

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

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant