



REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OF BULKLEY & NECHAKO

# AGENDA

MEETING NO. 6

APRIL 22, 2021

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

**AGENDA**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

<u>PAGE NO.</u>	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	<u>AGENDA – April 22, 2021</u>	Approve
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	Receive
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
7-17	Board Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2021	Adopt
18-19	Special Board Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021	Adopt
20-22	Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2021	Receive
23-24	Connectivity Committee Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2021	Receive
25-28	Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2021	Receive
29-31	Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2021	Receive
32-34	Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2021	Receive
35-38	Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2021	Receive
	<u>ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)</u>	
	<u>Bylaws for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and Adoption</u>	
39-60	Maria Sandberg, Planner Rezoning Application RZ E-02-20 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading and Adoption Rezoning Bylaw No.1942, 2021 Electoral Area “E”	Recommendation

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61-66	Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1 Rezoning Application RZ A-02-20 Adoption Rezoning Bylaw No.1937, 2021 Electoral Area "A"	Recommendation
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	<b><u>ALR Application</u></b>	
67-70	Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning ALR Exclusion Application 1230 Electoral Area "F"	Recommendation
	<b><u>Municipal Referral</u></b>	
71-85	Maria Sandberg, Planner Village of Burns Lake Rezoning Referral Electoral Area "B"	Recommendation
	<b><u>Crown Land Referral</u></b>	
86-94	Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1 Crown Land Referral 7410175 Electoral Area "F"	Recommendation
	<b><u>Miscellaneous Referral</u></b>	
95-97	Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1 Telecommunications Referral Telus BC 2368 Electoral Area "A"	Recommendation
	<b><u>BUILDING INSPECTION (All Directors)</u></b>	
98-100	Steve Davis, Building Inspector First Quarter Building Permit Summary	Receive

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101-102	Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant - Committee Meeting Recommendations - April 8, 2020	Recommendation
103-105	Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief - Repeal Electoral Area "A" Emergency Response Bylaw No. 714, 1992	Recommendation
106	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – COVID-19 Relief Funds	Recommendation
107-110	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – Grant in Aid Request – Nechako Valley Historical Society	Recommendation
111	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – Grant in Aid Update: January- March, 2021	Recommendation

#### VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

#### RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

#### ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

112-113	Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Response to RDBN Letter re: Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area Apportionment	Receive
114-115	Coalition of Small Rural Community Mayors - Letter to Minister Osborne, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Emergency Fire Equipment and Facilities Funding for Small Rural Communities	Receive
116-118	City of Penticton – B.C. Government’s Use of Provincial Paramountcy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws	Receive

#### SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

#### NEW BUSINESS

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

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, may be closed to the public, therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****MEETING NO. 4****Thursday, March 25, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – left at 12:00 p.m., returned at 12:50 p.m.  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Brad Layton  
Linda McGuire  
Bob Motion – Via Zoom  
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 – left at 1:00 p.m.  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – left at 10:30 a.m., returned at 12:43 p.m., left at 1:30 p.m.  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant  
Kara Wall, Environmental Services Assistant – left at 10:30 a.m.

Others Terry Gillespie, Staff Sergeant, RCMP - Smithers  
Shaunna Lewis, Staff Sergeant, RCMP – Burns Lake  
Jason Ruming, Sergeant, RCMP – Fraser Lake  
Mark Smaill, Sergeant, RCMP - Houston  
Darren Woroshelo, Fraser Fort George Advisory NCO - Staff Sergeant, RCMP

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

**AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Layton2021-4-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of March 25, 2021 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****STAFF INTRODUCTION**

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services introduced Kara Wall, Environmental Services Assistant.

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2021 &  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2021

Moved by Director Newell  
 Seconded by Director Storey

2021-4-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2021 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting  
Minutes

Moved by Director Parker  
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-4-3

“That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
  - March 11, 2021
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
  - March 11, 2021
- Waste Management Committee Meeting minutes
  - March 11, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS****RCMP – Darren Woroshelo, Fraser Fort George Advisory NCO - Staff Sergeant, RCMP RE: Update**

Chair Thiessen welcomed - Staff Sergeant, Darren Woroshelo, Fraser Fort George Advisory NCO RCMP introduced Terry Gillespie, Staff Sergeant, RCMP – Smithers; Shaunna Lewis, Staff Sergeant, RCMP – Burns Lake; Jason Rummung, Sergeant, RCMP – Fraser Lake; Mark Smail, Sergeant, RCMP – Houston.

S/Sgt. Woroshelo provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako RCMP Police Service Boundaries, Staffing Levels and Crime Statistics

- RDBN RCMP Detachments
- Smithers RCMP Service Boundary
- Smithers RCMP Detachment Area
- Houston RCMP Service Boundary
- Houston (Granisle) RCMP Detachment Area
- Burns Lake RCMP Service Boundary
- Burns Lake RCMP Detachment Area
- Fraser Lake RCMP Service Boundary
- Fraser Lake RCMP Detachment Area
- Fort St. James RCMP Service Boundary
- Fort St. James RCMP Detachment Area
- Vanderhoof RCMP Service Boundary
- Vanderhoof RCMP Detachment Area
- Data Sources.



**DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)****RCMP – Darren Woroshelo, Fraser Fort George Advisory NCO - Staff Sergeant, RCMP RE: Update (Cont'd)**

Discussion took place regarding:

- Potential hazards on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure roadways can be brought forward to RCMP but are the responsibility of MOTI
- Response to calls in rural areas
  - o Dispatch in Prince George
    - Protocols
      - Life danger Priority 1, 2 and 3
    - Some challenges in regard to finding locations
    - RCMP can deploy its helicopter if required
- Provincial Funding of RCMP
- Municipal funding RCMP with populations 5,000 – 15,000 people
- Current Provincial review of *Police Act*
  - o Policing standards unique to B.C.
- Having RCMP members in Granisle more than once a week and potentially living in Granisle in force housing
  - o Village of Granisle included within the boundary of the Houston RCMP Detachment
    - Balance of priorities
- Current staffing levels of each detachment within the RDBN
- Challenges with Depot closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic
  - o Anticipating continued operations beginning July, 2021
- Fraser Lake now has government/force housing
- Addressing public mental health
  - o Changes to addressing crisis intervention occurred within the RCMP approximately 10 years ago
  - o RCMP members receive de-escalation and mental health training
  - o RCMP work with hospitals
- Addressing internal mental health
  - o Focus of headquarters in Ottawa, ON and Surrey, B.C.
  - o A number of resources available to members
- Provincial RCMP Relief/Support Team
  - o Members in Kamloops, Prince George and Terrace that can provide assistance to detachments to address staffing shortages
- Appointment of a Chief Superintendent for the North.

Chair Thiessen thanked S/Sgt Woroshelo for attending the meeting.

**ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)****Bylaw for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading & Adoption**

<u>Rezoning Application</u>	Moved by Director Fisher
<u>RZ A-03-20 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading</u>	Seconded by Director McGuire
<u>&amp; Adoption Rezoning Bylaw</u>	
<u>No. 1938, 2021 - Electoral Area "A"</u>	

2021-4-4

1. "That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1938, 2021 on the Supplementary Agenda."
2. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1938, 2021 be given third reading, and adoption this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021."

Opposed: Director Atrill                      CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

**ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors) (Cont'd)****Bylaw for 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading & Adoption (Cont'd)**

Rezoning Application  
RZ F-01-21 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
& Adoption Rezoning Bylaw  
No. 1939, 2021  
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen  
 Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-4-5

1. "That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1939, 2021 on the Supplementary Agenda.

2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1939, 2021 be given third reading and adoption this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021."

Opposed: Director Layton  
 Director McGuire  
 Director Petersen  
 Director Riis-Christianson

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED

**Bylaw for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Rezoning Application  
RZ E-02-20 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Report for Rezoning Bylaw No.  
1942, 2021 Electoral Area "E"

Moved by Director Lambert  
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-4-6

1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1942, 2021 be given first and second reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.

2. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1942, 2021 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area E."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other**

Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment  
Regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> Dwellings in  
the Small Holdings (H1) Zone

Moved by Director Parker  
 Seconded by Director Fisher

2021-4-7

1. "That the Board direct staff to undertake a preliminary consultation process with member municipalities, Electoral Area Advisory Planning Commissions, Northern Health, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and School Districts, regarding an amendment to the Small Holdings (H1) Zone to allow a 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling on parcels as small as 2 ha.

2. That following the preliminary consultation process staff report back to the Board with a recommendation regarding initiation of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment process."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)****ALR Application**

ALR Non-Farm Use Application Moved by Director Petersen  
1229 - Electoral Area "F" Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-4-8

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Adhering Residential Use Application No. 1229 be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation that the application be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Parker brought forward the significant impacts and concerns regarding the ALC policy being changed so that an owner may not live in a dwelling, including a recreational vehicle, while constructing a replacement dwelling without first making a non-adhering residential use application and receiving ALC approval. Director Parker expressed the necessity of bringing forward the issue to the Minister of Agriculture when requesting a meeting at the 2021 Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention.

Town of Smithers Referral Moved by Director Fisher  
Rezoning Amendment No.21-01 Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-4-9

"That the Board direct staff to respond to the Town of Smithers that the RDBN has no comments or concerns with Rezoning Amendment No. 21-01."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other**

Park Land Dedication Policy Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
for OCPs Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-4-10

1. "That the Board direct staff to initiate the formal process to amend the RDBN's 8 Official Community Plans to incorporate policy respecting the location and type of future parks and the acceptance of cash-in-lieu of park land dedication.

2. That the Board approve the park land dedication review process proposed by staff."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning provided a brief overview of the acceptance of cash-in-lieu of park land dedication. Conversation took place regarding park land dedication and the review for areas with OCP's only.

**Parks AND TRAILS (All Directors)**Cycle 16 TrailMoved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Atrill2021-4-11

That the Board receive the Director of Planning's Cycle 16 Trail staff report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**BUILDING INSPECTION (All Directors)**Provincial Response to the RDBN's Concerns Regarding the Step Code ImplementationMoved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Storey2021-4-12

"That the Board receive the Director of Planning's Provincial Response to the RDBN's Concerns Regarding the Step Code Implementation staff report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke of having the opportunity to speak with the Community Energy Association. Staff will follow-up and invite the Community Energy Association to a future meeting. The lack of Energy Advisor's in northern B.C. was also discussed.

**Break for lunch at 12:00 p.m.****Reconvened at 12:43 p.m.****ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**North Central Local Government Association AGM and Convention – May 5-6, 2021 -VirtualMoved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director McGuire2021-4-13

"That the Board approve the Chair and any Rural Directors be authorized to attend the Virtual North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) AGM and Convention from May 5-6, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLYNatural Resource Committee Terms of Reference AmendmentMoved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Layton2021-4-14

"That the Natural Resources Committee Terms of Reference be approved as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLYRDBN Committee Appointments 2021Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Funk2021-4-15

"That the Committee appointments for 2021 be ratified as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Committee Meeting  
Recommendations  
-March 11, 2021

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
 Seconded by Director Funk

2021-4-16

"That the Board approve Recommendations 1 and 2 as written:

**Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 11, 2021****Recommendation 1:**

**Re: RDBN Response Letter to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Consultation – Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area (TSA) Apportionment**

"That the Board direct staff to send the March 11, 2021 letter to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development in response to the Consultation for the Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area (TSA) Apportionment."

**Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – March 11, 2021****Recommendation 2:**

**Re: Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Program Update**

"That the Board endorse the Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis project charter."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved by Director Layton  
 Seconded by Director Storey

2021-4-17

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1941, 2021 be given third reading as amended and adoption this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cluculz Lake Fire Hall  
Proposal

Moved by Director Petersen  
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-4-18

1. "That the Board authorize staff to negotiate and enter into a construction contract with Viking Construction Ltd. as the successful proponent for the Cluculz Lake Fire Hall Design/Build project.

2. Further that the Board, as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), exempt the Post Disaster requirement and allow construction to be completed as a 'Part 9' building as outlined in the B.C Building Code.

3. Further that the Board waive the building permit fee for the construction of the Cluculz Lake Fire Hall."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**Agricultural Plastic Recycling  
-Cleanfarms Pilot Program

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-4-19

1. "That the Board approve a maximum of \$96,501 in funding for the three-year agricultural plastics recycling pilot project with a collection target of 30%.

2. That the Board approve the establishment of up to seven (7) agricultural plastics collection points at RDBN Transfer Stations to a maximum cost of \$35,000 for constructing sorting bays."

Opposed: Director Newell      CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding the pilot program, transitioning to an EPR program and value of air space at the landfill.

Societies' Financial Report  
2021

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-4-20

"That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's Societies' Financial Reports 2021 memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Internet Speed Study

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Parker

2021-4-21

"That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's Internet Speed Study memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VERBAL REPORTS**Village of Telkwa

Director Layton mentioned that the Village of Telkwa has awarded construction contracts for its sewer lagoons and sewage intakes. Telkwa has awarded a contract to proceed with replacing its aging waterlines.

Village of Telkwa In-Person  
Meetings

Director Layton noted that the Village of Telkwa is currently conducting in person Council meetings following COVID-19 regulations and guidelines.

Village of Granisle Waste  
Water Treatment Plant

Director McGuire commented that the successful contractors for the Village of Granisle Waste Water Treatment Plant will begin construction beginning of April, 2021.

Village of Fraser Lake

Director Storey reported that the Village of Fraser Lake will be completing repairs to its wharf on Fraser Lake and completing paving plans. It is also implementing self-watering planters and installing outdoor concrete ping pong table and chess tables for the community. They are working in conjunction with School District 91 to redo the pickleball and tennis courts.

**VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)**Village of Fraser Lake  
Community Forest

Director Storey mentioned that the Village of Fraser Lake Community Forest is doing well and currently has 70 employees.

Village of Fraser Lake  
Northern Development Initiative  
Trust Intern

Director Storey noted that the Village of Fraser Lake Northern Development Initiative Trust Intern will be starting in the near future.

Houston Search and Rescue  
Facility

Director Newell toured the Houston Search and Rescue Facility. He spoke of the outstanding volunteers and operations. He noted the challenges the organization is experiencing in regard to Provincial certification to complete swift water and avalanche rescue operations. Houston SAR has the equipment to perform the task. He spoke of providing support to the organization if requested. Director Brienien mentioned that the District of Houston has written a letter in regard to the challenges and will provide the letter to the Regional District.

North Central Local  
Government Association  
Meeting

Director Brienien commented that he attended the North Central Local Government Association Meetings on the weekend. At the Planning and Priorities Committee they received requests from two local governments discussing potential advocacy on funding for emergency fire equipment facilities and training in small rural communities and Regional Hospital Board responsibility for capital costs. There was also a survey sent to members to learn about the level and quality of healthcare services in member communities. Deadline is April 1, 2021.

Village of Burns Lake Water  
Treatment Plant

Director Funk mentioned that the Village of Burns Lake's new Water Treatment Plant to treat the water for manganese is currently being commissioned.

Federal Gas Tax

Chair Thiessen announced that the Federal Government issued a news release including the increased funding to the federal Gas Tax Fund and the proposed renaming of the fund. He spoke of the benefit of the Federal Gas Tax Fund is to communities.

District of Vanderhoof  
-OCP Update

Chair Thiessen mentioned that the District of Vanderhoof is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP) and he requested information from member municipalities in regard to the allowance of containers on municipal lots within communities.

Receipt of Verbal  
Reports

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Layton

2021-4-22

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Administration Correspondence & Action Lists Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-4-23

“That the Board receive the following:

**Administration Correspondence**

- City of New Westminster – Support for Laid-off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers
- Fraser Basin Council – Consultation Process: Investigations in Support of Flood Strategy Development in BC
- Union of B.C. Municipalities – 2020 Resolutions Referred to UBCM Executive

**Action Lists**

- Action List – January 2021
- Action List – February 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA****ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)**

Rezoning Application Public Hearing Reports Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-4-24

“That the Board receive the following:

- Rezoning Application RZ A-03-20 – Public Hearing Report
- Rezoning Application RZ F-01-21 – Public Hearing Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALR 1230 Exclusion Application – Electoral Area “F” Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-4-25

1. “That the Board direct staff to initiate the application process to exclude the Tachick Lake Resort property (15112 Tachick Lake Road) from the Agricultural Land Reserve.
2. That the Public Hearing required by the Agricultural Land Commission Act as part of the ALR Exclusion process be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area “F”.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors) (CONT'D)**

Rezoning Application F-01-20 Moved by Director Petersen  
Adoption Report for Rezoning Seconded by Director Layton  
Bylaw 1918, 2020

2021-4-26 "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1918, 2020" be adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Storey

2021-4-27 "That the meeting be adjourned at 1:52 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NO. 5**  
**(VIRTUAL)****Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Brad Layton  
Linda McGuire  
Bob Motion  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Sarrah Storey

Director Absent Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

**MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Petersen2021-5-1"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 Layton  
Seconded by Director Atrill2021-5-2

"That the Board Meeting Agenda of April 8, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****REPORTS****Budget Bylaw Amendment #1**  
**– Five Year Financial Plan**  
**(2021-2025)**Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Atrill2021-5-3"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1943, 2021 be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-5-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:48 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**(VIRTUAL)****Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Brad Layton  
Linda McGuire  
Bob Motion  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Sarrah Storey

Director Dolores Funk

Absent

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Trina Bysouth, Protective Services Administrative Assistant – left at 11:34 a.m.  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – left at 11:34 a.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant  
Terry Wiebe, Regional Business Liaison – left at 11:35 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**AGENDA**Moved by Director Brienen  
Seconded by Director Newell**C.W.2021-4-1**

“That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 8, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****STAFF INTRODUCTION**

Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services introduced Trina Bysouth, Protective Services Administrative Assistant and Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development introduced Terry Wiebe, Regional Business Liaison.

**MINUTES**Committee of the Whole  
Minutes – March 11, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2021-4-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 11, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORT**Provincial COVID-19 Funds

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2021-4-3

“That of the \$314,000 in additional COVID Relief funds received, that \$251,200 be allocated to rural government special projects and that \$62,800 be allocated to general government special projects.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the funding available to Rural Directors and having the Regional Business Liaison attend a future Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting.

Budget Amendment #1

Moved by Director Layton  
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2021-4-4

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Budget Amendment #1 memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gas Tax for 2021

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2021-4-5

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Gas Tax for 2021 memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

North Central Local  
Government Association  
(NCLGA) Membership Dues

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Storey

C.W.2021-4-6

“That the Committee of the Whole receive the Manager of Administrative Services’ North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Membership Dues memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence

Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2021-4-7

“That the Committee of the Whole receive Correspondence:  
from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General –  
Response to RDBN Letter re: Revised Financial Assistance for  
Emergency Response Costs – A Guide for BC First Nations and  
Local Authorities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Atrill

C.W.2021-4-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING****(VIRTUAL)****Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Michael Riis-Christianson

Directors Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Chris Armstrong, Director of Sales & Marketing, CityWest  
Bart Kuntz, Vice President, Outside Plant, CityWest  
Mark Fisher, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)  
Aarushi Jain, Project Manager, CityWest  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James  
Jerry Petersen, Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)  
Mike Pilon, Director of Projects, CityWest  
Sarraah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake  
Stefan Woloszyn, CEO, CityWest

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**AGENDA**Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Newell**BBC.2021-2-1**

"That the Connectivity Committee Agenda for April 8, 2021 be approved as amended to withdraw the Delegation."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****MINUTES****Broadband Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
–January 14, 2021**Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Greenaway**BBC.2021-2-2**

"That the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION ITEM**Union of B.C. Municipalities Internet Speed Study

Chair Riis-Christianson spoke of collating federal mapping with the RDBN CIRA speed test data collected. Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development noted that staff are reviewing the mapping and will be self-registering to ensure that municipalities and rural areas are included in the evaluation of the federal mapping that is being undertaken by UBCM.

CAO Helgesen mentioned that staff discussed with CityWest the mapping concerns and will also be reviewing the information and collaborating with the RDBN moving forward.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussion took place in regard to the expansion of wireless connectivity to routes connected to the Highway 16 corridor.

Wireless Connectivity  
Improvements in the Regional  
District of Bulkley-Nechako

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

BBC.2021-2-3

“That the Connectivity Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Citizens’ Services requesting expansion of wireless connectivity to the Southside of Francois Lake, Highway 118 and Highway 27 as connector routes to the Highway 16 (‘Highway of Tears’) route.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Lambert

BBC.2021-2-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Michael Riis-Christianson, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(VIRTUAL)**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Shane Brien
	Directors	Gladys Atrill Mark Fisher Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Brad Layton Linda McGuire Bob Motion Chris Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Sarra Storey Gerry Thiessen
	Director Absent	Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
	Others	Charlie Edwards, Project Manager Section 5-7, Coastal GasLink Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Coastal GasLink Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Coastal GasLink Sian Weaver, Manager of Socio-economics, Coastal GasLink Ian McLeod, Socio-economics, Senior Advisor, Coastal GasLink

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brien called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Storey  
Seconded by Director Lambert

**NRC.2021-1-1**

“That the Natural Resources Committee Agenda for April 8, 2021 be Approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION****COASTAL GASLINK – Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Sian Weaver, Manager of Socio-economics, Ian McLeod, Socio-economics, Senior Advisor RE: Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)**

Chair Brienen welcomed Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Coordinator, Sian Weaver, Manager of Socio-economics, Ian McLeod, Socio-economics, Senior Advisor, Coastal GasLink.

Mr. Giddens and Ms. Weaver Provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

## Coastal GasLink Project Update

- About TC Energy
- Project Overview
- Coastal GasLink 2020 Milestones
- Safety is Coastal GasLink's number one value
- 2021 Construction status in RDBN
- Pipeline construction/Right-of-way
- WP3 Pipe Delivery and Construction Progress
- Economic benefits/Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
- Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)
- SEEMP Economic Effects
- SEEMP Social Effects
- SEEMP Feedback During Fourth Reporting Cycle (June – November 2020)
- 2021 Forward looking
- Community investment
- Creating a legacy of safety and respect
- Keeping in touch.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Community investment and lasting legacy
  - o Connectivity in Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) – Buckflats area
  - o Compressor Station in the Buckflats area
  - o Potential for collaboration
  - o Connectivity throughout other areas of the region in correlation to the pipeline project
  - o Staff in conversation with Coastal GasLink
  - o Legacy Program Funding for Granisle
    - Coastal GasLink will follow-up.

Chair Brienen thanked Messrs. Giddens, Moulton, McLeod and Ms. Weaver for attending the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Moved by Director McGuire  
 Seconded by Director Layton  
-Response to RDBN Letter re: Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area Apportionment

NRC.2021-1-2

"That the Natural Resources Committee receive the letter from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Response to RDBN Letter re: Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area Apportionment."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****1. Future Committee Topics**

- Chair Brienens
  - Forward any items for consideration to Chair Brienens.

**2. Partnering with First Nations – Forestry**

- Chair Brienens
  - Opportunities to partner with First Nations
  - Northern Development Initiative Trust - Northern Healthy Communities Fund for the First Nations Engagement Capacity Building Pilot Project
  - Carrier Sekani Tribal Council Pathways Forward 2.0 Agreement
    - Economic Development
    - Forestry component
    - Province to maintain stumpage fees.

**3. Water**

- Chair Brienens
  - Include water use as a topic for the Natural Resources Committee
    - Water quality in rivers
    - Nechako Reservoir
    - *Water Sustainability Act*
    - Resource industry use of water resources.
    - May discuss at Rural/Agriculture and Waste Management Committees

**4. Forestry**

- Smithers and area
  - Apportionment
  - Major Licensees concerns
- Chair Brienens will follow-up

**5. Fish and wildlife**

- See reduced numbers in wildlife populations overall
- Provincial and Federal Government management
  - Potential impacts to regions
- Further discussion to take place at a future meeting
- Potential to work with First Nations communities.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Pinnacle Pellet acquired by British energy company Drax
- Director Storey spoke of meeting with Minister Osborne in regard to developing an Integrity Commissioner and increasing the Village of Fraser Lake's Community Forest
- Length of time in which to move industrial projects forward and Federal regulations
- Topics for consideration at a future Committee Meeting:
  - Artemis Gold Inc.
    - Permit approval by the Province and Federal Governments
  - Planting of trees
    - Important to ensure tree planting continues in a safe manner
    - Chair Brienens is working to have Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development appear as a delegation at a future meeting
  - Wildfire Tree Salvaging operations
- RDBN lobbying to ensure it is a part of the Federal and Provincial Government discussions regarding resources in the region.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Lambert

NRC.2021-1-3

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:29 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Shane Brienen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING****(VIRTUAL)****(Committee of the Whole)****Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brien  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Brad Layton  
Linda McGuire  
Bob Motion  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson

Director Absent Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant  
Chantal Wentland, Local Government Intern

Others Dave Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation & Technical Services, City of Prince George  
Michael Coulson, Transit Planner, City of Prince George  
Lindsay Taylor, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit  
Aaron Thompson, Planner, BC Transit  
Scott Hickling, General Manager of Operations, Takla First Nation

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

**AGENDA**Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Parker**RTC.2021-1-1**

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

Regional Transit Committee Moved by Director Petersen  
Minutes – December 10, 2020 Seconded by Director Fisher

RTC.2021-1-2 “That the Regional Transit Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2020 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATION****BC TRANSIT – Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations RE: 2021 Bulkley Nechako Transit Service Review**

Chair Thiessen welcomed Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit.

Ms. Taylor provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Highway 16 Service Review

- Overview
- Hwy 16 Overview
- Highway 16 Service Review
- Service Review Process
- Community Context
- Community Context Q's (Questions)
- Engagement Strategy.

The following was discussed:

- The review process including collaboration and communication among various transit providers
- Granisle – recipient of the Community Vehicle Program
  - Unable to connect to the Highway 16 Transit Bus
- Fort St. James – no public transportation
  - Would like to see a public transit system
  - Will be reviewed by BC Transit
- BC Transit review process
  - All transit services in the north to determine effectiveness and efficiencies
  - Scheduling
    - Review Granisle and Fort St. James
  - Include GPS for the buses for riders to determine locations in real time
  - Highlight potential needs and resources to be the most efficient and most seamless transportation corridor
- Residents daily commute between Houston and Smithers and Houston and Burns Lake
  - Current schedule does not accommodate most commuters
- Road conditions on the Highway 16 Corridor in the winter and summer
- Possible provincial/federal funding.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Taylor for attending the meeting.

**REPORT**

Bulkley-Nechako Transit  
Service Review

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Atrill

RTC.2021-1-3

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Planner  
1/Regional Transit Coordinator’s 2021 Bulkley Nechako Transit  
Service Review memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Funk

RTC.2021-1-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

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

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Chris Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Megan D'Arcy, Agriculture Coordinator – left at 10:19 a.m.  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – arrived at 10:21 a.m.  
Michelle Roberge, Agriculture Coordinator – left at 10:19 a.m.  
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers – arrived at 10:15 a.m.  
Shane Brienen, District of Houston  
Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa – arrived at 10:29 a.m.  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James  
Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake – arrived at 10:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

**RDC.2021-4-1**

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for April 8, 2021 be approved as amended to remove Crown Land Referral No. 7410175 (Area F).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

**Rural/Agriculture Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**-March 11, 2021**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

**RDC.2021-4-2**

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## **AGRICULTURE COORDINATOR INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Parker introduced Megan D'Arcy and Michelle Roberge, Agriculture Coordinators. Ms. D'Arcy's focus area will be Burns Lake west to the RDBN western boundary and Ms. Roberge's focus area will be Burns Lake to the RDBN's eastern boundary.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **Crown Land Referral**

Crown Land Referral  
No. 7410174  
Electoral Area F

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2021-4-3

"That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410174 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral  
No. 7410176  
Electoral Area F

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2021-4-4

"That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410176 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral  
No. 7410005  
Electoral Area C

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2021-4-5

"That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410005 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Referral  
No. 0282536  
Electoral Area F

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2021-4-6

"That the Comment Sheet for Crown Land Application Referral No. 0282536 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **RURAL DIRECTORS' ROUNDTABLE**

### **1. Input on Rural Agenda Items**

- Chair Parker
  - Provide agenda input or items to Chair Parker

### **2. Rural Priorities**

- Chair Parker
  - Number 1 Priority currently is connectivity
  - Bring forward additional items to Chair Parker

**NEW BUSINESS****Nechako Watershed Roundtable**

Director Lambert attended a Nechako Watershed Roundtable meeting. He provided an overview of conversations regarding working with Carrier Sekani Tribal Council in regard to water interests and developing a membership model for Regional District participation.

**COVID Restart Funding**

Director Riis-Christianson spoke of the COVID Restart funding and supporting community groups and organizations. Discussion took place regarding organizations throughout the region and the response in regard to COVID Restart funding support. Director Lambert mentioned providing support to the community halls within Electoral Area "E". Director Petersen indicated he has received an application for Electoral Area "F".

CAO Helgesen noted that information has been submitted to the regional newspapers for non-profit societies in regard to the COVID Restart funding.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

**RDC.2021-4-7**

"That the meeting be adjourned at 10:32 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mark Parker, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(VIRTUAL)**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brienen  
Chris Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake  
Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)  
Clint Lambert, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)  
Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James  
Mark Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)  
Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2021-2-1

"That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for April 8, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
-March 11, 2020

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for March 11, 2021 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Discussion Items**

#### **RDBN Letter of Support for Inclusion of ICI Cardboard in EPR**

RDBN Letter of Support for Inclusion of ICI Cardboard in EPR

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-3

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board write a letter of support to the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce regarding its resolution to the BC Chamber of Commerce in regard to Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) recycling; and further, that the letter be forwarded to Nathan Cullen, MLA - Stikine and John Rustad, MLA – Nechako Lakes.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Fisher and staff will follow up with the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce to contact RDBN member municipalities in regard to letters of support.

#### **RDBN Review and Recommendation Letter for a 10¢ Bottle Deposit Refund for all Cans**

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the bottle deposit refund for cans paid by the Brewers Association and Encorp Pacific (Canada). The Brewers Association provides 8¢ per can and Encorp Pacific (Canada) provides 10¢ per can. The Province of BC conducted a successful pilot project wherein all bottle deposit refunds for all cans was 10¢ but is no longer continuing the project.

RDBN Review and Recommendation Letter for a 10¢ Bottle Deposit Refund for all Cans

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2021-2-4

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy requesting that a consistent deposit system for the return deposit for all cans is paid in its entirety; and further, that the system is implemented throughout the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Addressing Illegal Dumping

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-5

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Addressing Illegal Dumping memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following was discussed:

- Identifying the illegal dump sites that are used continuously
- Conducting an education program
  - Refrigerators no longer have a fee when disposing of them at RDBN Transfer Stations

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE (CONT'D)**

- Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
  - Collaboration - recycling education video
- Potentially having Conservation Officers attend future meeting to provide an update in regard to illegal dumping
- Involving youth
- Cariboo Regional District – illegal dumping budget
- Enforcement for those responsible for illegal dumping
- Chair Fisher and staff to contact Conservation Officers
- Signage at RDBN Transfer Stations regarding appliance fees
- Organizations/societies wanting to conduct clean up operations
  - Potentially provide grant in aid funding.

**Verbal Report – Waste Audit Update**

- Staff currently working on the Waste Audit RFP to be complete early next week.

**POLICY REVIEW**

None

**DIVERSION & RECYCLING****Smithers-Telkwa Commercial Curbside Update**

Discussion took place regarding

- The common suggestions outlined in the Smithers – Telkwa Commercial Cardboard Discussion: Self-hauled OCC Memorandum
- Suggestion 1
  - An unmanaged bin
- Interest from businesses in Smithers to find a solution
- Potential locations for bin placement
  - Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce
  - Other Chamber of Commerce locations in the region
- Staffing capacity and constraints and ability to oversee bins
- Contamination penalties
- Location challenges
- Initiate discussions with community groups and Chamber of Commerce
  - Determine potential solutions/ideas
- Suggestion #3
  - Could be hosted at any site
  - Requires infrastructure
  - Capital cost
  - Staff investigate
- Suggestion #4
  - Staff begin discussions with Chamber of Commerce in the region
- ICI cardboard is not the responsibility of the RDBN
- Support businesses and economic development initiatives
- Bioenergy Plants potentially utilizing the material
- Staff will continue to explore options.

**Verbal Report – Smithers and Telkwa Curbside Update**

Director Atrill provided a brief overview of Smithers and Telkwa Curbside collection. Mr. Eriksen mentioned that RDBN Recycling Attendants at the Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station will assist in distributing education material in regard to curbside recycling in Smithers and Telkwa.

**OPERATIONS UPDATE**Operations Update

Moved by Director Atrill  
 Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2021-2-6

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Operations Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**Future Committee Topic  
-Metal Recycling

Director Newell requested that Metal Recycling at RDBN Transfer Stations be a future Committee Topic for discussion.

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Atrill  
 Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2021-2-7

“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)(K) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Committee, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public (Recycling) 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 Newell  
 Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:52p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


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 Mark Fisher, Chair

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 Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Maria Sandberg, Planner  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Rezoning RZ E-02-20  
Third Reading and Adoption Report for Rezoning Bylaw 1942, 2021

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Regional District Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1942, 2021”.
2. That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1942, 2021” be given third reading and adoption.

**VOTING**

All Directors / Majority

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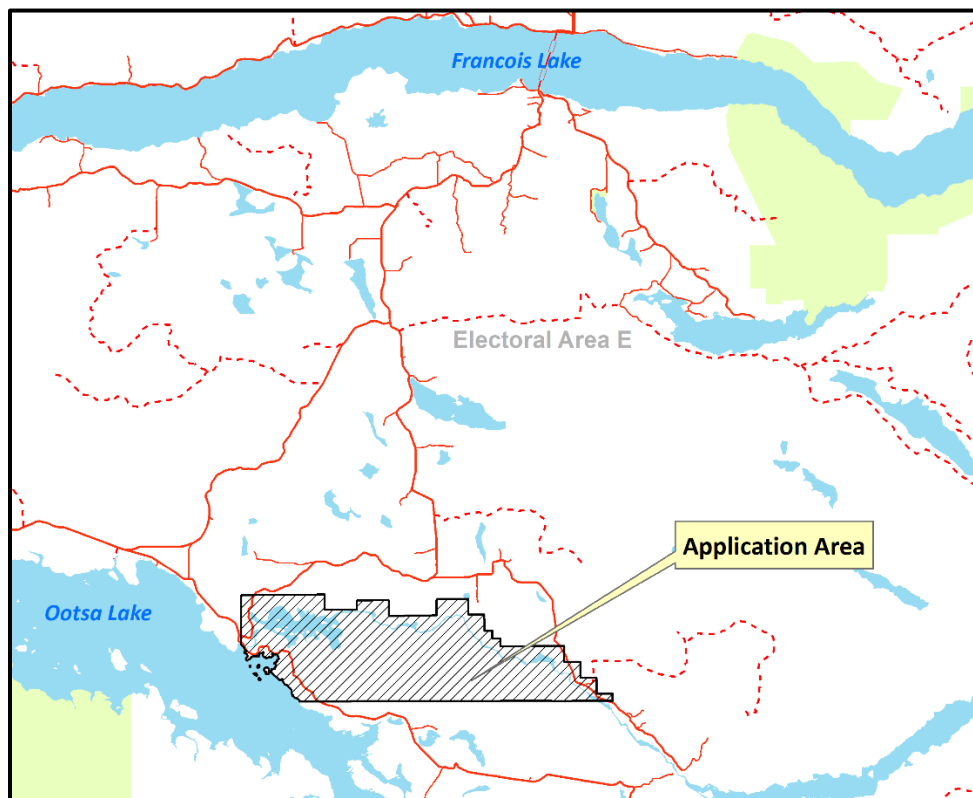
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In early 2020, the RDBN Board considered a referral from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation regarding a proposed disposition of Crown land to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation in Electoral Area E. The Board responded that they had no objection to the proposed land dispositions provided that the lands being transferred into fee simple ownership are zoned to the Board’s satisfaction prior to the land transfer. Staff are proposing that 70 un-zoned properties, including the proposed transfer lands and other properties in the application area, be zoned Rural Resource (RR1) similarly to adjacent lands.

Staff recommend that Bylaw No. 1942, 2021 be given third reading and adoption.

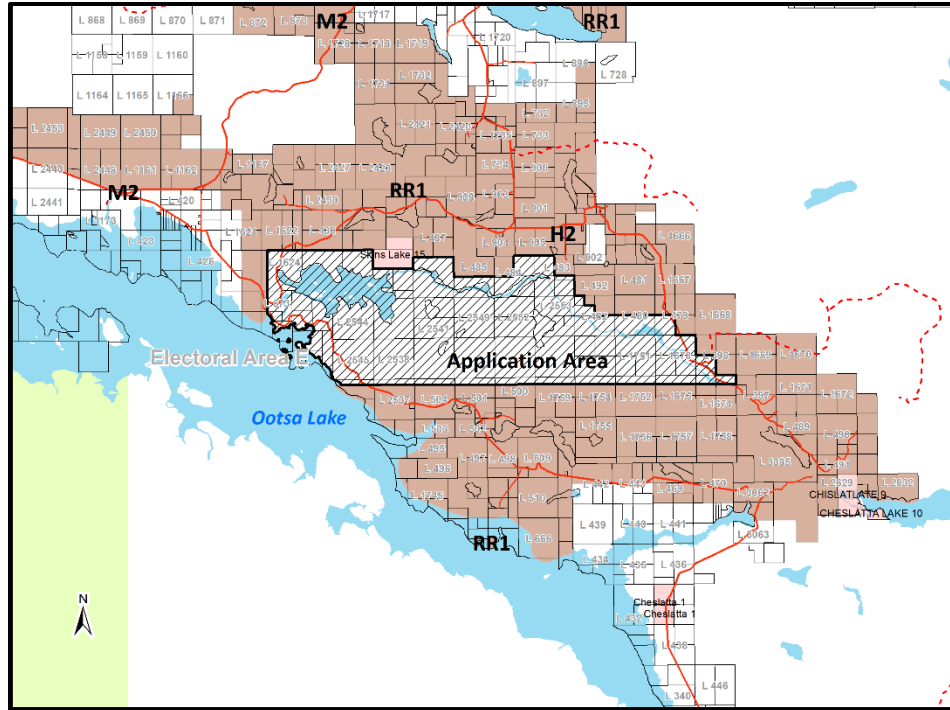
**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

<b>Name of Owners:</b>	See attached list of legal descriptions and ownership information
<b>Electoral Area:</b>	E
<b>Subject Properties:</b>	See attached list of legal descriptions
<b>Property Size:</b>	7000 ha. (approx.)
<b>OCP Designation:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Zoning:</b>	Un-zoned
<b>ALR:</b>	Not in the ALR
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Vacant land
<b>Location:</b>	25 kilometres south of Francois Lake - Southbank ferry landing

**Proposal:**

The Planning Department is proposing that the 70 un-zoned properties within the application area be zoned Rural Resource (RR1). As shown on the zoning map below, all the lands surrounding the application area are zoned primarily Rural Resource (RR1).





## DISCUSSION

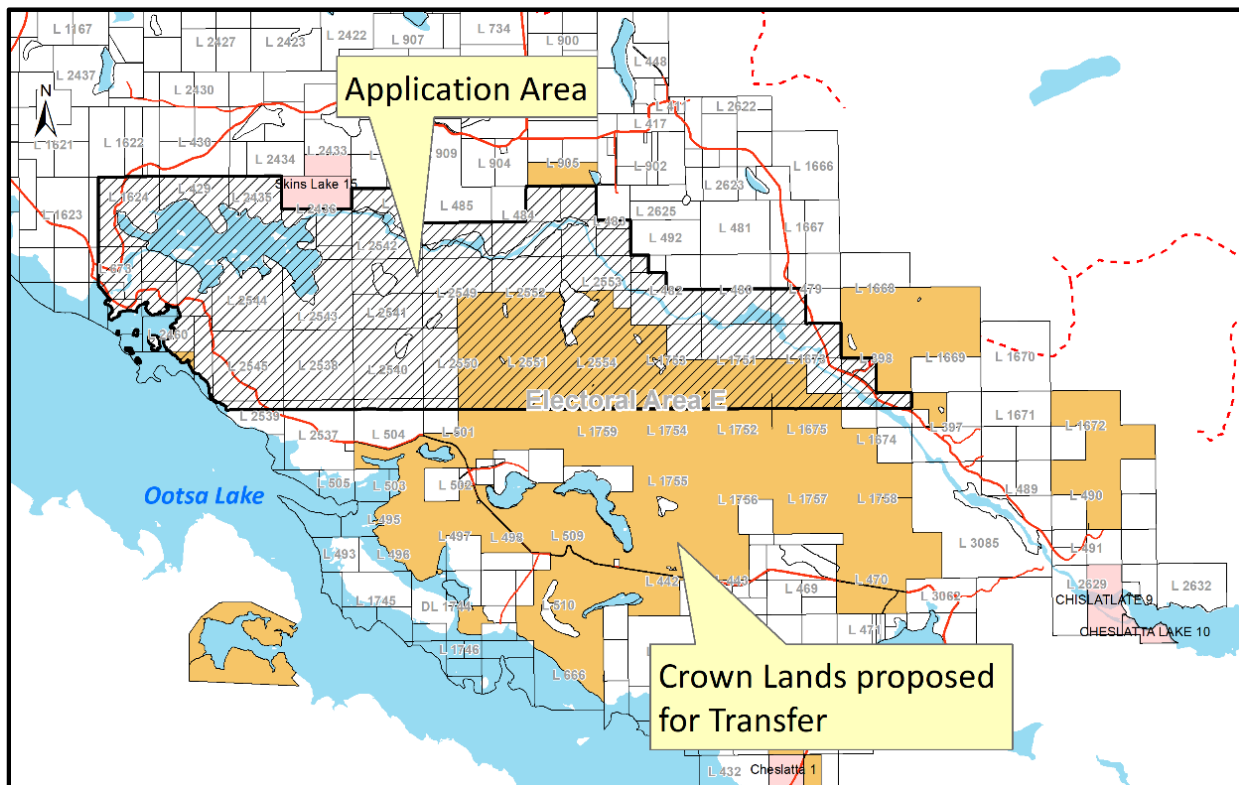
Presently the land in the application area falls into four ownership categories:

1. Land owned by the Crown.
2. Land owned by the Aluminum Company of Canada.
3. Land owned by the Cheslatta Carrier Nation (ownership transfer from the Aluminum Company of Canada in 2012).
4. Crown owned land proposed for disposition to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation.

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Staff are proposing the un-zoned lands located in the area be zoned RR1. As noted, this includes the lands proposed for transfer to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation, other Crown lands, properties owned by the Aluminum Company of Canada, and properties previously transferred from the Aluminum Company of Canada to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation. The purpose of the rezoning is to ensure that all fee simple lands in the area are subject to the same regulation, given that lands in the area are available for private ownership and development.

The map below shows the Crown Land proposed for transfer to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation in relation to the application area proposed for RR1 zoning.



### Zoning and Official Community Plan

The RR1 zone allows the following uses:

Agriculture	Cabin	Farmers' Market
Intensive Agriculture	Large Kennel	Portable Sawmill
Primitive Campground	Rural Retreat	Single Family Dwelling
Two Family Dwelling	Veterinary Clinic	

There is no Official Community Plan in place for this area.

### Cheslatta Carrier Nation Engagement

Planning Department staff have discussed the proposed rezoning of the application area with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation representative on the project on several occasions. The formal letters sent to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation regarding the proposed zoning are attached. To date the Cheslatta Carrier Nation have not provided a position on the proposed rezoning.

## Community and First Nations Engagement

All First Nations that identify traditional territory in the application area (Skin Tyee Nation, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Office of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, Nee-Tahi-Buhn Band, and the Cheslatta Carrier Nation) were sent a referral. Staff followed up with a phone call to First Nations to ask if the referral was received and offering to answer questions or hold a meeting to discuss the application. No referral comments have been received from First Nations.

### Referral Comments

The **Electoral Area "E" Advisory Planning Commission** felt that it was appropriate to rezone the lands as proposed and recommended that the application be supported.

**Rio Tinto (ALCAN)** has not responded to the referral at the time of the writing of this report.

The **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** has no objections to the proposal.

The **Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation** has no objections to the proposal and submitted a letter that is attached to this report.

The **Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development** recommended approval subject to conditions below:

*The Nadina Natural Resource District (FLNRO) does not have any concerns with the rezoning of the identified parcels to RR1 status. We recommend that RDBN continue to work closely with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation regarding potential land settlement areas.*

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for Bylaw 1942, 2021 was held on April 13, 2021. The Public Hearing report is provided to the Board on the supplementary agenda.

## ATTACHMENTS

Bylaw 1942, 2021

List of legal descriptions and ownership information

Letter from Fred Oliemans, Regional Director, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Letter dated June 22, 2020, to Mike Robertson, Sr. Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation

Letter dated September 10, 2020 to Mike Robertson, Sr. Policy Advisor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation  
Referral Letters sent to First Nations



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**BYLAW NO. 1942, 2021**

A Bylaw to Amend “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020”

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The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020” be amended such that the lands shown on Schedule “A”, which is incorporated in and forms part of this bylaw, are zoned “Rural Resource (RR1)” Zone.

This bylaw may be cited as the “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1942, 2021”.

READ A FIRST TIME this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021

READ A SECOND TIME 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

READ A THIRD TIME this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1942, 2021”

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Chairperson

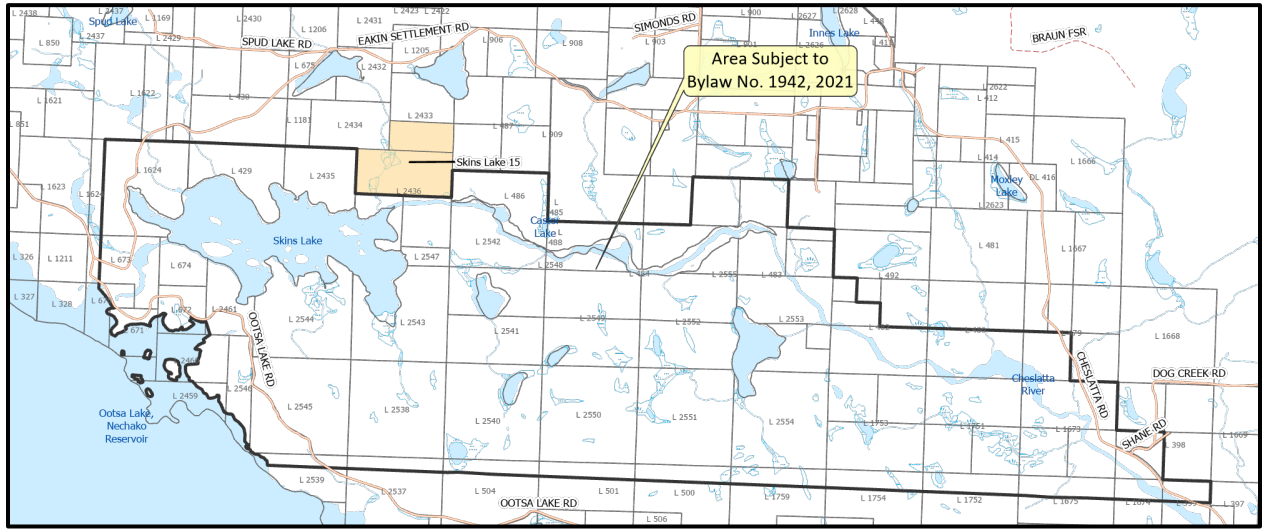
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**SCHEDULE "A" BYLAW NO. 1942, 2021**

- District Lot 2545
- Part of Primary: District Lot 2553
- District Lot 2550
- Part of Primary: District Lot 2541
- District Lot 2538
- District Lot 2551
- S1/2, District Lot 2549
- Part of Primary: District Lot 1751
- Part of Primary: District Lot 1754
- N1/2, District Lot 1675
- District Lot 1752
- District Lot 500
- N1/2, District Lot 501
- District Lot 429
- District Lot 670
- District Lot 672
- District Lot 674
- District Lot 2435
- The Fractional Southwest 1/4 of District Lot 2436 (Formerly Skins Lake Indian Reserve No. 16)
- District Lot 2460 Except That Part Lying West of The Southerly Production of The Easterly Boundary of District Lot 671
- District Lot 2543
- District Lot 2546
- The Southwest 1/4 of District Lot 398 Except Plan PRP13832
- The Southwest 1/4 of District Lot 479
- The South 1/2 of District Lot 482
- The Fractional Northwest 1/4 of District Lot 483
- The Southwest 1/4 of District Lot 483
- The Northeast 1/4 of District Lot 484
- District Lot 486
- The North 1/2 of District Lot 1673
- The Northwest 1/4 of District Lot 1674
- The North East 1/4 of District Lot 1753
- District Lot 2548
- The Fractional North 1/2 of District Lot 2552
- Block A of the Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 2553
- Part of Primary: District Lot 2537
- Part of Primary: District Lot 2539
- S1/2, District Lot 2552
- N1/2, District Lot 2541
- District Lot 2554
- District Lot 2540
- SE1/4, District Lot 1751
- Part of Primary: District Lot 1759
- Part of Primary: District Lot 1753
- NW1/4, District Lot 1753
- SW1/4, District Lot 1673
- District Lot 504
- District Lot 2459
- The Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest of District Lot 482
- District Lot 671
- District Lot 673
- District Lot 1624
- The Southeast 1/4 Of District Lot 2436
- That Part of District Lot 2460 Lying West of the South Production of The East Boundary of District Lot 671
- District Lot 2461 Except; Part on Plan BCP20576
- District Lot 2544 Except Part on Plan BCP20576
- District Lot 2547
- District Lot 399
- The South 1/2 of District Lot 480
- The South 1/2 of The Northwest 1/4 of District Lot 482
- The North 1/2 of The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 483
- The Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 483 Except the North 1/2 of the North 1/2
- The Fractional South 1/2 of District Lot 484
- District Lot 488
- The Southeast 1/4 of District Lot 1673
- The North 1/2 of District Lot 1751
- District Lot 2542
- The Fractional North 1/2 of District Lot 2549
- The Fractional North 1/2 of District Lot 2553
- District Lot 2555

All of Range 4 Coast District

Being zoned to "Rural Resource (RR1)" Zone, as shown.



I hereby certify that this is Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1942, 2021

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Corporate Administrator

**SUBJECT PROPERTIES**

	<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
1	DISTRICT LOT 2545, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
2	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 2537, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
3	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 2553, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
4	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 2539, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
5	DISTRICT LOT 2550, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
6	S1/2, DISTRICT LOT 2552, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
7	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 2541, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
8	N1/2, DISTRICT LOT 2541, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
9	DISTRICT LOT 2538, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
10	DISTRICT LOT 2554, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
11	DISTRICT LOT 2551, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
12	DISTRICT LOT 2540, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
13	S1/2, DISTRICT LOT 2549, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
14	SE1/4, DISTRICT LOT 1751, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
15	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 1751, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
16	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 1759, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
17	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 1754, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
18	Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 1753, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
19	N1/2, DISTRICT LOT 1675, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
20	NW1/4, DISTRICT LOT 1753, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
21	DISTRICT LOT 1752, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
22	SW1/4, DISTRICT LOT 1673, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
23	DISTRICT LOT 500, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
24	DISTRICT LOT 504, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
25	N1/2, DISTRICT LOT 501, RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
26	DISTRICT LOT 2459 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Crown Provincial
27	DISTRICT LOT 429 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
28	THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST OF DISTRICT LOT 482 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
29	DISTRICT LOT 670 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
30	DISTRICT LOT 671 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
31	DISTRICT LOT 672 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
32	DISTRICT LOT 673 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
33	DISTRICT LOT 674 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
34	DISTRICT LOT 1624 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
35	DISTRICT LOT 2435 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
36	THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 2436 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
37	THE FRACTIONAL SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 2436 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT (FORMERLY SKINS LAKE INDIAN RESERVE NO. 16)	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
38	THAT PART OF DISTRICT LOT 2460 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT LYING WEST OF THE SOUTH PRODUCTION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT LOT 671	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
39	DISTRICT LOT 2460 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT EXCEPT THAT PART LYING WEST OF THE SOUTHERLY PRODUCTION OF THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT LOT 671	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd



40	DISTRICT LOT 2461 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT, EXCEPT; PART ON PLAN BCP20576	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
41	DISTRICT LOT 2543 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
42	DISTRICT LOT 2544 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT, EXCEPT; PART ON PLAN BCP20576	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
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44	DISTRICT LOT 2547 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Aluminum Co of Canada Ltd
45	THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 398 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT EXCEPT PLAN PRP13832	Private
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48	THE SOUTH 1/2 OF DISTRICT LOT 480 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
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50	THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 482 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
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52	THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 483 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
53	THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 483 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
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55	THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 484 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
56	THE FRACTIONAL SOUTH 1/2 OF DISTRICT LOT 484 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
57	DISTRICT LOT 486 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
58	DISTRICT LOT 488 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
59	THE NORTH 1/2 OF DISTRICT LOT 1673 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
60	THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 1673 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
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64	DISTRICT LOT 2542 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
65	DISTRICT LOT 2548 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
66	THE FRACTIONAL NORTH 1/2 OF DISTRICT LOT 2549 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
67	THE FRACTIONAL NORTH 1/2 OF DISTRICT LOT 2552 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
68	THE FRACTIONAL NORTH 1/2 OF DISTRICT LOT 2553 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
69	BLOCK A OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF DISTRICT LOT 2553 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private
70	DISTRICT LOT 2555 RANGE 4 COAST DISTRICT	Private



March 4, 2021

File: 280-30/Cheslatta  
Ref 51671

Deneve Vanderwolf  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
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Dear Deneve Vanderwolf:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on your referral (No: RZ E-02-20, dated January 14, 2021) for an application by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) to zone to Rural Resource (RR1), 70 un-zoned properties located approximately 25 kilometres south of Francois Lake. You have requested comment on the application for potential effect on the interests of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR).

Your zoning application covers a number of parcels identified for potential transfer to Cheslatta Carrier Nation in both Phase 1 and Phase 2, plus a much larger area where Cheslatta have not indicated interest in Crown land transfers. As shared previously, we are not proceeding with engagement for the parcels that overlap the Wet'suwet'en Yintah (Phase 2) at this time. In September 2020, we finalized consultation with First Nations with overlapping territories, and engagement with interest holders for parcels in Phase 1. This summer MIRR plans to survey approximately 1500 hectares of the proposed Crown lands in Phase 1 (map attached). Once the parcels have been surveyed, we plan to move towards the Crown Grant decision-making process in late 2021 or early 2022.

I note that this referral has also been sent to Rio Tinto Alcan, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and overlapping First Nations including Skin Tyee Nation, Nee-Tahi-Buhn Band, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en.

The Referral Report states that, in early 2020, the RDBN Board considered a referral from MIRR regarding the proposed disposition of Crown land to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation. The RDBN Board responded that they had no objection to the proposed land dispositions

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provided that the lands being transferred into fee simple ownership are zoned to the RDBN Board's satisfaction prior to the land transfer. RDBN staff were subsequently directed by the RDBN Board to initiate the zoning process in consultation with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation.

Upon receipt of this referral, we shared our concern with RDBN that most of the parcels that are being considered for survey this summer are not included in this zoning application and asked whether transfer of the un-zoned parcels is supported by RDBN. Jason Llewellyn in your planning department responded that the parcels are remote and outside of the area where the RDBN typically provides zoning services, therefore RDBN staff are not recommending to the RDBN Board that they be zoned.

Please find attached the completed Government Agency Referral Form that you provided. You will see that we have no objections to the proposed zoning.

Can the RDBN board confirm as soon as possible if they support the RDBN staff recommendation that the remainder of the lands in Phase 1 will not be zoned?

Additionally, MIRR would appreciate learning more about the consultation process underway with the First Nations listed above prior to rezoning, so that we can answer questions that may arise between the First Nations and the provincial government and direct them to the appropriate RDBN staff.

Please contact Karen MacDowell, Negotiator, at [Karen.MacDowell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.MacDowell@gov.bc.ca) or (250) 713-3008 with your responses to our enquiries.

Again, thank you for the opportunity for our ministry to provide comment on this referral.

Yours truly,



Fred Oliemans  
Regional Director  
[Fred.Oliemans@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Fred.Oliemans@gov.bc.ca)

Attachments (2):

1. Signed Government Agency Referral Form
2. Map of lands proposed for survey in the summer of 2021

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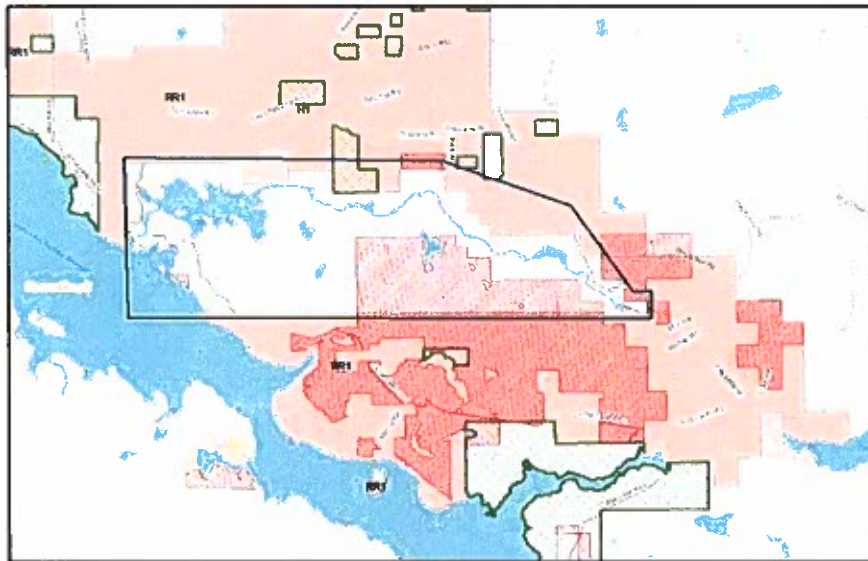
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June 22, 2020

**RE: Southside Zoning**

As you are aware, the RDBN is preparing to apply zoning regulations to certain lands in support of the proposed disposition of Crown Land to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation. The Regional District is eager to start this process in consultation with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation. The area that may be proposed for zoning is highlighted on the map below.



The zone proposed for discussion is the Rural Resource Zone (RR1). This zone applies to most land in that area. If there are additional uses, not included in the RR1 zone, that you are contemplating for specific areas, this should be discussed as soon as possible and may be accommodated in the zoning process. A copy of the RR1 Zone is attached, and the entire bylaw is available at: <https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/planning/land-use-planning/zoning>.

**MUNICIPALITIES:**

SMITHERS FORT ST. JAMES  
VANDERHOOF FRASER LAKE  
HOUSTON TELKWA  
BURNS LAKE GRANISLE

**ELECTORAL AREAS:**

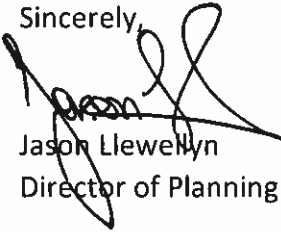
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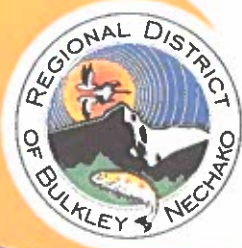
Please let us know if you are available for an in-person meeting at the RDBN office on June 30 at 2:00 pm or July 6 at 2:00 pm. If these times do not work, please give us a call at your convenience to coordinate a meeting.

Sincerely,



Jason Llewellyn  
Director of Planning

Cc: Barbra Tom, Director of Operations, Cheslatta Carrier Nation



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September 10, 2020

**RE: Southside Zoning**

Thank you for meeting with Planning Department staff on July 28, 2020 regarding the zoning of lands shown on the attached map to the Rural Resource (RR1) zone. As you are aware, this proposed zoning is in support of the disposition of Crown Land to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation.

Regional District staff anticipate starting the rezoning process in mid October. The Planning Department is eager to receive any additional comment the Cheslatta Carrier Nation may have regarding the proposed zoning and discuss any specific uses contemplated which may not be accommodated in the RR1 Zone. Regional District Planning Department staff are happy to meet at your convenience to discuss the proposed rezoning further and answer any questions. Do not hesitate to call me or Maria Sandberg at 250-692-3195.

Sincerely,

Jason Llewellyn  
Director of Planning

Cc: Barb Tom, Director of Operations, Cheslatta Carrier Nation

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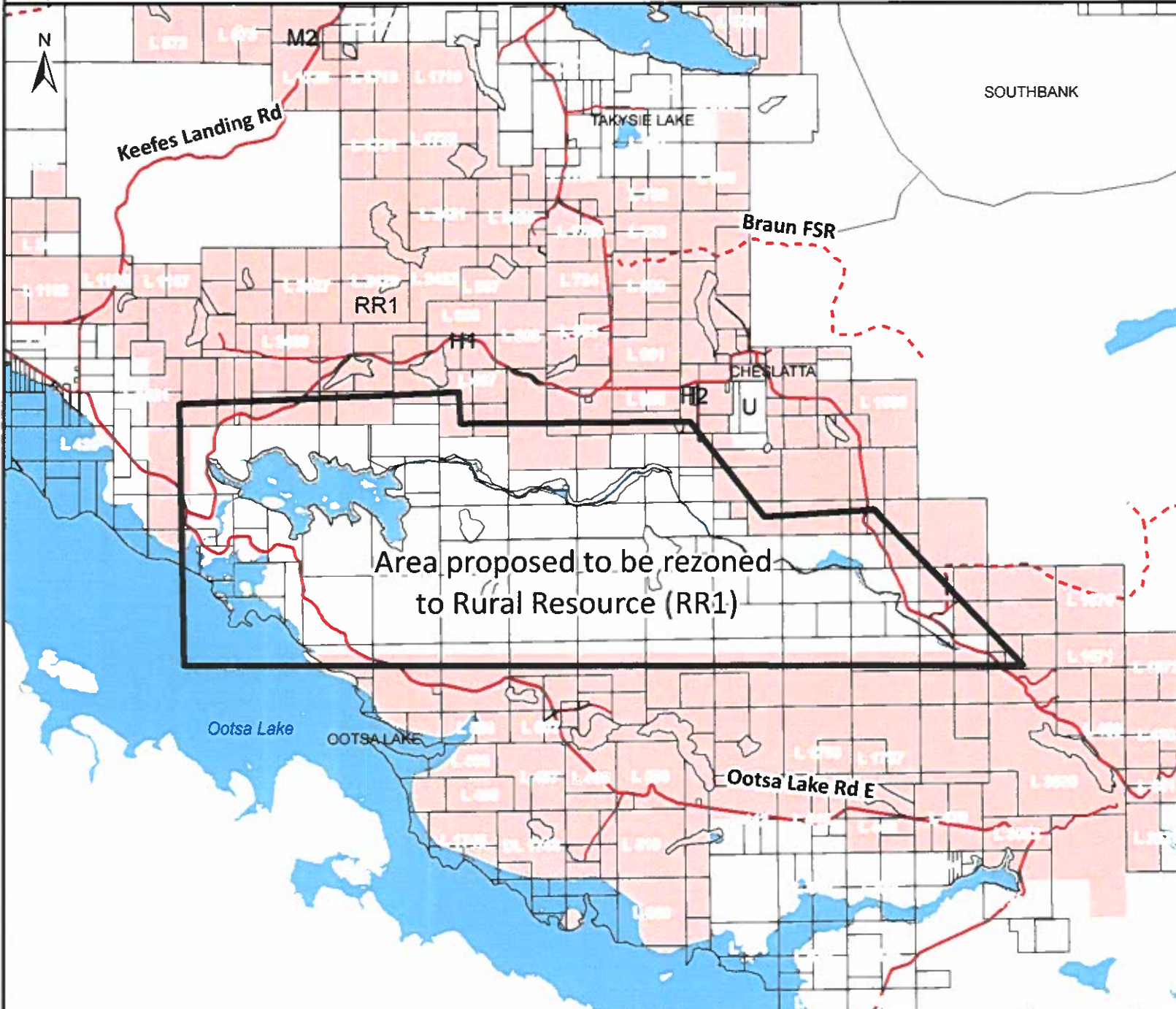
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# RDBN Map

# Legend



- - - - - Forest Service Road
  - = Major Secondary Road
  - = Secondary Road
  - Cadastre
- Consolidated RDBN Zoning Bylaw 1800**
- ZoneCode**
- Small Holdings (H1)
  - Large Holdings (H2)
  - Rural Resource (RR1)
  - Heavy Industrial (M2)
- Communities 9-1-1**
- Communities 9-1-1

Area proposed to be rezoned  
to Rural Resource (RR1)

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January 14, 2021

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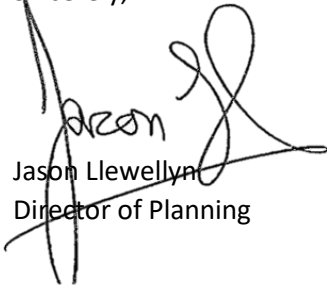
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Jason Llewellyn  
Director of Planning

Enclosed: Referral Report

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REGIONAL DISTRICT  
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January 14, 2021

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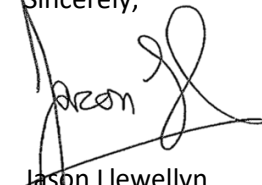
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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Rezoning Application RZ A-02-20  
Adoption for Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021” be adopted.

**VOTING**

All / Directors / Majority

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

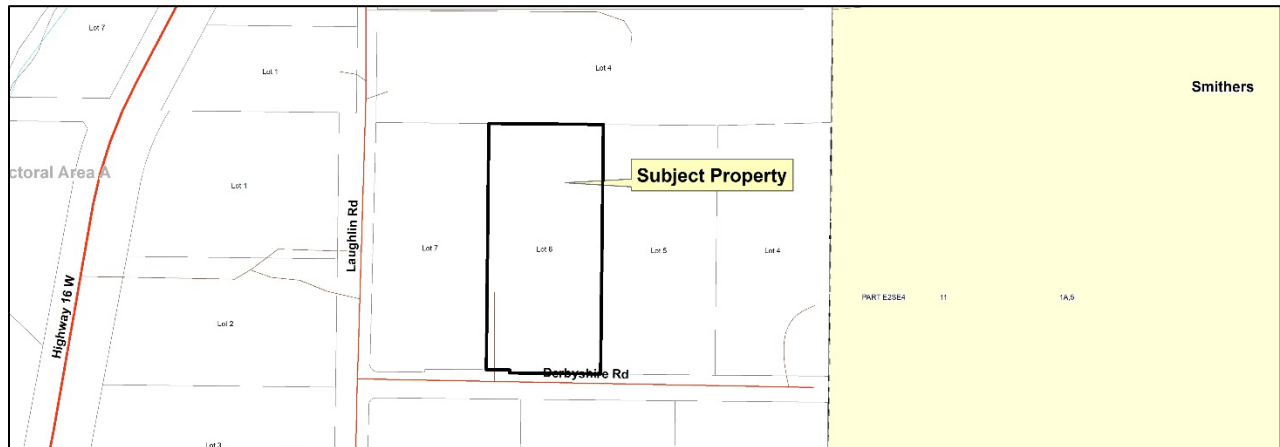
This application proposes to legalize an existing second dwelling located above a garage/shop. Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021 changes the zoning of the subject property from Small Holdings (H1) to Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A).

The applicants indicate that they purchased the subject property with the second dwelling in 2018. The applicants have worked with the building inspectors to obtain the necessary building permit for the 2nd dwelling; however, this permit cannot be issued until the land is rezoned and the 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling is an allowed use.

The Board gave Rezoning Bylaw 1937, 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading at the February 25, 2021 Board meeting. Adoption has been withheld until the bylaw was approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Staff anticipate approval prior to the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting; therefore, recommend that Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021 be adopted

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

<b>Name of Agent/Owner:</b>	Floris & Tanya Morkel
<b>Electoral Area:</b>	A
<b>Subject Property:</b>	Lot 6 Section 11 Township 1a Range 5 Coast District Plan EPP15239
<b>Property Size:</b>	±2.5 ha (5 acres)
<b>OCP Designation:</b>	Rural Residential in the “Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1704, 2014”
<b>Zoning:</b>	Small Holdings (H1) in the “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020”
<b>ALR Status:</b>	Not in the ALR
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Residential
<b>Location:</b>	The subject property is located at 5120 Derbyshire Road, approximately 190 m from the Town of Smithers.

**Proposed Rezoning**

The applicant is proposing to rezone the property from Small Holdings (H1) to Small Holdings – Additional Dwelling (H1A) to legalize an existing second dwelling located above the garage.

## DISCUSSION

### OCP and Zoning

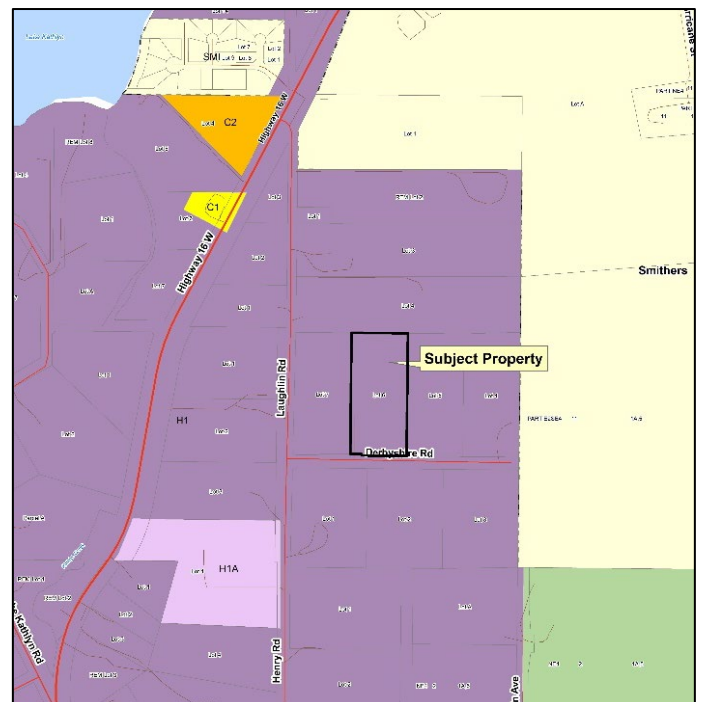
The subject property is designated Rural Residential (RR) in the Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1704, 2014 which is intended to provide opportunities for people to live in a rural setting while protecting and preserving the rural character of the area. Section 3.4.2 (7) of the OCP states that rezoning applications to allow a second single family dwelling on a parcel may be considered under the following circumstances:

- (a) The subject property is a minimum of 2 hectares (5 acres) in size or larger, or a 2nd single family dwelling exists and is legal but non-conforming to zoning.
- (b) It has been demonstrated that the parcel can accommodate an on-site sewage disposal system for two dwellings.
- (c) The development is compatible with adjacent land uses and maintains the rural character of the area.
- (d) The parcel is not located within a floodplain or on other hazard lands.
- (e) The development addresses wildlife and ecological values.
- (f) And, the future subdivision of the land into a parcel smaller than 2 hectares (5 acres) is prohibited.

### Zoning

The proposed Small Holdings (Additional Dwelling) Zone permits two single family dwelling per parcel. Only one of the dwellings may exceed a gross floor area of 120 m<sup>2</sup> (1,290 ft<sup>2</sup>). The H1A zone has a relatively small parcel size requirement of 2 ha. Limiting the size of the second dwelling reduces the potential visual impact associated with two large houses on the property. In addition, the size restriction also serves to limit the number of bedrooms and therefore control the on-site sewage disposal impacts.

Further subdivision of the property cannot occur under the current or the proposed zoning.



### **Advisory Planning Commission Referral**

The Electoral Area A Advisory Planning Commission recommends that the application be approved.

### **Planning Department Comments**

The area above the garage was built under a building permit in 2013 as office space. The applicants indicate that the area was converted into a dwelling some time prior to their purchase of the property in 2018. A carport and balcony were recently added to the building by the applicant without a building permit. The applicant is currently working with the building inspectors to legalize the carport, balcony, and 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling. The building permit for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling cannot be issued until the zoning is amended to permit as proposed.

The property owner has provided confirmation that the septic system was designed to accommodate the 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling.

Planning Department staff have no objections to the proposed rezoning.



### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 1937 was held on February 17, 2021. The report of the Public Hearing was provided at the February 28, 2021 Board Meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021





**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**BYLAW NO. 1937, 2021**

A Bylaw to Amend "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020"

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" be amended such that the following land is rezoned from the "Small Holdings (H1)" Zone to the "Small Holdings (Additional Dwelling) (H1A)" Zone.

'Lot 6 Section 11 Township 1a Range 5 Coast District Plan EPP15239' as shown on Schedule "A", which is incorporated in and forms part of this bylaw.

This bylaw may be cited as the "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021".

READ A FIRST TIME this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

READ A SECOND TIME this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021

READ A THIRD TIME this 25 day of February 2021

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1937, 2021"

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Administrator

<p>Approved pursuant to section 52(3)(a) of the <i>Transportation Act</i> this _____ day of _____, 20__</p> <p>_____</p> <p>for Minister of Transportation &amp; Infrastructure</p>
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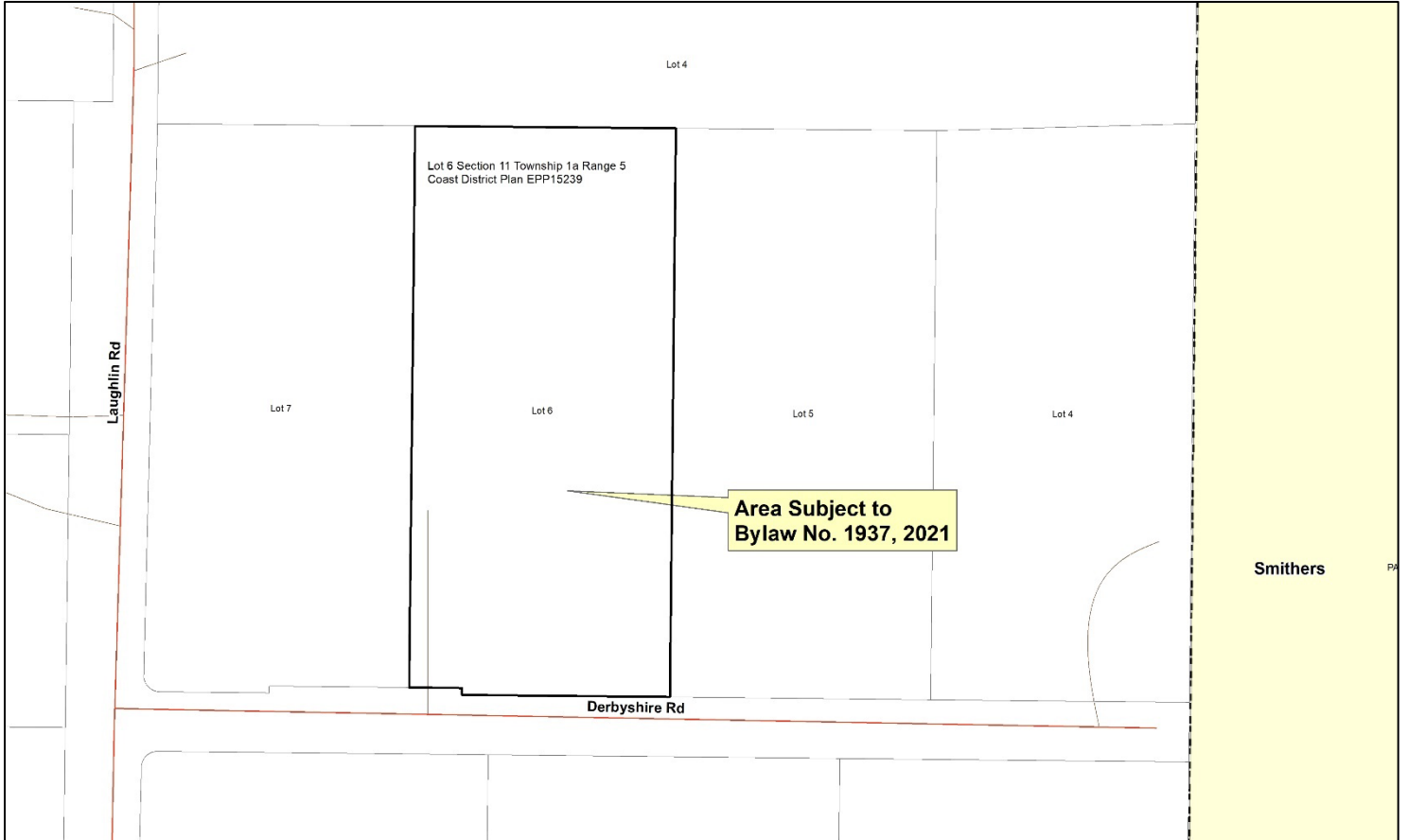
ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Chairperson

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Corporate Administrator

SCHEDULE "A" BYLAW NO. 1937, 2021

Lot 6 Section 11 Township 1a Range 5 Coast District Plan EPP15239, comprising of ±2.5 ha. being rezoned from the "Small Holdings (H1)" Zone to the "Small Holdings (Additional Dwelling) (H1A)" Zone, as shown.



I hereby certify that this is Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1937, 2021

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Corporate Administrator



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** ALR Exclusion Application No. 1230

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Regional District Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application No. 1230.
2. That Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application No. 1230 be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration.

### VOTING

All / Directors / Majority

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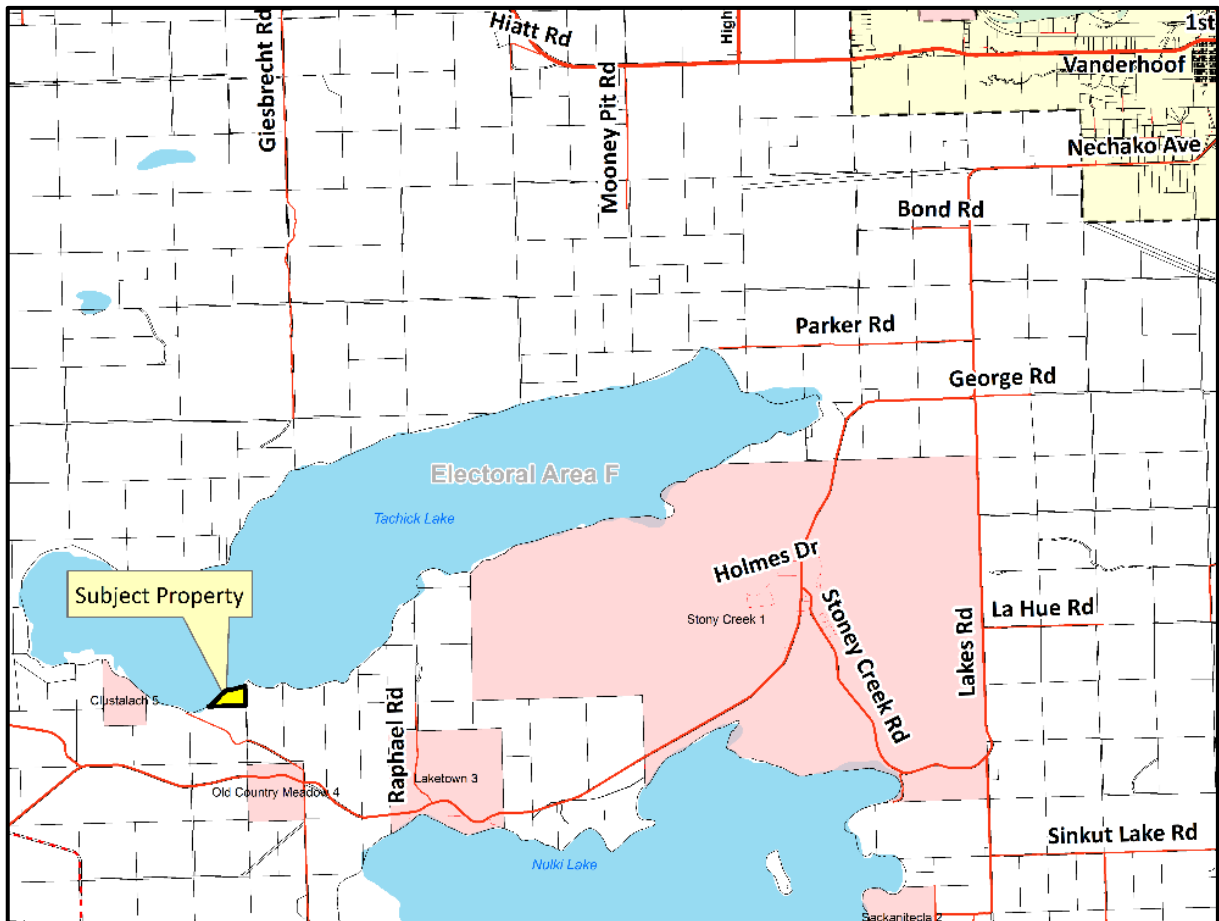
### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the March 25, 2021 Board meeting the Planning Department was directed to initiate the application process to exclude the Tachick Lake Resort property (15112 Tachick Lake Road) from the Agricultural Land Reserve to allow the property to be developed as a Community Care Facility.

The Public Hearing required by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for this application was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. It is recommended that the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing (on the Supplementary Agenda) and forward Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application No. 1230 to the ALC.

**SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Owner(s):</b>	0713069 B.C. Ltd
<b>Electoral Area:</b>	F
<b>Subject Property:</b>	The Fractional NW ¼ of Section 12, Township 4, Range 4, Coast District. This parcel is approximately 9.41 ha. (23.26 ac.) in size.
<b>Property Size:</b>	9.41 ha. (23.26 ac.)
<b>O.C.P. Designation:</b>	Agriculture (AG)
<b>Zoning:</b>	Agricultural (Ag1) pursuant to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020.
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Tachick Lake Resort (Lodge, 9 cabins and 33 camp sites. Records indicate that the resort was initially constructed in 1969.)
<b>Location:</b>	The subject property is located at 15112 Tachick Lake Road, 12 km southwest of the District of Vanderhoof, as shown on the map below.



## ZONING

The property is zoned Agricultural (Ag1) pursuant to “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020” (the Zoning Bylaw). “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1918, 2020” was adopted by the Board at its March 25, 2021 Board meeting. This bylaw amended the Zoning Bylaw to add Community Care Facility as a permitted use on the subject property.

## REASON FOR EXCLUSION

Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) has entered into an agreement to purchase the property subject to ALR approval and rezoning. The proposed facility is a year-round residential treatment centre that will provide mental health and addiction recovery services. The facility is proposed to house up to 60 clients. The stated plan is to utilize the existing lodge and construct a 25,000 square foot main facility which will include meeting areas, counselling rooms, offices, kitchen, dining room and accommodations for residents and staff. Additional areas for parking will also be required. A site plan of the proposed new development has not been provided.



ALC Non- Farm Use Application 1224 was considered by the ALC’s North Panel. The panel did not support the proposal to construct and operate a new 2723 m<sup>2</sup> Community Care Facility on the subject property. The panel approved an alternate proposal to use only the existing buildings on the property for a Community Care Facility, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Siting of the non-farm use in accordance with Schedule A;
- (b) No expansion of the non-farm use beyond the existing buildings; and
- (c) Approval for the non-farm use is granted for the sole benefit of Carrier Sekani Family Services and is non-transferable.

Given the challenges associated with operating a Community Care Facility under the terms of the ALC’s approval the request has been made that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako proceed

with an application to exclude the land from the ALR. In staff's opinion the community need for the facility outweigh the potential impacts to agriculture. Therefore, it is recommended that this exclusion application be forwarded to the ALC for consideration.

### **THE EXCLUSION PROCESS**

The process to exclude land from the ALR is outlined in detail in the ALC's [Exclusion Application Guide](#). The process includes the following steps.

- Step 1: The RDBN fills out the on-line application with the ALC.
- Step 2: A sign providing notice of the application is posted on the property. Notice of a public hearing is placed in the local newspaper (\$800 cost). Notice of the application is provided to affected First Nation Governments.
- Step 3: The RDBN holds a public hearing.
- Step 4: The RDBN Board passes a resolution to forward the application to the ALC.
- Step 5: The RDBN submits the exclusion application to the ALC along with public notice information and the public hearing report.
- Step 6: The RDBN pays the \$750 application fee.
- Step 7: The ALC holds a meeting to consider the exclusion application. The RDBN has an opportunity to make a representation to the ALC.
- Step 8: The ALC makes a decision.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. The Public Hearing report is provided on the Supplementary Agenda.



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Maria Sandberg, Planner  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Village of Burns Lake Rezoning Referral

### RECOMMENDATION

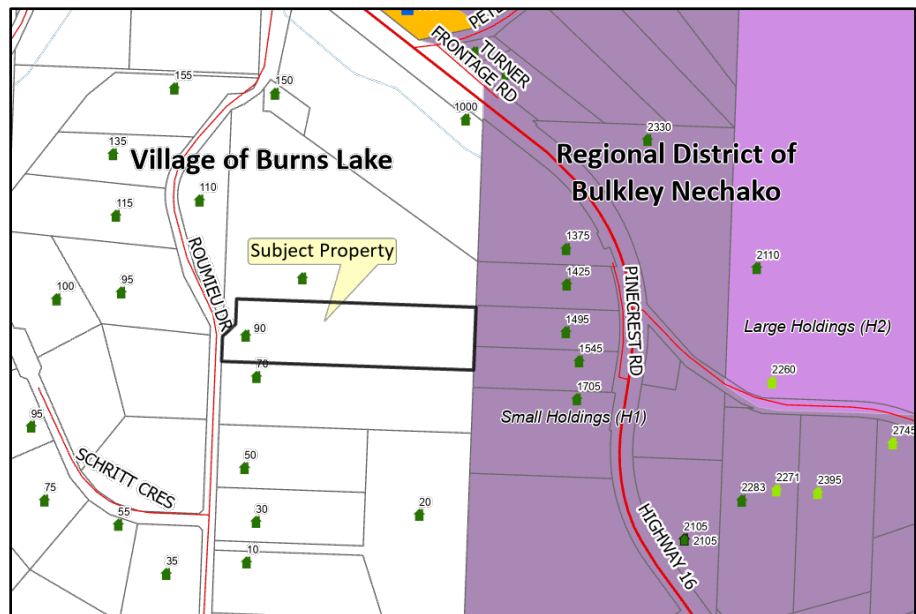
That the Regional District Board request that the Village of Burns Lake consider limiting the industrial use area to the western half of the property and requiring a treed buffer along the eastern property boundary.

### VOTING

All / Directors / Majority

### DISCUSSION

The Village of Burns Lake is asking for the RDBN's comment on a proposed rezoning in the Burns Lake Industrial Park adjacent to the Regional District boundary. The subject property is proposed to be rezoned from the Rural Residential Zone to the Heavy Industrial Zone to allow heavy industrial uses on the property. The current proposal is to build a new shop on the property.



The subject property is adjacent to parcels zoned Small Holdings (H1) and designated Rural Residential in the applicable OCP. The proposed shop is located approximately 450 metres

away from the nearest rural residence and is currently separated by a 200 metre wide tree buffer.

The subject property is identified for heavy industrial use in the Villages OCP, and a proposal to rezone the property for industrial use is not unexpected. It is anticipated that the public hearing for the proposed rezoning will be held in May 2021 and the abutting property owners in the RDBN will receive written notice of the public hearing.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Village of Burns Lake Referral Documents

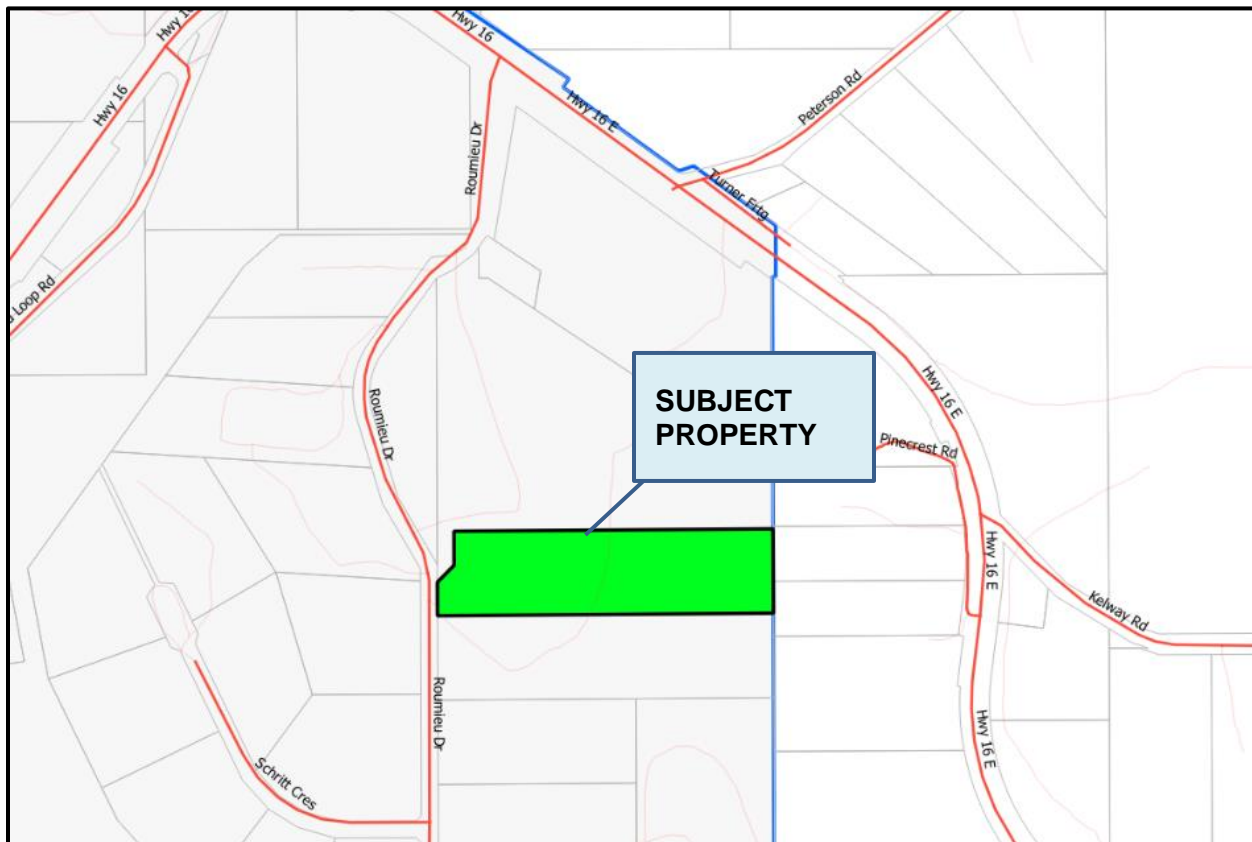




## APPLICATION SUMMARY

**Name of Applicant:** Burns Lake Native Logging

**Subject Property:** L 5, DL 1888 R5C PL PRP8740 except any portion of the SRW of the dominion telegraph line having a width of 100 ft which may lie within the boundaries of these lands (3.95 ha (9.75 acres) in size)



**O.C.P. Designation:** Heavy Industrial

**Zoning:** Rural Residential Zone (RR1)

**Existing Land Use:** Small shop used for vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair. This shop was an accessory building to a residential unit, which has since been removed.

**Proposed Zoning Amendment:**

The applicant has stated that the existing shop is too small to complete necessary repairs and maintenance on equipment safely. They would like to build a new shop to provide shelter from the elements while maintaining and repairing equipment, and to provide a new training space for students and current employees. In order to accommodate the proposed development, the property must be rezoned. As the property is currently zoned Rural Residential (RR1), the following zoning amendment application has been made.

- To amend Village of Burns Lake Zoning Bylaw No. 880, 2008 from the **Rural Residential Zone (RR1)** to the **Heavy Industrial Zone (M2)** to accommodate the construction of a new shop and permit the industrial use of the property.

**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ZONING:****Official Community Plan**

The subject property is designated Heavy Industrial in the OCP. This designation includes manufacturing, assembly, processing, machining, fabricating, repair, trucking, storage, and public utilities.

The OCP industrial objectives are to:

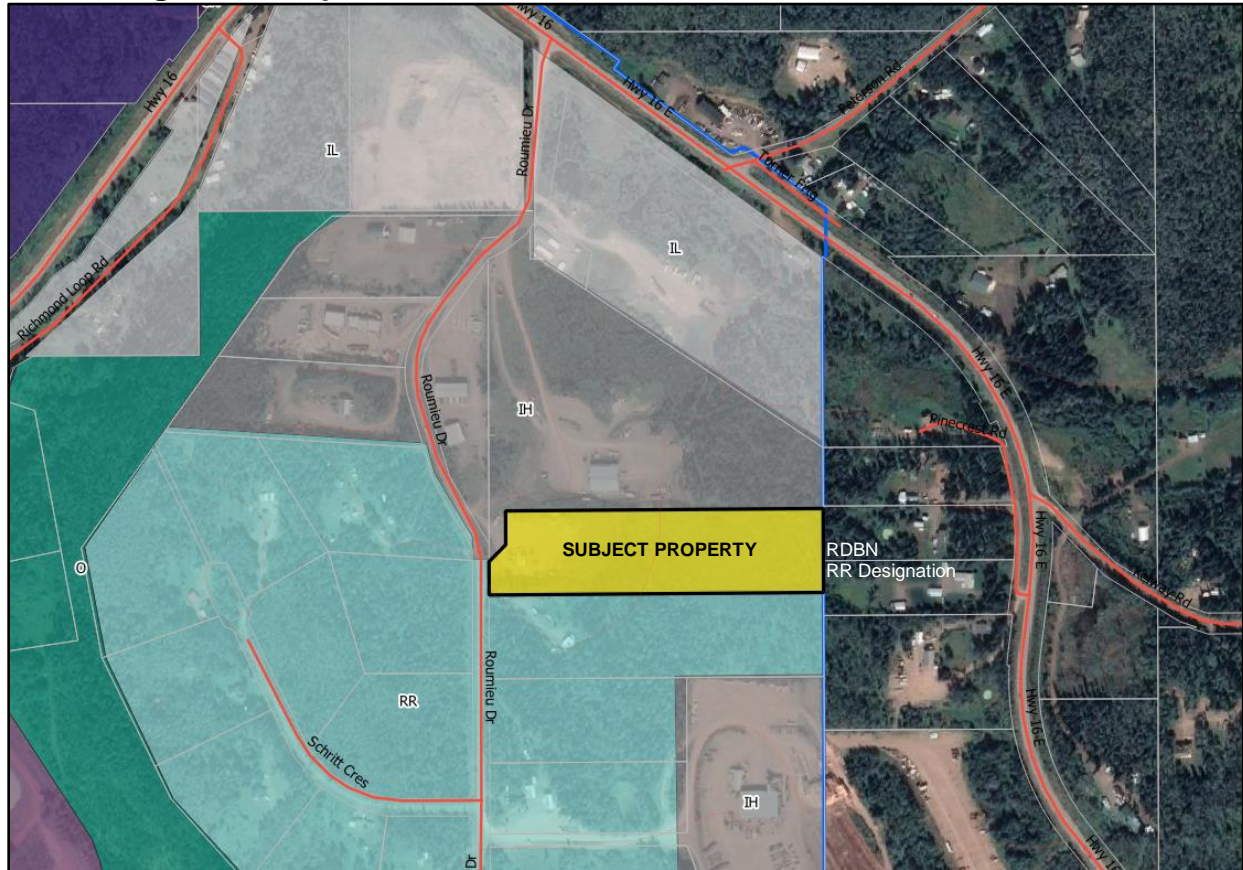
1. ensure the long-term availability and range of industrial opportunities in Burns Lake;
2. improve the screening and storage provisions for industrial areas along Highways 16 and 35; and
3. minimize potential land use conflict between industrial and non-industrial uses.

The OCP industrial policy applicable to this application is:

4. direct Heavy Industrial development to Heavy Industrial area as designated on the Future Land Use Map;

The proposed zoning amendment is supported by the OCP policy to direct heavy industrial development to properties designated Heavy Industrial.

## OCP Designation Map



## Zoning

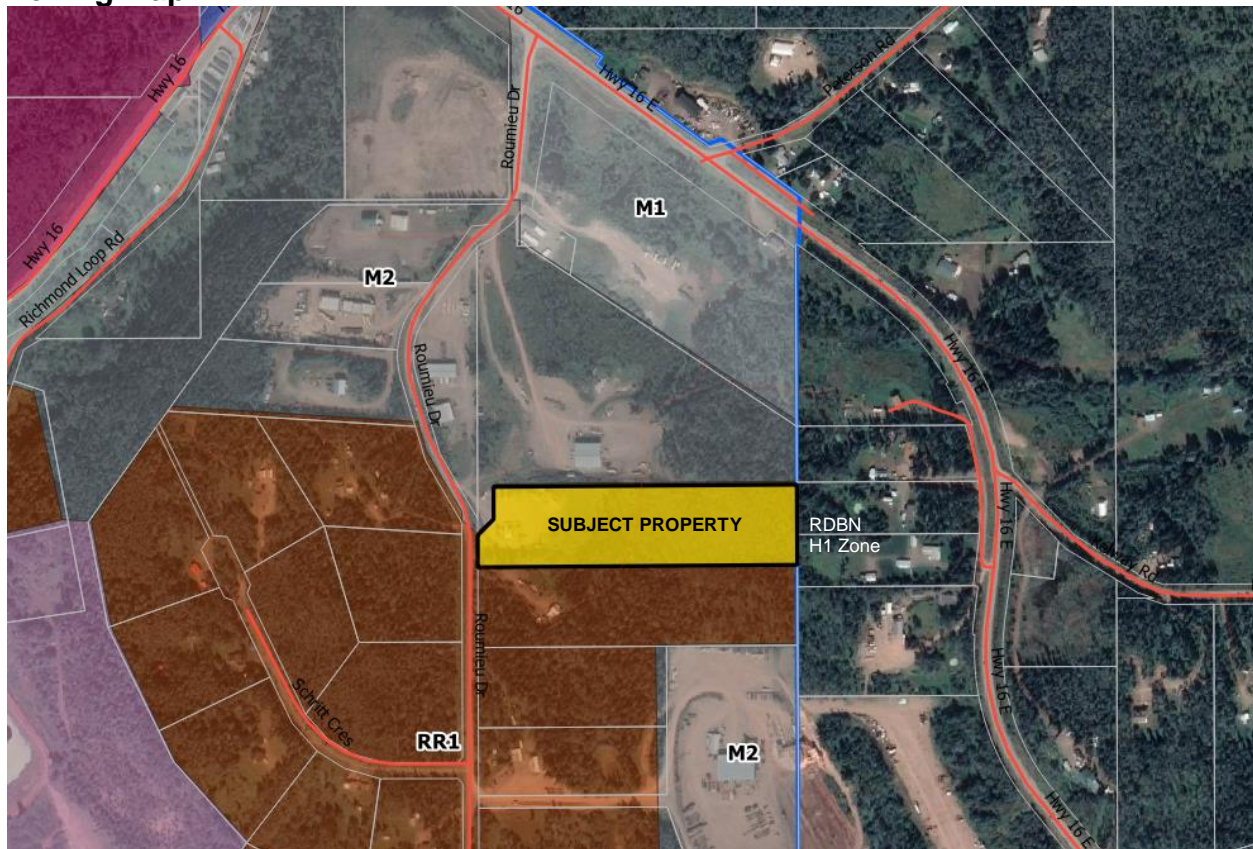
The purpose of the Heavy Industrial (M2) Zone is to designate sites for those industries containing significant primary processing, resource extraction, and outside storage of materials and products which are generally not compatible with non-industrial uses.

The proposed Heavy Industrial (M2) Zone allows the following uses:

- (a) *agricultural sales and service;*
- (b) *animal care;*
- (c) *asphalt manufacturing;*
- (d) *assembly halls;*
- (e) *auctioneering establishment;*
- (f) *autobody repair and paint shop;*
- (g) *automotive carwash;*
- (h) *automotive and equipment repair shop;*
- (i) *autowrecking;*
- (j) *bulk fuel storage and distribution;*
- (k) *business support services;*
- (l) *commercial and trade school;*
- (m) *concrete, and cement manufacturing and storage;*
- (n) *contractor services, limited and general;*
- (o) *eating and drinking establishment;*
- (p) *equipment rentals;*
- (q) *fleet services;*

- (r) gas bar;
- (s) government services;
- (t) gravel processing;
- (u) greenhouse and plant nursery;
- (v) heavy equipment, machinery and tool sales and rental;
- (w) household repair services;
- (x) impact utility services, major and minor;
- (y) industrial storage;
- (z) industrial uses, general;
- (aa) industrial/utilities-oriented office;
- (bb) kennel;
- (cc) manufacturing establishment;
- (dd) moving and cartage services;
- (ee) participant recreation services, indoor;
- (ff) recycling depot;
- (gg) salvage materials and storage;
- (hh) service industry;
- (ii) service station;
- (jj) truck and mobile home sales/rentals; and
- (kk) vehicle and equipment sales/rentals, industrial.

### Zoning Map



## **LAND USE / SERVICING CONSIDERATIONS**

The area around the subject property is a mix of heavy industrial and rural residential uses. To the north and northwest is the Industrial Site, which contains several heavy-duty mechanical shops, a bulk fuel plant and mini-storage. There is one additional heavy industrial property to the south which contains a large heavy-duty shop and sawmill operation.

To the east, south and south-west are rural residential lots ranging from about 5 to 10 acres in size. Most of these lots are developed and contain single family dwellings. There is a natural buffer of trees on the subject property separating the existing industrial use from the dwellings to the east. The closest residential dwelling to this property is directly adjacent to the south.

Given the land use in this area, a large heavy-duty would not be out of character in the area, especially since there a small shop currently on the property. However, because this property lies adjacent to a number of rural residential properties, there is some potential for conflict.

This property lies on the border between the Village of Burns Lake and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and is being referred to the RDBN for comment.

The proposed development is not serviced by the Village water and sewer systems.

## **REFERRALS**

This referral report is being provided to the Village's Public Works Department, Fire Department, and Administration, the Building Inspector, and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for preliminary comment. It is also being provided to the Ministry of Transportation because the property is within 800 metres of a controlled access highway intersection. It is requested that detailed written comment be provided regarding the following issues.

- Access concerns or recommendations.
- Servicing issues and recommendations.
- Fire protection concerns or recommendations.
- Any other applicable comments.

Photo of property from access driveway



Photo of property looking east



### Rezoning Application Form

Village of Burns Lake Zoning Bylaw No. 880, 2008

**THE VILLAGE OF BURNS LAKE**

PO Box 570 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0, (250) 692-7587

Fax: 250-692-3059, [village@burnslake.ca](mailto:village@burnslake.ca)

**OFFICE USE ONLY – Attach Tax Certificate**

Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_ Development permit area: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE TO APPLICANT:** The processing of your application will be delayed if it is incomplete. Applicants are encouraged to speak with Village staff prior to application submission.

Please mail or deliver the completed application form, fees, plans and supporting material to the Village of Burns Lake office. The fee is payable to the Village of Burns Lake.

#### SECTION 1: DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Lot/Parcel 5 Plan PRP8740 District Lot 1888 Range 5

Civic Address of Property 90 ROUMIELLI DRIVE

Other description EXC ANY PORTION OF THE SW 1/4 OF DOMINION TELEGRAPH LINE

Current Land Use/Zoning CURRENT SHOP FOR LOGGING OPERATIONS

Folio Number 506 00567 000 (From Property Assessment/Tax Notice)

Parcel Identifier (PID) 006-963-340

#### SECTION 2: OWNER INFORMATION (Add additional page if more than one owner)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECTION 3: APPLICANT INFORMATION (if different than owner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email



**SECTION 4: REZONING REQUESTED:**

Please describe the current use and zoning of the land and buildings on the property as well as the proposed use, and zoning, clearly indicating why the current zoning does not meet your needs.

*CURRENT SHOP IS TOO SMALL TO COMPLETE NECESSARY REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE ON EQUIPMENT SAFELY. NEW SHOP WILL PROVIDE SHELTER FROM THE ELEMENTS TO MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT & PROVIDE A NEW TRAINING SPACE FOR STUDENTS & CURRENT EMPLOYEES.*

**If the space provided above is insufficient, please attach additional information.**

**SECTION 5: SITE PLANS (if applicable):**

Please attach a detailed Site Plan that shows all natural and developed features of the property, and the distance between these features and the lot lines. Show the location of any proposed, building, structures and land clearing showing accurate dimensions of their size and the distances between the proposed development and existing features, including lot lines. You may be required to submit an elevation and side view of the proposed development.

**SECTION 6: APPLICANT COMPLETION CHECKLIST**

- I have completed all sections of this application form
- I have included detailed site plans and drawings as required in Section 5 of this application form
- All owners listed on the title have signed the application
- I have included the correct fee (\$825)

**IMPORTANT: Your application will not be considered complete unless it contains all of the information above**

**SECTION 7: OWNER'S CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION**

(The signature of all registered owners if required)

In order to assist the Village of Burns Lake in the review and evaluation of my application, by signing below, I authorize the staff assigned to this application to enter onto the land at reasonable times, after making reasonable efforts to schedule a convenient time for such a visit, to inspect the land. I acknowledge, a right, if a convenient time can be scheduled, to accompany the Village staff member on the site visit.

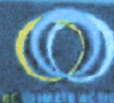
By signing below, I authorize the Applicant named in Section 3 of this application to represent this application:

**First Consent and Authorization**

*Chantal Tom*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consent and Authorization Signature  
*CHANTEL TOM*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name  
*MARCH 23, 2021*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Second Consent and Authorization**

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 Consent and Authorization Signature  
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 Print Name  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date





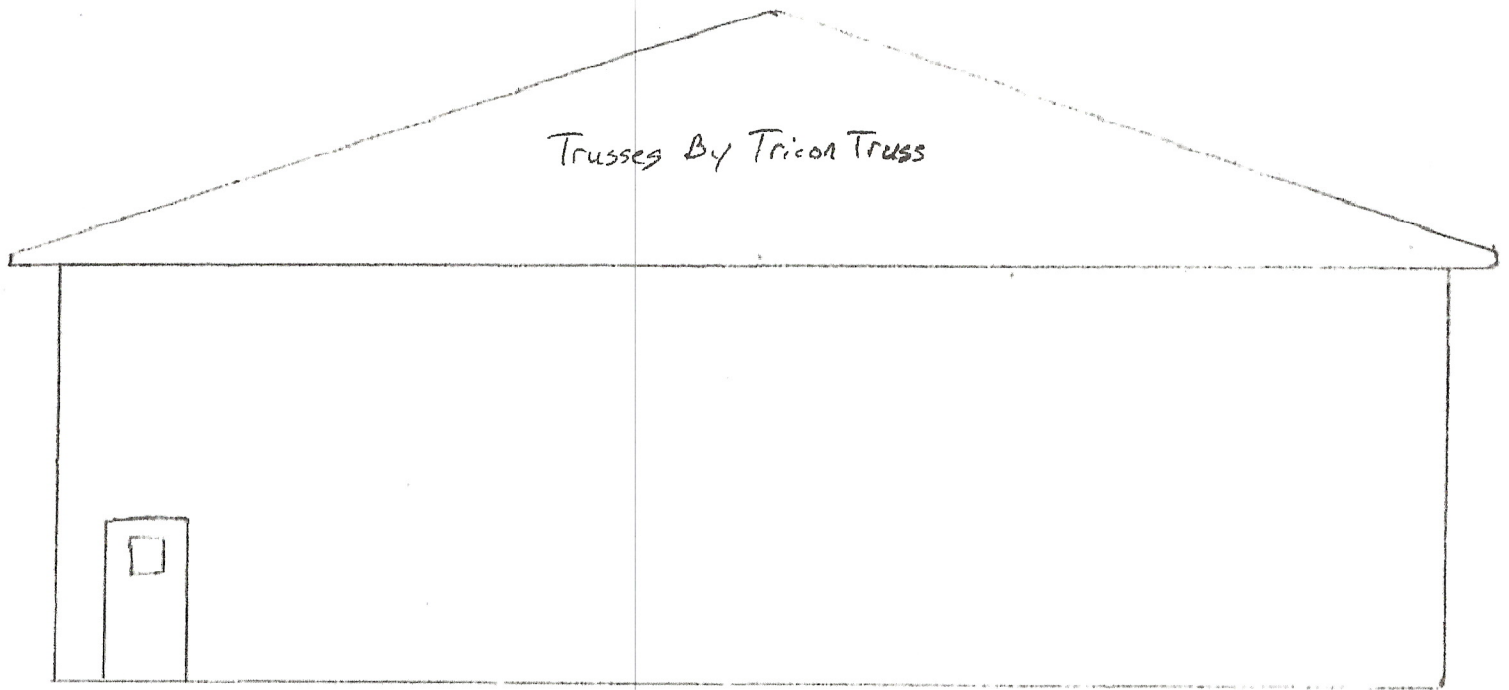


# SITE PLAN

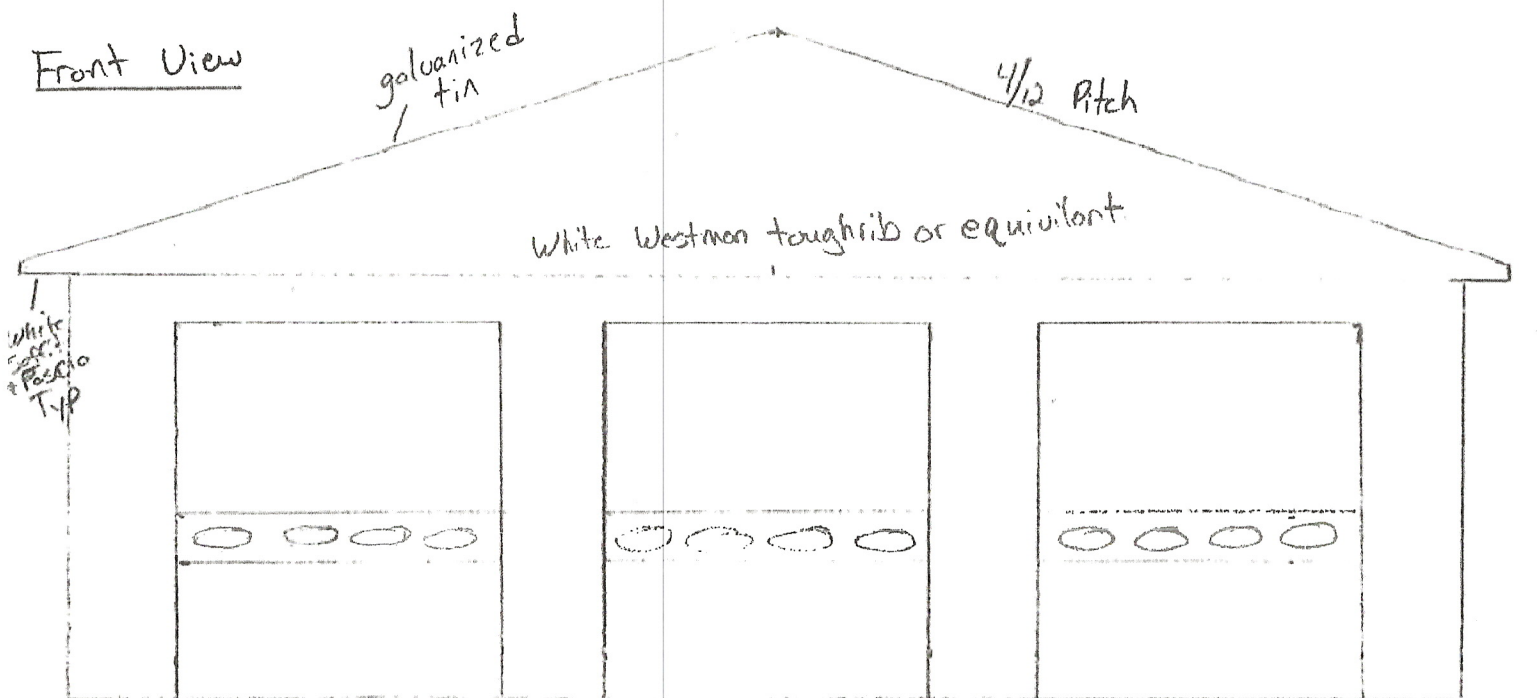
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Back View



Front View



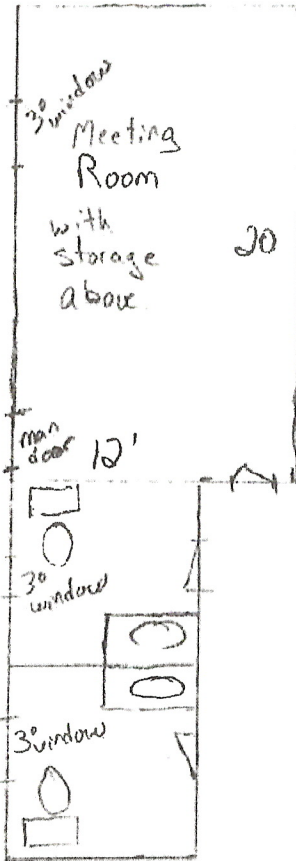
Foundation Typical Frost walls Details Provided later in Engineering.

# Proposed Layout

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60'

3' main door



These Rooms can be changed from what they are for placement.



3' window

3' window

80'

3' window

3' man door

14' x 16' OH Door

14' x 16' OH Door

14' x 16' OH Door

Galvanized Tin

White Westman Toughrib or equivalent.



LH View

Galvanized tin  
Westman Toughrib or equivalent

White tin  
Westman Toughrib or Equivalent.





**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Crown Land Referral No. 7410175

**RECOMMENDATION**

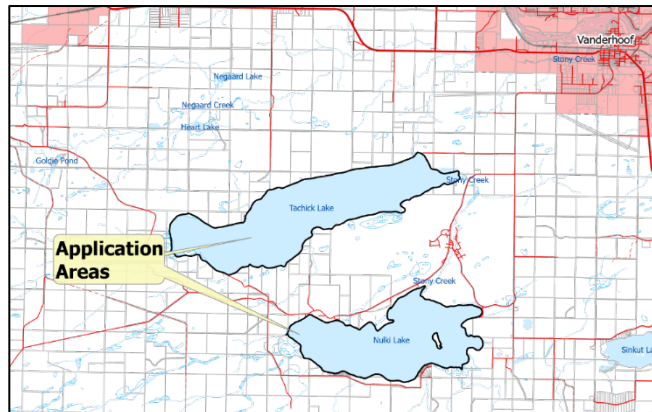
That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application 7410175.

**VOTING**

All Directors / Majority

**DISCUSSION**

This referral is regarding a proposed Section 17 (Land Act) Conditional Withdrawal from Disposition application being made by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO). The application areas include the Tachick and Nulki Lakes.



The Conditional Withdrawal means that the lakes will not be available for disposition for activities not deemed compatible with the wildlife management objectives related to the White American Pelican and other migratory waterfowl that use the lakes. The Conditional Withdrawal is for a 10 year term.

As a separate process the Province is planning to undertake consultation and public engagement related to the establishment of a Wildlife Management Area for the White American Pelican and other migratory waterfowl on these lakes.

The reasons for the application are described in more detail in the attached documents from FLNRO. Staff note that the documents reference a Section 16 Withdrawal. The application has been changed to a Section 17 Conditional Withdrawal.

The use of the lake by area residents for typical recreation purposes does not appear to be impacted by this proposal.

**ATTACHMENT**

Comment Sheet

Application Letter and Support Documentation



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO  
COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 7410175**

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<b>Electoral Area:</b>	F
<b>Applicant:</b>	Landbase Stewardship
<b>Existing Land Use:</b>	Waterbodies
<b>Zoning:</b>	N/A
<b>Plan Designation</b>	N/A
<b>Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:</b>	N/A
<b>If not, why?</b>	
<b>Agricultural Land Reserve:</b>	Tachick Lake is included in the ALR Nulki Lake is not included in the ALR
<b>Access:</b>	Kenney Dam Road
<b>Building Inspection:</b>	No
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	No
<b>Other comments:</b>	None



February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dave Francis  
 Director of Authorizations, Regional Operations – North Area  
 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
 Prince George, B.C.

Dear Dave Francis:

**Re: REQUEST: Tachick and Nulki lakes - *Land Act* Section 16 Withdrawal**

Tenure Type: Reserve/Notation  
 Tenure Subtype: Map Reserve  
 Tenure Purpose: Environment, Conservation & Recreation  
 Tenure Subpurpose: Fish and Wildlife Management

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Please accept this application to establish a Withdrawal under Section 16 of the *Land Act* for the lakebeds of Tachick and Nulki Lakes, for the protection of fish and wildlife habitat values.

The proposed Tachick and Nulki lakes Withdrawal (3750.74 ha) encompasses the lakebeds of both Lakes. Tachick Lake, the larger of the two lakes, is located approximately 10 km southwest of Vanderhoof and Nulki Lake lies approximately 3 km south of Tachick Lake. They are both shallow, highly productive and ecologically important waterbodies that support many species, including thousands of migrating waterfowl and a seasonal population of provincially red-listed American White Pelicans. Due to their regional importance to waterfowl and waterbirds, the lakes have been formally designated as an Important Bird Area (IBA). IBAs are discrete sites that are identified using standardized criteria by the Important Bird Area Program, an international conservation initiative coordinated by BirdLife International, and are recognized as places of significance for bird conservation.

A review of tenure information showed that the proposed Withdrawal has no overlap with any tenures or tenure applications. There are three existing adjacent tenures, which are all Section 16 Withdrawals for the purposes of environment, conservation and recreation. It is not anticipated that these tenures would be impacted by the proposed Withdrawal.

- Crown Land File Number: 7406845, Map Reserve - Environment, Conservation & Recreation  
 – Fish and Wildlife Management (Tachick Lake Conservation Land)
- Crown Land File Number: 7406846, Map Reserve - Environment, Conservation & Recreation  
 – Fish and Wildlife Management (Nulki Lake Conservation Land)
- Crown Land File Number: 7404662, Map Reserve - Environment, Conservation & Recreation  
 – UREP/Recreation Reserve

The proposed Withdrawal designation is intended to be an interim measure. Landbase Stewardship, with support from conservation partners, intends to pursue Wildlife Management Area designation under the *Wildlife Act* for the proposed Withdrawal area and existing adjacent conservation properties.

The Tachick and Nulki Lakes Section 16 Withdrawal Application is supported by Kevin Hoekstra, Section Head of Landbase Stewardship in the Omineca Region (signature provided below) and is supported by the Omineca Regional Conservation Lands Strategic Plan. Further information on the proposed Withdrawal area is included in the application documents.

If you have any questions on the information provided or if additional information is required to assess this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sherri Elwell, M.Sc. R.P.Bio.  
Ecosystems Biologist  
Landbase Stewardship | Omineca Region  
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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Attachments: Proposal for Withdrawal Application Form  
Supporting Information Document

- Four PDF maps of the proposed Withdrawal
- Spatial file of the proposed Withdrawal
- Aerial Inventory of Pelicans on Selected Lakes, 2005 – Summary Report (D. Wilson 2006)

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Tachick and Nulki Lakes, *Land Act* Section 16 Application – Supporting Information**

The information in this document supports Landbase Stewardship's Tachick and Nulki Lakebeds Section 16 Withdrawal Application under the *Land Act* for the protection of fish and wildlife habitat values.

Tachick and Nulki Lakebeds Section 16 Application, Withdrawal from Disposition:

Tenure Type: Reserve/Notation

Tenure Subtype: Map Reserve

Tenure Purpose: Environment, Conservation & Recreation

Tenure Subpurpose: Fish and Wildlife Management

### **Surveyed and Unsurveyed Land Parcels**

The proposed Withdrawal (3750.74 ha) encompasses the lakebeds of Tachick and Nulki Lakes. The shoreline and upland area along both lakes has been surveyed. This spatial parcel data was utilized to derive the proposed Withdrawal area to ensure there are no spatial conflicts with adjacent private land. The lakebeds themselves do not have a surveyed legal description.

Please refer to Maps #1 and 2 provided with the application for an overview of the proposed Withdrawal area. Map #3 contains legal description information on surveyed land parcels adjacent to the proposed Withdrawal.

### **Rationale for Proposal**

The proposed Withdrawal encompasses the lakebeds of both Tachick and Nulki Lakes. Tachick Lake, the larger of the two lakes (1610 ha), is approximately 10 km southwest of the town of Vanderhoof and Nulki Lake (2141 ha) lies approximately 3 km south of Tachick Lake. These lakes are shallow, highly productive and ecologically important waterbodies that support many species, including thousands of migrating waterfowl and a population of foraging American White Pelicans (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*).

In British Columbia, American White Pelicans are red listed, designated as Endangered under the *Wildlife Act*, and listed as Identified Wildlife under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. Federally, they are not a subject of conservation concern, as they are an abundant breeding species in the prairie provinces, but in BC they are known to breed in only one place, Stum Lake, northwest of Williams Lake. For many years, pelicans have been known to spend the spring and summer months in the central interior, most notably at Tachick and Nulki Lakes. These lakes provide foraging and loafing habitat for a "substantial population" of pelicans of unknown breeding status (Harper 2004). Many of the pelicans spending the summer in the Omineca region appear to be mature breeding birds, as evidenced by breeding plates on their bills, however no evidence of nesting has ever been observed (Wilson 2006). Pelicans are surface feeders, typically foraging in shallow water near shore (Harper

and Steciw 2000, Harper et al. 2004). The near shore shallow waters of Tachick and Nulki lakes contain sections of extensive marsh and emergent vegetation which provide excellent foraging habitat.

Spring and summer aerial surveys for American White Pelicans in the Omineca were conducted by the Ministry of Environment's Environmental Stewardship Division between 2005 and 2007. Twenty overview flights were conducted over several lakes, including Tachick and Nulki, between May and September of each year. A summary report of the 2005 Aerial Survey is provided with this application (refer to Wilson 2006, Aerial Inventory of Pelicans on Selected Lakes). During the 2005 survey, pelicans were recorded on every overview flight of Tachick and Nulki lakes, with the combined number of pelicans observed on the two lakes ranging from 7 to 345 individuals (Wilson 2006). Observations suggest a build-up of numbers in the spring, levelling off during the summer, and then decreasing in the early fall, as the pelicans migrate south. Although not consolidated into a report, pelicans were observed from May to early September at the lakes during the 2006 and 2007 surveys, as well as during a less extensive survey completed in 2011. During these surveys, pelicans were observed on almost every overview flight.

Alteration of foraging habitat has been identified as a major potential threat to American White Pelicans (Harper and Steciw 2000, Harper 2004, Harper et al. 2004). Most foraging lakes are currently being impacted at various levels by increasing human activity (e.g., roads, lakeshore development, boating). The level of tolerance that pelicans have to human disturbance at foraging sites is not well known (Harper et al. 2004). Human activities that have shown to cause disturbance to pelicans at foraging areas include recreational boating, angling, water skiing, lakeshore activities, vehicle traffic, and forest harvesting (Harper and Steciw 2000, Harper 2004, Harper et al. 2004).

Tachick and Nulki Lakes also provide important habitat for migrating waterfowl in the fall, between September and November. The lakes have been formally designated as an Important Bird Area (Site BC270; Bird Studies Canada and Nature Canada being co-partners of Birdlife International in the designation of continentally significant bird areas). The extensive shallows and wetland habitat along the shoreline of the lakes provide critical feeding and moulting opportunities for waterfowl. Both lakes feature regionally significant numbers of waterfowl (numbering in the thousands at peak times), and support over 100 documented bird species (eBird Canada 2020). Birds species known to use the lakes include Mallard, Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes, Greater and Lesser Scaups, Red-necked Grebe, American Cote, Green-winged Teal, Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Common Loon and many others (eBird Canada 2020).

The ecological values of Tachick and Nulki Lakes, shorelines and surrounding uplands has been recognized for some time. There are currently two existing conservation lands (Section 16, Map Reserves) protecting portions of the upland shore of both lakes (refer to Map# 1, 2 and 4). These sites were originally designated as Wildlife Habitat Management Areas (WHMAs) in the 1980s for the long-term management of wildlife resources and to protect critical wildlife habitat (IFS 1992a, b and c). The existing conservation land along Nulki Lake (60 ha) encompasses a wetland and riparian complex at the west end of the lake, important for migrating waterfowl and waterbirds (IFS 1992c). The existing conservation land along Tachick Lake (530 ha) consists of mature hybrid white spruce and trembling aspen dominated stands that provide a wildlife corridor along the lake and buffer the lakeshore from surrounding agricultural land (IFS 1992a, b). A second conservation property belonging to Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) occurs on the western shore of Tachick Lake (refer to Map# 1 and 2). This property encompasses nearly 2 km of the extensive marshy shoreline of Tachick Lake, used extensively by waterfowl, and adjacent upland aspen forest. DUC has been involved in conservation activities at Tachick and Nulki for over thirty years, due to their importance as regional 'hot spots' for waterfowl and waterbirds.

Tachick and Nulki Lakes, wetlands and associated streams are also important to the Saik'uz First Nation. The community of Stony Creek lies between the eastern ends of the lakes and Saik'uz First Nation Reserve Lands occur along both lakes. In 2019, the Saik'uz First Nation submitted a proposal to the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Canadian Nature Fund (CNF) to establish an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) within their territory, encompassing Tachick and Nulki Lakes and existing conservation areas, to protect the wetlands and associated watershed features. The proposal did not receive funding from the CNF; however, there is continued support from the Saik'uz First Nation to pursue further conservation designations in this area.

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Due to the significant wildlife habitat values associated with Tachick and Nulki Lakes, there is interest in pursuing further protections. Landbase Stewardship, with support from DUC, Saik'uz First Nation, and conservation partners, intends to pursue Wildlife Management Area designation under the *Wildlife Act*. The proposed WMA would consolidate the three existing conservation properties and the proposed Withdrawal under a common planning and management regime. The proposed Section 16 Withdrawal of Tachick and Nulki lakebeds under the *Land Act* is intended to be an interim measure, providing protection until the lengthier WMA application process is undertaken.

#### References:

- eBird Canada. Bird Observations of Important Bird Areas, Tachick and Nulki Lakes. Accessed Dec 2020 at: [https://ebird.org/canada/barchart?byr=1900&eyr=2021&bmo=1&emo=12&r=CA-BC\\_270](https://ebird.org/canada/barchart?byr=1900&eyr=2021&bmo=1&emo=12&r=CA-BC_270)
- Harper, W.L. 2004. American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) Species Account. Accessible at: [http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frpa/iwms/documents/Birds/b\\_americanwhitepelican.pdf](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frpa/iwms/documents/Birds/b_americanwhitepelican.pdf)
- Harper, W.L., and J. Steciw. 2000. American White Pelican Foraging Lakes in British Columbia: Analysis of Surveys and Preliminary Management Recommendations. Habitat Conservation Trust Fund report for B.C. Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Williams Lake, B.C.
- Harper, W.L., VanSpall, K., and J. Steciw. 2004. Foraging Ecology of the American White Pelican in British Columbia: Final Summary Report (1999-2002). Prepared for Fish and Wildlife Science Program, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Williams Lake, B.C.
- Important Bird Areas Canada. Tachick and Nulki Lakes (BC270). Accessed Dec 2020 at: <https://www.ibacanada.org/site.jsp?siteID=BC270>
- Industrial Forestry Service Ltd (IFS). 1992a. Tachick Lake Ungulate Wintering Area, Site Assessment and Management Plan. Prepared for Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Omineca Region.
- Industrial Forestry Service Ltd (IFS). 1992b. South Shore Tachick Lake Wildlife Reserves, Site Assessment and Management Plan. Prepared for Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Omineca Region.
- Industrial Forestry Service Ltd (IFS). 1992c. Nulki Lake Waterfowl Reserve, Site Assessment and Management Plan. Prepared for Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Omineca Region.
- Wilson, D. 2006. Aerial Inventory of Pelicans on Selected Lakes, 2005. Prepared by Ministry of Environment, Prince George, B.C. (attached with application)

## Proposal Impact on Existing or Potential Land Use

### Tenures

A review of tenure information showed that the proposed Withdrawal has no overlap with any existing tenures or tenure applications. However, the proposed Withdrawal does occur directly adjacent to three existing Section 16 Withdrawals for the purposes of environment, conservation and recreation. The adjacent tenures are identified below and on Map #4, attached with the application.

- Crown Land File Number: 7406845, Map Reserve - Environment, Conservation & Recreation – Fish and Wildlife Management (Tachick Lake Map Reserve)
- Crown Land File Number: 7406846, Map Reserve - Environment, Conservation & Recreation - Fish and Wildlife Management (Nulki Lake Map Reserve)
- Crown Land File Number: 7404662, Map Reserve - Environment, Conservation & Recreation – UREP/Recreation Reserve

It is not anticipated that these tenures would be impacted by the proposed Withdrawal. As noted above, Landbase Stewardship intends to pursue consolidation of the existing tenures designated for fish and wildlife management with the proposed Withdrawal under Wildlife Management Area designation.

### Private Land

A review of private land information showed no overlap with the proposed Withdrawal; however, the area is directly adjacent to many private land parcels. The legal description of the adjacent private land parcels is included in the table below and on Map #3, attached with the application. It is not anticipated that designation under the *Land Act* will impact these properties. Any management measures identified to protect ecological values within the proposed Withdrawal would be developed and consulted on during the Wildlife Management Area application process.

<b>Tachick Lake (Range 4, Coast District)</b>	
NW1/4, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 3	SE1/4, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 3
FRACTIONAL E1/2, SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 4, EXCEPT DOMINION TELEGRAPH LINE	SE1/4, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 3
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E1/2, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4	NE1/4, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 3
NW1/4, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4	NW1/4, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 3
E1/2, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 4	NE1/4, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 3
E1/2 OF E1/2 OF NW1/4, SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4	SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 3
BLOCK A, OF NW1/4, SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 4	SOUTH 15 CHAINS OF SE1/4, SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 3
SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 3	
<b>Nulki Lake (Range 4, Coast District)</b>	
SE1/4, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6	SE1/4, SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 3
SW1/4, SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 6	S1/2, SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 3
SE1/4, SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 6	NW1/4, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 6
SW1/4, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 3	S1/2 OF SE1/4, SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 6
E1/2, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 3	SE1/4, SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 6
EASTERLY 33 ACRES OF FRACTIONAL SE1/4, SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 3	DISTRICT LOT 42
S1/2, SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 3	

### **Additional Information**

Additional information provided with this application includes maps, a spatial file of the proposed Withdrawal and a summary report of an Aerial Inventory for Pelicans on Tachick and Nulki Lakes in 2005.

- Four pdf maps of the proposed Withdrawal (Map #1-4)
- Spatial file of the proposed Withdrawal (TachickNulkiLake\_Section16Application.shp)
- Wilson, D. 2006. Aerial Inventory of Pelicans on Selected Lakes, 2005.

If you have any questions on the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact Sherri Elwell (Ecosystems Biologist) or Duncan McColl (Senior Ecosystems Biologist) with Landbase Stewardship in Prince George.



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Telus Wireless Communication Facility No. BC2368

### RECOMMENDATION

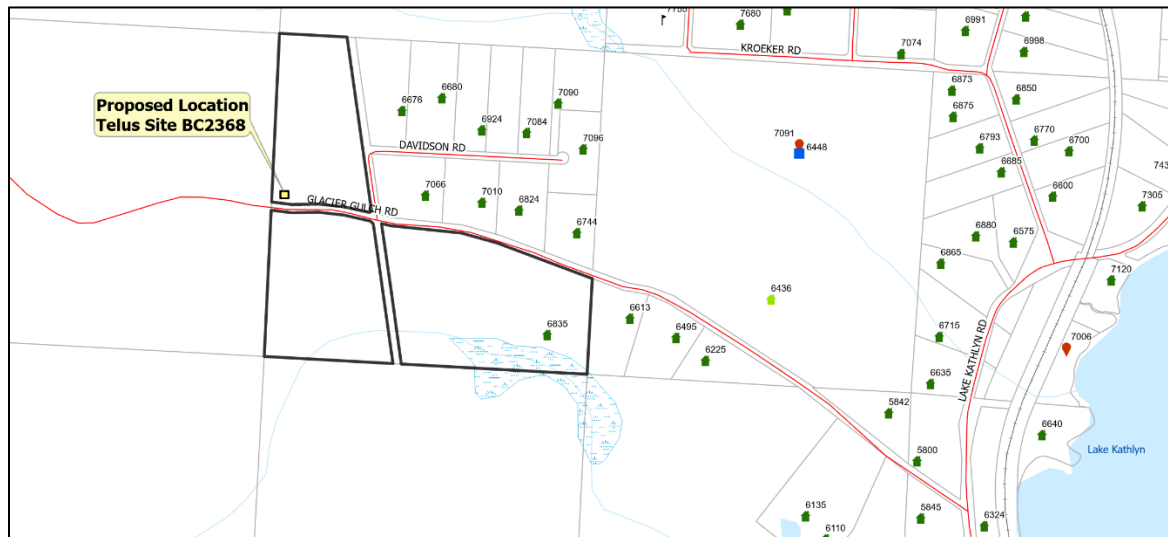
That the Regional District Board direct staff to send a letter stating that the RDBN has no objection to the proposed communication tower location.

### VOTING

All Directors / Majority

### DISCUSSION

The Regional District has received a referral from TELUS c/o Cypress Land Services regarding a 60 metre tall proposed wireless communication tower to improve wireless communications services in the rural area to the north of the Town of Smithers.



The proposed location of the tower is zoned Large Holdings (H2) in RDBN Zoning Bylaw 1800, 2020. Unattended public service or utility buildings and structures having no exterior storage of any kind are permitted in all zones of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw. It is noted that Zoning cannot regulate telecommunications towers, as this is under Federal jurisdiction.

### **AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE**

The application area is not within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

### **INDUSTRY CANADA CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Industry Canada has a public consultation policy that proponents must follow prior to the placement of communication towers. This policy requires that proponents consult with the local land use authority prior to construction. The RDBN relies on Industry Canada's default public consultation process which is outlined below.

The proponent is required to do the following.

1. Provide written notification to the public, the land use authority and Industry Canada of the proposed antenna system installation or modification.
2. Engage the public and the land-use authority to address relevant questions, comments and concerns regarding the proposal.
3. And, provide an opportunity to the public and the land use authority to formally respond in writing to the proponent regarding measures taken to address reasonable and relevant concerns.

The aim of the consultation with the local authority is to do the following

- Discuss site options;
- Ensure that local processes related to antenna systems are respected;
- Address reasonable and relevant concerns from both the land use authority and the community they represent; and,
- Obtain land use authority concurrence in writing.

### **TELUS CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

Telus has informed the RDBN that they placed the attached public notice in the February 25, 2021 issue of the Smithers Interior News. Also, notices were sent to all dwellings and properties that are found within three times the tower height, which is 186 metres for this proposal. There are two residents or other affected parties within the notification area.



During the consultation period Telus indicated that the owner of the property requested the tower location be moved approximately 9 metres closer to his road . Revised drawing are provided in Appendix 5 of the Summary of Consultation document and confirmation of this change will be ensured prior to the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting. In addition, Telus indicated that they received two emails requesting more information on the location of the proposed tower.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff have no concerns regarding the location of the proposed communications tower.

**ATTACHMENT**

Link [Summary of Consultation Document](#)



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Davis, Building Inspector  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** First Quarter Building Permit Summary

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the Planning Department's First Quarter Building Permit Summary.

### VOTING

All Directors/Majority

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A total of 38 building permit applications have been received in the first quarter of 2021, with a total construction value of **\$12,521,436.00**. This is a decrease from the 44 permits received in the first quarter of 2020, but an increase in the construction value of those permits by \$6,544,618.64. Approximately 39% of the construction, by value, is in the rural area. There are 9 new residences being built in the rural areas and 5 in the municipalities receiving building inspection services. It is noted that this data does not include the Town of Smithers or the District of Vanderhoof.

## FIRST QUARTER BUILDING PERMIT DATA FOR 2021

<b>2021 Building Permit Data: January 1 – March 31, 2021</b>		
Area	Total Permits	Total Construction Value (\$)
A	9	1,869,000.00
B	8	860,500.00
C	2	815,000.00
D	0	0
E	0	0
F	5	642,000.00
G	1	15,000.00
Burns Lake	2	720,000.00
Fort St. James	3	5,250,000.00
Fraser Lake	1	5,000.00
Granisle	0	0
Houston	5	2,290,100.00
Telkwa	2	54,836.00
<b>First Quarter Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12,521,436.00</b>
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12,521,436.00</b>

<b>Building Permits First Quarter Supporting Data</b>			
Area	Permit #	Building Type	Construction Value
A	8	Sunroom	\$25,000.00
A	12	New Single-Family Dwelling	\$184,000.00
A	14	New Single-Family Dwelling	\$320,000.00
A	15	Shop	\$80,000.00
A	17	New Single-Family Dwelling	\$450,000.00
A	21	New Single-Family Dwelling	\$480,000.00
A	24	Storage Building	\$15,000.00
A	26	New Single-Family Dwelling (Manufactured Home)	\$165,000.00
A	27	Storage Building	\$150,000.00
B	2	Plumbing Upgrades (Institutional)	\$40,000.00
B	3	Storage Building	\$14,000.00
B	4	Storage Building	\$20,000.00
B	5	Storage Building	\$16,000.00
B	6	Residential Addition	\$95,000.00
B	7	Wood Stove	\$7,500.00
B	10	New Single-Family Dwelling (Manufactured Home)	\$300,000.00
B	18	Shop	\$45,000.00
B	25	New Single-Family Dwelling	\$323,000.00
C	1	Storage Building	15,000.00
C	11	Residential Renovation	\$800,000.00
F	9	Storage Building	\$17,000.00

F	13	New Single-Family Dwelling	\$350,000.00
F	16	Storage Building	\$10,000.00
F	19	Storage Building	\$25,000.00
F	20	Storage Building	\$240,000.00
F	22	New Single-Family Dwelling	\$320,000.00
G	23	Roof Over Existing Storage Building	\$15,000.00
Burns Lake	1	New Two-Family Dwelling (Modular Home)	\$360,000.00
Burns Lake	2	New Two-Family Dwelling (Modular Home)	\$360,000.00
Fort St James	1	Demolition (Industrial)	\$100,000.00
Fort St James	2	Sawmill (Industrial)	\$5,000,000.00
Fort St James	3	Residential/ Commercial Renovation	\$150,000.00
Fraser Lake	1	Storage Shed	\$5,000.00
Houston	1	Demolition	-
Houston	2	Commercial Building	\$1,500,000.00
Houston	3	New Multi-Family Dwelling (Seniors)	\$605,000.00
Houston	4	New Single-Family Dwelling (Manufactured Home)	\$185,000.00
Houston	5	Move Manufactured Home	-
Telkwa	1	Residential Addition	\$50,000.00
Telkwa	2	New Washrooms	\$4,836.00



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Chairperson Thiessen and Board of Directors**

**FROM: Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant**

**DATE: April 22, 2021**

**SUBJECT: Committee Meeting Recommendations  
– April 8, 2020**

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**RECOMMENDATION: (ALL/DIRECTORS/MAJORITY)**

Recommendations 1 and 4 as written.

The following are the recommendations from the April 8, 2021 Committee Meetings for the Regional Board's consideration and approval.

**Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 8, 2021**

**Recommendation 1:**

**Re: Provincial COVID-19 Funds**

“That of the \$314,000 in additional COVID Relief funds received, that \$251,200 be allocated to rural government special projects and that \$62,800 be allocated to general government special projects.”

**Connectivity Committee – April 8, 2021**

**Recommendation 2:**

**Re: Wireless Connectivity Improvements in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**

“That the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Citizens' Services requesting expansion of wireless connectivity to the Southside of Francois Lake, Highway 118 and Highway 27 as connector routes to the Highway 16 ('Highway of Tears') route.”

**Waste Management Committee Meeting – April 8, 2021**

**Recommendation 3:**

**Re: RDBN Letter of Support for Inclusion of ICI Cardboard in EPR**

“That the Board write a letter of support to the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce regarding its resolution to the BC Chamber of Commerce in regard to Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) recycling; and further, that the letter be forwarded to Nathan Cullen, MLA - Stikine and John Rustad, MLA – Nechako Lakes.”

**Waste Management Committee Meeting – April 8, 2021**

**Recommendation 4:**

**Re: RDBN Review and Recommendation Letter for a 10¢ Bottle Deposit Refund for all Cans**

“That the Board write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy requesting that a consistent deposit system for the return deposit for all cans is paid in its entirety; and further, that the system is implemented throughout the Province.”

**TO:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief  
**DATE:** April 22, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Repeal Electoral Area "A" Emergency Response Bylaw No. 714, 1992

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That "Electoral Area "A" Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1944, 2021" be given first, second and third reading this 22nd day of April, 2021.

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**VOTING:** All/Directors/Majority

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Electoral Area "A" Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 714, 1992 was established to contribute to the provision of emergency response services in the Electoral Area "A" to a maximum of \$5000. These funds were distributed to the Town of Smithers (\$3000) and the Village of Telkwa (\$2000).

The Chief Financial Officer has suggested that there are other appropriate ways to provide funding to these service providers. The administrative expense to manage this service would be \$500 which is 10% of the total budget.

Director Fisher is supportive of repealing this bylaw and is willing to provide a one-time funding opportunity, utilizing the Northern Capital and Planning funds, to the Town of Smithers for the Smithers Fire Rescue in lieu of repealing the bylaw. The \$2,000 was added to the Telkwa Rural Fire Service Area budget for 2021.

Under section 349 of the *Local Government Act* the Regional District can repeal a service establishment bylaw.

Written by,




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Jason Blackwell  
Regional Fire Chief




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Deborah Jones-Middleton  
Director of Protective Services

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****BYLAW NO. 1944****Being a bylaw to repeal “Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 714, 1992”**

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**WHEREAS** “Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 714, 1992” established a service for the purpose of contributing to the costs incurred by the Town of Smithers in providing emergency response services within Electoral Area “A”;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako does not wish to contribute funds towards this service;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 349(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, the participants have consented, in writing, to the adoption of this Bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as “Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1944, 2021.”
2. Bylaw No. 714 cited as “Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 714, 1992” and all bylaws enacted in amendment thereto are hereby repealed.

Certified a true and correct copy of “Electoral Area ‘A’ Emergency Response Contribution Local Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1944, 2021.”

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Corporate Administrator



READ A FIRST TIME this      day of                      , 2021

READ A SECOND TIME this      day of                      , 2021

READ A THIRD TIME this      day of                      , 2021

CONSENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTORAL AREA "A" RECEIVED this  
day of                      , 2021

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this      day of                      ,  
2021

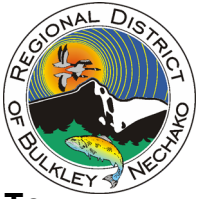
ADOPTED this      day of                      , 2021

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Chairperson

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Corporate Administrator

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Bylaw No. 1944 as adopted.

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Corporate Administrator



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board of Directors  
**From:** Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
**Date:** April 22, 2021  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Relief Funds

### RECOMMENDATION

(all/directors/majority)

That the Board approve the following Applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds.

### Background:

The following applications have been received from community groups for COVID-19 Relief Funding. The requests support operational expenses that are a challenge to bear due to decreased revenue as a result of the ongoing pandemic. Additional requests are anticipated and will appear on upcoming RDBN Board Agendas.

Community Group	Project	Amount
<b>Area 'A' (Smithers Rural)</b>		
Paul Lychak Community Hall	Hall Insurance	\$3,729.00
Glenwood Community Hall	Hall Insurance	\$3,495.00
<b>Area 'B' (Burns Lake Rural)</b>		
<b>Area 'C' (Fort St; James Rural)</b>		
<b>Area 'D' (Fraser Lake Rural)</b>		
<b>Area 'E' (Francois/Ootsa Rural)</b>		
Francois Lake Hall	Hall Insurance	\$1,339.00
Grassy Plains Community Hall Association	Hall Insurance	\$4,315.00
<b>Area 'F' (Vanderhoof Rural)</b>		
Cluculz Lake Community Hall	Hydro Bills	\$4,291.14
<b>Area 'G' (Houston Rural)</b>		
Granisle Public Library	Computer Equipment	\$2,500.00
Love by the Bowl Soup Kitchen	Sterilizing Equipment	\$2,500.00



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Memorandum

**To:** Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors  
**From:** Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
**Date:** April 22, 2021  
**Subject:** Grant in Aid Request – Nechako Valley Historical Society

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### RECOMMENDATION

(all/directors/majority)

That the Nechako Valley Historical Society be given \$30,000 in Grant in Aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for a records digitization project.

### BACKGROUND

Please see the attached application for further detail.

The available Grant in Aid Balance for Area “F” is \$52,284.37

The annual Grant in Aid Allocation available for Area “F” (Calculated at a maximum of \$0.10/1000) is \$55,072.00

Director Jerry Petersen is supportive of the application.

**From:** [website@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:website@rdbn.bc.ca)  
**To:** [Nellie Davis](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: Website Form Submission – ONLINE GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:24:15 PM

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There has been a submission of the form ONLINE GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM through your concrete5 website.

ORGANIZATION:  
 Nechako Valley Historical Society

CONTACT NAME:  
 Anne Davidson

MAILING ADDRESS (Please include PO Box/Civic Address, Town and Postal Code):  
 Box 1515 , 478 West 1st street, Vanderhoof B.C. V0J3A0

EMAIL:  
 adavidso@hwy16.com

PHONE:  
 250 567-4101

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED:  
 \$30,000

PLEASE PROVIDE THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF YOUR ORGANIZATIONS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM). IF UNKNOWN PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR WITH THE INFORMATION ONCE DATE AND TIME ARE CONFIRMED.:

Feb. 12, 2020 Integris Community Center No AGM in 2021 due to COVID.

PROJECT OR PURPOSE FOR WHICH YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE:

Records called Accessioning files have been kept since the start of the museum in 1974. These records tell us all the information about each artifact. At present all of our accession records have been written on files cards stored away in boxes. This method although it functioned in the past, is extremely outdated and very cumbersome to use. If the accession number is lost or removed from an artifact it becomes almost impossible to find any information about the Item. These records have never been digitized, we desperately need to have these records with pictures and location of all of our artifacts entered into a data base. With this data base anyone looking for an item can search by accession number, name, picture, donor, or location and can have all the information within minutes. All the handwritten stories, pictures, slides and tapes have never been scanned for safe keeping.

As you can see this is a mountain of information about Vanderhoof and its history that could be forever lost. We would store a second hard drive with all this information at the District Office.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT IS PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT. FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE IS NOT BEING MADE ON BEHALF OF AN INDIVIDUAL, INDUSTRY, COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS:

Yes

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SERVICES/BENEFITS THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION PROVIDES TO THE COMMUNITY. ARE THESE SERVICES/BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY FROM ANOTHER ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE NECHAKO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The purpose of the Society are as follows:

1. To educate members and the community about the history of the people, homes, sites, and events of the Nechako Valley and its neighboring communities.
2. To collect and preserve historical data and memorabilia associated with Nechako Valley and its neighboring communities for the use and pleasure of present and future generations.
3. To promote research and publish findings regarding the archaeology, architecture, history, arts, crafts, culture, and genealogy of the area.
4. To preserve or assist in the preservation of the items that residents of Nechako Valley and its neighboring communities recognize as having historic value. These items include but are not limited to, natural and built heritage views, capes, memorabilia, and archival history.
5. To discourage damage to objects of historical value in the area, and to discourage modifications or restorations of such objects until a thorough study, assisted by competent advisers, has been made.
6. To provide a place for the reception, display, study, and preservation of records and other property relating to the purposes of the Society.
7. To cooperate with other persons and organizations in promoting the above purposes.

DESCRIBE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT RECEIVES SERVICES OR BENEFITS FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION.:

All tourist travelling thru Vanderhoof, School tours, anyone living in the area, also when people come to visit it is an ideal place to take visitors. There is a dog park that is next to the Museum parking lot and also some well used hiking trails go thru the museum grounds. Also the museum is well used for doing photo shoots.

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION VOLUNTARY AND NON-PROFIT?:

Yes

PLEASE DETAIL ANY REMUNERATION PAID, OR FUNDS OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS, OFFICERS, ETC. OF YOUR ORGANIZATION:

Everything is on a volunteer basis.

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS/VOLUNTEERS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND HOW LONG YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IN OPERATION:

The Nechako Valley Historical Society has been in operation since 1974.

In 2019 we wrote a book called "As The River Flows" Altogether volunteers put in over 3000 hours gathering information for the book. in 2020 we bought a sea can and put it in the back parking lot for storage. Volunteers built lots of shelving to store extra artifacts in. Covid has put a damper on everything as we are mostly seniors.

ASSISTANCE IS BEING REQUESTED FOR:

another purpose

OTHER PURPOSE IF ANY:

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSAL FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM FEES AND/OR CHARGES OR OTHER CONSIDERATION, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF YOUR REQUEST HERE. ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF REQUIRED.:

To create a digitized data base for all the artifacts, pictures and memorabilia in the museum.

DESCRIBE HOW THIS PROPOSAL WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY:

All information whether it be photo's, letters, stories or actual articles will be easy to find with a up to date data base. The data base will have a picture of every article also a description and where it is located in the museum. Other information will be where and who it came from, what it is used for, plus any other details that are entered.

This will benefit anyone who needs information for various reasons or projects. If a visitor comes in and asks if we have a certain article it will be easy to look it up. Lots of students use the museum for information. As of now we have 18 large file boxes with 500 files in each box. You can only imagine how impossible it is to find anything.

SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUCH AS A BUDGET OR FINANCIAL REPORT. ENSURE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CLEARLY ITEMIZED: - TOTAL COST OF PROJECT/PROPOSAL; - GRANTS/FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES; - FUNDING CONTRIBUTED BY APPLICANT THROUGH FUNDING RAISING:

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A GRANT/FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES?:

No

NAME OF 1ST GRANT OR FUNDING AGENCY:

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 1ST AGENCY:

STATUS OF 1ST GRANT APPLICATION:

NAME OF 2ND GRANT OR FUNDING AGENCY:

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 2ND AGENCY:

STATUS OF 2ND GRANT APPLICATION:

NAME OF 3RD GRANT OR FUNDING AGENCY:

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 3RD AGENCY:

STATUS OF 3RD GRANT APPLICATION:

NAME OF 4TH GRANT FUNDING AGENCY:

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR FROM 4TH AGENCY:

HAVE YOU RECEIVED ASSISTANCE (GRANT IN AID/WAIVING OF FEES , ETC.), FROM THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO IN PREVIOUS YEARS?:

No

IF YES, YEARS, AMOUNTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE WAS USED:

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION:

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions?



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

**To:** Chair and Board of Directors  
**From:** Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
**Date:** April 22, 2021  
**Subject:** Grant in Aid Update: January – March 2021

### RECOMMENDATION

(all/directors/majority)

Receive.

### Background:

The following Grant in Aid requests of \$2,500 or less were approved by Electoral Area Directors between January 1 and March 31, 2021.

Community Group	Project	Amount
<b>Area 'A' (Smithers Rural)</b>		
<b>Area 'B' (Burns Lake Rural)</b>		
Burns Lake and District Chamber of Commerce	Technology Purchase	\$2,500
<b>Area 'C' (Fort St; James Rural)</b>		
Fort St. James Secondary School	Graduate Bursary	\$1,000
<b>Area 'D' (Fraser Lake Rural)</b>		
Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School	Graduate Bursary	\$1,000
<b>Area 'E' (Francois/Ootsa Rural)</b>		
Grassy Plains Community Hall Association	Hall Foundation Review	\$2,173.50
<b>Area 'F' (Vanderhoof Rural)</b>		
<b>Area 'G' (Houston Rural)</b>		



Reference: 262315

March 24, 2021

**VIA EMAIL: [cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:cheryl.anderson@rdbn.bc.ca)**

Gerry Thiessen, Chair  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
PO Box 820  
Burns Lake, British Columbia  
V8W 9E2

Dear Gerry Thiessen:

Thank you for your follow-up letter of March 11, 2021, to Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, regarding consultation on the Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Area apportionment. I have been asked to respond.

I would like to reassure you that the ministry is considering the downstream implications of the Lakes and Prince George TSA apportionment decisions on all communities in the region. In consideration of the complexity, BC has taken additional time to engage with local governments and industry.

In preparing for a decision, ministry staff provide the minister with an extensive and encompassing view of all information received during the consultation and engagement process. Local government input, licensees' perspectives on fibre security, implications to harvesting contractors, and partnership opportunities with First Nations are all important considerations in this decision.

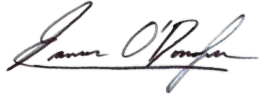
The ministry also recognizes that the pace and trajectory of the province's reconciliation efforts are tied to our ability to get resources to the market.

The ministry believes that all parties have a shared interest in the long-term vitality of the local industry, and that regional and geographic competitiveness will be enhanced where First Nations are active participants in the forest industry. Incentivizing First Nation participation is a key component to realizing long-term fibre security.



Again, thank you for continued interest and engagement on this important decision for the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eamon O'Donoghue', written in a cursive style.

Eamon O'Donoghue  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development

March, 3, 2021

Honourable Josie Osborne  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
PO Box 9056 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 9E2

*Emailed to: MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca*

**Re: Emergency Fire Equipment and Facilities Funding for Small Rural Communities.**

Dear Minister Osborne,

We are looking for your support regarding a critical public safety issue in our small rural communities, specifically the lack of Provincial funding for essential local fire and road rescue services, which would include apparatus, equipment, training and facilities.

As you are aware the cost of protecting our communities has increased significantly over the years. The cost of apparatus, equipment, training, and facilities are putting the small rural communities in a critical financial bind, taxing the residents beyond what is affordable and without provincial support we feel our financial situation will be unsustainable.

This request for Provincial funding assistance has been presented to the Province through endorsed resolutions to the UBCM for over 27 years, to date the provincial response has been "NO". We feel we cannot accept this answer anymore.

Through the Insurance Premium Tax, the Province has collected a 4.4% tax revenue through residential / commercial fire insurance and automobile insurance since 1921, which we now believe goes into the government's general revenue fund. The estimated revenue collected is in the hundreds of millions annually, we are asking for some of this revenue to be available through grant programs or another form of assistance to support our communities so we can provide an affordable, reliable, and sustainable essential fire protection and road rescue service for our regional residents and businesses.

We look forward to your assistance in setting up meetings with the appropriate Ministers to discuss ways we can leverage reliable funding support for fire and road rescue services in small rural communities.

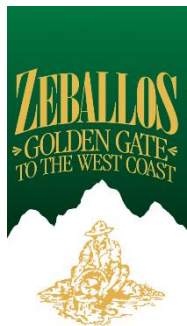
We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely the Undersigned,

Dennis Dugas, Mayor, District of Port Hardy  
Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, Mayor, Town of Port McNeill  
Kevin Cameron, Mayor, Village of Port Alice

Dennis Buchanan, Mayor, Village of Alert Bay  
 Andrew Hory, Chair, Regional District of Mount Waddington  
 Julie Colborne, Mayor, Village of Zeballos  
 Martin Davis, Mayor, Village of Tahsis  
 Mark Baker, Mayor, Village of Sayward  
 Brad Unger, Mayor, Village of Gold River  
 Leslie Baird, Mayor, Village of Cumberland  
 Mark Swain, Mayor, District of Lantzville  
 Ken Williams, Mayor, District of Highlands  
 Bill Beamish, Mayor, Town of Gibsons  
 Bob Day, Mayor, Lake Cowichan  
 Mayco Noel, Mayor, District of Ucluelet  
 Mayor and Council, District of Tofino Council

cc: Ian Morrison, President, Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities  
 Michele Babchuk, Member of the Legislative Assembly  
 Brian Frenkel, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities





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April 13, 2021

**President Brian Frenkel**  
c/o Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
525 Government Street  
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

**Re: B.C. Government's Use of Provincial Paramourncy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws**

Dear President Frenkel:

On behalf of Penticton City Council, I am requesting the Union of British Columbia Municipalities write a letter to Premier John Horgan requesting the reconsideration of invoking Provincial Paramourncy as it relates to the violation of Penticton City Council's authority and the City of Penticton's Zoning Bylaws at 352 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, BC.

The following is a timeline of events:

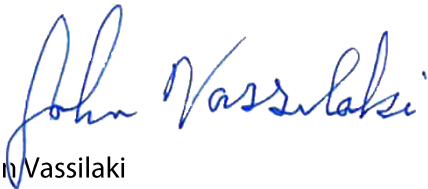
- When COVID-19 struck in March, 2020 many facilities that provided showers, laundry services, and meals to our most vulnerable in our community had to close and/or adapt. The City via its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), Emergency Management BC and BC Housing worked together to find a temporary "hygiene station" and isolation shelter for anyone that was needing to isolate during COVID.
  - 352 Winnipeg Street was not an ideal site for a hygiene station as it was adjacent to two seniors' homes. However, as the site contained a vacant and free standing building that could quickly be fitted for a hygiene station, the EOC supported and worked with BC Housing to quickly stand-up the hygiene station.
- In September, 2020 BC Housing approached the City to turn the isolation shelter into a 42 bed Temporary Emergency Winter Shelter. This use was contrary to City Zoning Bylaws and although met with trepidation from the neighbourhood, Council ultimately approved a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for the isolation shelter to be converted and operate as Temporary Winter Shelter until April 1, 2021.
  - Video of the lengthy Council debates from our October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meetings can be found on our website to better understand how clear individual Council members were that this was not an appropriate location, but that in the midst of the pandemic, they would grant a TUP on this one occasion.

- In March 2021, BC Housing sought an extension to this TUP until March 31, 2022 in effect changing the use from a temporary, emergency winter shelter to a year round shelter. Council denied this request based on zoning bylaws and the previous clearly communicated unsuitability of this location.
  - Via resolution, Council further directed Penticton's Safety and Security Advisory Committee to develop location selection criteria for a new, permanent winter shelter for Penticton.
  - Council initially learned of the Province's interests in exploring the use of paramouncy via an interview on Global news with Minister David Eby, who had met with Council twice early in the year to discuss a supportive housing project at 3240 Skaha Lake Rd., Penticton, BC.
- Again in March, BC Housing stated their intention to continue operations of the facility "on a balance of convenience" and asked Council to reconsider. Having been presented no alternate location as requested or new information; based on zoning bylaws and the previously communicated unsuitability of this location Council did reconsider the request and again denied the request.
  - Via resolution, Council further directed staff to work with BC Housing to find alternate solutions.
- At the writing of this letter, 352 Winnipeg now operates in contravention of the City of Penticton bylaws as a newly established year round shelter following the threat of Provincial Paramouncy.

While the issue at hand is a matter of land use and planning, it is important to note according to data provided directly from the current Minister responsible for Housing to City Council, Penticton has the highest number of supportive housing beds per capita in the Interior region. Each of these beds was developed with Penticton City Council's input and with respect for their role in the local decision making process.

In closing, Penticton City Council is hoping Minister David Eby, whom has invoked paramouncy on behalf of the Province, or Premier John Horgan as the head of a Government that promised to work collaboratively with Local Governments, reconsiders their position and adheres to our City's bylaws. As this could happen to any one of the other 188 local governments in B.C., we ask that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, on behalf of its membership, request Premier John Horgan reconsider the use of Provincial Paramouncy with respect to 352 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, BC.

Yours truly,



John Vassilaki

Mayor

- cc. Penticton City Council  
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## **Council seeks support from UBCM to help challenge Provincial Paramountcy**

(Penticton, BC – April 13, 2021) – On behalf of City Council, Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki, has sent a letter to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) President, Brian Frenkel, requesting UBCM prepare a letter to BC Premier, John Horgan, supporting Council's position that the Province's recent use of Paramountcy is a violation of two Council decisions and the City's zoning Bylaws.

"My letter to Mr. Frenkel made it very clear that the issue at hand is a matter of land use and cooperative planning between two levels of government," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "The Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, David Eby, would have British Columbians believe that the City of Penticton is not doing its part to support the housing crisis. This is simply not the case and information provided directly from the Minister shows that Penticton has the highest number of supportive housing beds per capita in the interior region. All of these beds were developed with Penticton Council's input and with respect for Council's role in the decision making process.

"Today our previous working relationship of bilateral cooperation has been replaced by a unilateral hammer that puts our residents at risk of having the Provincial Government plan our community. As such, Council has reached out to Mr. Frenkel and the UBCM membership at large to seek their support in reversing the Province's conduct towards Penticton, or any other community they disagree with."

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