accept ownership of a 0.24 ha. parcel of land (for an inground water tank for firefighting purposes) and waive the *Local Government Act* parkland dedication requirement for the subdivision of ‘The Fractional West ½ of District Lot 4169A, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plans 10527, 10987, PRP14316, and 4623’.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Topics

Gravel Extraction and
Processing in Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Layton

2021-1-11

“That staff be directed to work with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLI) to identify opportunity to increase communication on land use conflict issues and ensure that the RDBN receives referrals regarding EMLI applications for new gravel extraction permits and permit renewals.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hudson Bay Mountain
Trail to Town Parking
-Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-1-12

“That the Board direct staff to amend the letter attached to the Hudson Bay Mountain Trail to Town Parking staff report dated January 29, 2021; and that the letter be sent as amended to Hudson Bay Mountain Resort with copies to the Province, regarding the need for a parking lot to service the ski trail from the Hudson Bay Mountain Resort to Zobnick Road.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors) (CONT'D)

Housing in the RDBN

Moved by Director Motion
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-1-13

1. "That the Board receive the updated document titled "Housing in the RDBN: A Discussion Paper.
2. And, that the Board approve the letter attached to the Housing in the RDBN staff report dated January 28, 2021 to the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was discussion regarding the Housing issues in the RDBN.

Planning Department Year-End Report for 2020

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Fisher

2021-1-14

"That the Board receive the Planning Department Year-End Report for 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parks and Trails Service

Parks and Trails Service Participation Agreement

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-1-15

"That the Regional District Board Chair and CAO be authorized to enter into a Parks and Trails Service Participation Agreement with the Village of Telkwa."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break at 12:30 a.m.
Returned at 1:35 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Provincial COVID – 19 Relief Funds

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-1-16

"That the Board allocate \$100,372 of the COVID Relief Funds to the 2020 fiscal year."

Opposed: Director Fisher
Director Lambert
Director McGuire
Director Newell

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Director Parker requested that the Provincial COVID-19 Relief Funds report be brought forward to the Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting for discussion.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Lambert brought forward the potential impacts to community halls and the Burns Lake Public Library from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Discussion took place in regard to COVID-19 relief grant funding and other sources of funding.

Associate Members for
Municipal Insurance Association Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Fisher

2021-1-17

“That the Board of the Regional District approve the Municipal Insurance Association Service Provider Agreements between the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the following societies: Bulkley-Valley Aquatic Centre Management Society; Southside Volunteer Fire Department; Topley Volunteer Fire Department; Cluculz Lake Volunteer Fire Department; and Fort Fraser Volunteer Fire Department with the date as set out in the Service Provider Agreements.

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Topley Rural Road Rescue &
Medical First Responders
Service Establishment Repeal
Bylaw No. 1925, 2020

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-1-18

“That Topley Rural Road Rescue and Medical First Responders Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1925, 2020 be adopted this 28th day of January, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley-Nechako Regional
Transit Service Annual
Operating Agreement Amendment

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Layton

2021-1-19

“That the Board receive the 2020/2021 Amended Annual Operating Agreement and that the Board approve entering into the Agreement with BC Transit.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter to UBCM recommending
a Committee on Emergency
Management

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-1-20

“That the Board authorize the submission of the letter dated January 28, 2021 regarding UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee to the Union of BC Municipalities requesting that the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee evolve into a Committee on Emergency Management.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Telecommunications
Subscription Trends, 911 Call
Answer Levy and Upcoming
Changes to the 911 System

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-1-21

“That the Board provide the following resolution as amended to the Union of BC Municipalities and the North Central Local Government Association to request the Provincial Government consider a Provincial 911 Call Answer Levy:

WHEREAS the Local Government is only able to collect a 911 Call Answer Levy from Landline subscriptions, and,

WHEREAS landline subscriptions across the Province are decreasing, and,

WHEREAS Local Governments in the Province do not have the ability to collect a 911 Call Answer Levy from cellular telecommunications platforms

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province of BC to enact a Provincial 911 Levy to include the collection of monthly charges from mobile devices, and provide these funds directly to Local Government 911 Service providers.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher and staff will develop a strategy to support Board advocacy in regard to 911 Call Answer Levy.

Northern Development Local
Government Internship
Program

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-1-22

“That the Board supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$50,000 to host an intern under the Local Government Internship Program from the Northwest and Prince George Regional Development Accounts.

And that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako is committed to providing sufficient financial and staffing resources, along with training and professional development opportunities while hosting the intern.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

COVID-19 Resilience
Infrastructure Stream
-Boardroom Upgrades

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-1-23

“That staff submit an application for grant funding for RDBN Board Room Technology Upgrades through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream:

And that the Board supports the project and commits to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to the RDBN Board Room Technology Upgrades, any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns as well as COVID-19 grant funding, rapid response funding opportunities, maximizing funding opportunities and other funding options and timelines. Manager Davis provided an overview of the upgrades.

COVID-19 Resilience
Infrastructure Stream
-Telkwa – Smithers Pathway

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Fisher

2021-1-24

“That staff submit an application for grant funding for Telkwa-Smithers Pathway Project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream;

And that the Board supports the project and commits to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Federal Gas Tax – Area “D”
(Fraser Lake Rural) Fort Fraser
Volunteer Fire Department
– Furnace Replacement

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2021-1-25

1. “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$8,810 of Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to a community Energy System at the Fort Fraser Fire Hall,

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$8,810 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORT (CONT'D)

RDBN Appointments - 2021

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-1-26

"That the Board ratify the appointments as outlined below for the year 2021 as amended to update the name of the Auditors to Beswick Hildebrandt Lund."

Bankers: - Bulkley Valley Credit Union

Lawyers: - Stewart McDannold Stuart, Victoria, BC
-Young Anderson, Vancouver, BC
-Carvello Law Corp., Victoria, BC

Election Officers: - Cheryl Anderson, Chief Election Officer (with authority to appoint election officials as necessary)
Geraldine Craven and Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Chief Election Officers

Signing Authority: - The Chairperson, the Vice Chair, the Director from the Village of Burns Lake, the Director from Electoral Area "B", the Chief Administrative Officer, Financial Administrator, Manager of Administrative Services or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Auditors: - Beswick Hildebrandt Lund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

North Central Local Government Association Resolution Deadline

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Layton

2021-1-27

"That the Board receive the Manager of Administrative Services' North Central Local Government Association Resolutions Deadline memo."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to effectiveness of resolutions to NCLGA and UBCM. Board members can provide resolutions to staff by February 1, 2021.

VERBAL REPORTS

Town of Smithers

Director Atrill mentioned that the Town of Smithers is starting its 2021 budget sessions and RCMP budget considerations. She spoke of significant issues impacting the community in regard to housing, recreation, COVID-19 impacts, and challenges with community arenas.

Recreation Discussions

Director Fisher commented that he has had a number of discussions and meetings in regard to recreation in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers).

Village of Telkwa Chamber of Commerce

Director Layton reported that a new Chamber of Commerce has been established in the Village of Telkwa.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>BC Natural Resource Forum -Virtual – January 26-28, 2021</u>	Director Brienens attended the Virtual BC Natural Resource Forum January 26-28, 2021. He noted that the Forum focused on reconciliation. Director Greenaway and Chair Thiessen also attended the event.
<u>Minerals Roundup -2021 -Virtual – January 18-22, 2021</u>	Director Newell attended the virtual Minerals Roundup 2021 on January 18-22, 2021.
<u>Communication with Residents</u>	Director Newell spoke of challenges with the lack of personal interaction in regard to communication with residents during the COVID-19 restrictions.
<u>COVID-19 Update Village of Granisle</u>	Director McGuire reported that the Village of Granisle community has been following the COVID-19 regulation and the vaccine roll-out included BC Ambulance attendants and individuals over 80 in the Village of Granisle.
<u>Village of Granisle Budget</u>	Director McGuire mentioned that the Village of Granisle is working on its 2021 budget and are seeing an increase to its utility billings. A meeting on taxation will take place in the near future. The Village of Granisle has submitted a senior housing grant application.
<u>COVID-19 Update Village of Burns Lake</u>	Director Funk expressed disappointment that the COVID-19 vaccines were recalled for the 80-year-old and older demographic of individuals.
<u>Lakes TSA Apportionment</u>	Director Funk spoke of concerns in regard to the Lakes TSA Apportionment and has had several meetings with licensees. Director Storey mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake is writing a letter to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development in regard to the Prince George and Lakes TSA Apportionment. She spoke of the importance of the Fraser Lake Community Forest. Director Motion spoke of concerns for Fort St. James and he has also had discussions with the District of Mackenzie in regard to the significant amount of fibre in the communities and that fibre leaving the communities to be processed.
<u>Village of Burns Lake Tourism Coordinator</u>	Director Funk announced that the Village of Burns Lake's newly hired Tourism Coordinator has arrived in Burns Lake from Cowichan Bay, B.C.
<u>Village of Burns Lake Launched its New Brand</u>	Director Funk reported that the Village of Burns Lake has launched its new brand.
<u>Beaver Point Resort Closing</u>	Director Lambert mentioned that Beaver Point Resort is closing. He spoke of the potential for increased attendance at forestry campsites.
<u>Coastal GasLink Camp Recycle Bottle Funding</u>	Director Lambert noted that he was able to have four community halls, two school Parent Advisory Committee's and the Southside 4H Association added to Coastal GasLink's 7 Mile Camp Recycling Bottle Fund at the Burns Lake Bottle Depot.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Drone Pilot Project Fraser Lake to Stellako

Director Storey announced that drones will be delivering medication from Fraser Lake to Stellako as part of a Pilot Project.

Fraser Lake Connectivity Fibre Issue

Director Storey mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake is conducting internet speed tests for one in five houses. They hired an individual to go door to door following COVID-19 regulations to conduct internet speed tests.

Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School

Director Storey commented that the Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School has seen an increase in enrollment numbers but she voiced concerns in regard to the long waitlist for mental health support in schools.

Northern Development Initiative Trust Board of Directors

Director Parker noted that he has been re-elected to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Board of Directors.

Fort St. James Website

Director Motion mentioned that he would like to improve the Fort St. James website to make it the go to location for communication.

District of Fort St. James to Focus on Tourism

Director Motion spoke of the District of Fort St. James focusing on tourism and has tentatively included monies in the budget for improvements to their park and promoting Fort St. James as a weekend destination.

Artemis Gold Inc. Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Director Petersen attended an Artemis Gold Inc. Community Liaison Committee Meeting. The Committee Terms of Reference were reviewed. The Committee is a component of Artemis Gold Inc.'s Environmental Assessment Certificate.

Meeting with the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister for State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Chair Thiessen, Vice-Chair Parker, CAO Helgesen and Manager Anderson attended a meeting with the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of State for Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Discussion took place in regard to changes to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development portfolio. He spoke of the Province's Mandate Letters to the ministries.

Connectivity – CityWest

Chair Thiessen spoke of connectivity concerns that will be discussed with CityWest.

District of Vanderhoof – Ice Jams

Director Thiessen brought forward issues in regard to ice jams in the District of Vanderhoof. He voiced frustration in regard to Rio Tinto's Nechako River water management process and BC Hydro.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-1-28

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence and Action List Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-1-29 "That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Office of the Prime Minister – Response to RDBN Letter re: Firearms Ban and Action List for December 2020."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Advisory Planning Commission Minutes Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-1-30 "That the Board receive the Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – Electoral Area A APC – January 12, 2021 meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Chinook Community Forest Annual General Meeting Director Lambert mentioned that the Chinook Community Forest Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for March 9, 2021.

IN-CAMERA MOTION REVISED

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Funk

2020-1-31 "In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Sections 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations, 90(1)(e) – the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality, 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 Relations/Connectivity), must 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 Layton

2021-1-32 "That the meeting be adjourned at 3:18 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY