

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, March 11, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert – arrived at 8:55 a.m.
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 9:00 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Haley Jeffrey, Emergency Services Manager
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 9:04 a.m.
Sashka Macievich, Financial Controller
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake – arrived at 8:52 a.m.
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2021-3-1

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for March 11, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes
-February 11, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2021-3-2

“That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of February 11, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RURAL REPORTS

Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Program Update

Liliana Dragowska, HRVA Coordinator provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Community engagement
- Time commitment for Directors and Chair of HRVA Committees
- Including livestock in the “Why does the Regional District need to revise their HRVA?”

Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Program Update

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2021-3-3

1. “That the Rural Directors recommend to the Board that the Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis project charter be endorsed.
2. And that the Rural Directors approve the draft Terms of Reference for the electoral area specific HRVA committees.
3. And that the Rural Directors participate in HRVA Committee recruitment on an electoral area basis.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Provincial COVID-19 Relief Funds

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-3-4

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Provincial COVID-19 Relief Funds memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed in regard to organizations potentially requiring COVID-19 Relief Funds support:

- o Community Halls
- o Farmers’ Markets
- o 4H groups
- o School Parent Advisory Committees
- o Soup Kitchen
- o Providing information in regard to how the Regional District may potentially provide support
- o Staff to provide assistance to groups
- o Staff will draft a letter to provide to community groups
- o Regional advertising
- o Grant in aid
- o Lakes District Arts & Culture Service Establishment Bylaw within Area “B” & “E”.

Northern Capital and Planning Grant/Gas Tax Swap

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-3-5

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Northern Capital and Planning Grant/Gas Tax Swap memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RURAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Annual Tax Bill Notice

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2021-3-6

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Annual Tax Bill Notice memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to Rural Directors providing a note in the Annual Tax Bill Notices. CFO Illes indicated the Province requires submission of notices by April 1, 2021.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Crown Land Referral

Crown Land Referral No. 7403286 Electoral Area D and F

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2021-3-7

“That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Application Referral No. 7403286 be provided to the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Parkland Referral No. Omineca Park Boundary Adjustment Electoral Area C

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-3-8

“That the Comment Sheet for Parkland Referral No. Omineca Park Boundary Adjustment be provided to the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORT

Food and Agriculture Plan -Implementation Update

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2021-3-9

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s Food and Agriculture Plan – Implementation Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

Communication – Rural Community Engagement

Chair Parker discussed sharing ideas in regard to communication and rural community engagement.

Rural Directors Roundtable

- 1. Input on Rural Agenda Items**
 - Include on future Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda.
- 2. Rural Priorities**
 - Include on future Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda.

**IN-CAMERA MEETING
MOTION**

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-3-10

“In accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 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, and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-3-11

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant