

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

Thursday, April 8, 2021

PRESENT:	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

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“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

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"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)

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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

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Shane Brienen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant