

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NO. 3 (VIRTUAL)**

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Brad Layton – left at 12:09 p.m.  
Linda McGuire  
Bob Motion  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Sarrah Storey

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
– arrived at 12:42 p.m.  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Lindsay King, FireSmart Educator  
Sashka Macievich, Financial Controller  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

**MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-3-1 “In accordance with Section 220 of the *Local Government Act*, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors calls a Special Board Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGENDA** Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-3-2 “That the Board Meeting Agenda of March 11, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORTS**

### **Budget Bylaw – Five Year Financial Plan (2021-2025)**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Storey

2021-3-3

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1941, 2021 be given first and second reading this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Stream 3 Community Resiliency Investment Grant Funding Letter of Recommendations**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-3-4

“That the Board advocate for RDBN residents by sending a letter as amended to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, detailing concerns with restrictions on the Stream 3 CRI Grant, specifically the inability to use private contractors to complete fuel mitigation activities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services provided an overview of the Stream 3 Community Resiliency Investment Grant Funding Letter of Recommendations staff report.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Requesting a meeting with Nathan Cullen, MLA Bulkley Stikine and John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes regarding Stream 3 CRI Grant Funding Restrictions
- Grant submission deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>
- Changing the terms of scope of the grant application.

### **Stream 3 Community Resiliency Investment Grant Funding Opportunity**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Brienen

2021-3-5

“That the Board support the submission of an application to the Stream 3 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Grant for additional training opportunities and mitigation for Neighbourhood Champion labour costs for up to the maximum grant application amount of \$500,000;

And the Board understands that if the grant is approved, the RDBN will receive and manage the grant funding, and commits to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Break for Lunch at 12:09 p.m.**

**Reconvened at 12:35 p.m.**

## **REPORTS (CONT'D)**

2021 Virtual COFI (BC Council of Forest Industries Convention Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-3-6

“That the Board authorize the attendance of any Rural Directors wishing to attend the 2021 Virtual COFI (BC Council of Forest Industries) Convention on April 8 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen removed himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 12:39 p.m. in regard to the Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Agreement.

Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Agreement January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-3-7

“That the Board authorize the Board Vice-Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Agreement for a 5-year term.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen returned to the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

RDBN Committee Appointments 2021

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-3-8

“That the Board ratify the RDBN Committee Appointments for 2021 as amended to remove Director Tom Greenaway and include Director Gladys Atrill on the Waste Management Committee and further that the Natural Resources Committee ToR be amended to be a Committee of the Whole with Director Funk appointed as Chair.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the Natural Resources Committee.

- Amending the Terms of Reference – Membership to be a Committee of the Whole
- Flexibility of smaller member committees
- The number of key issues across all natural resource sectors.

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-3-9

“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, 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 (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 Lambert  
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-3-10

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:57 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant