

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 9

Thursday, June 24, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk – left at 12:00 p.m.
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey

Director Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa

Absent

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
– arrived at 11:56 a.m., left at 12:15 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – via Teleconference – left
at 11:29 a.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – left
at 11:07 a.m.
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner – left at 11:28 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-9-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of June 24, 2021 be approved;
and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this
meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-9-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES (CONT'D)

Committee Meeting
Minutes

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-9-3

“That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
-June 10, 2021
- Connectivity Committee Meeting Minutes
-June 10, 2021
- Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
-May 13, 2021
- Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
- May 13, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 3rd Reading

OCP Amendment & Rezoning
Application RZ B-01-21 for 3rd
Reading OCP Amendment
Bylaw No. 1945, 2021 and
Rezoning Bylaw 1946, 2021
Electoral Area “B”

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-9-4

1. “That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1945, 2021 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1946, 2021 on the Supplementary Agenda.
2. That Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1945, 2021 be given third reading this 24th day of June, 2021.
3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1946, 2021 be given 3rd reading this 24th day of June, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rezoning Application
RZ A-04-21 - 3rd Reading
Rezoning Bylaw No. 1949, 2021
Electoral Area “A”

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-9-5

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1949, 2021 be given third reading this 24th day of June, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for 3rd Reading & Adoption

OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application RZ C-01-21
3rd Reading & Adoption for OCP Amendment Bylaw 1947, 2021 & Rezoning Bylaw 1948, 2021 Electoral Area "C"

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Motion

2021-9-6

1. "That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Fort St. James Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1947, 2021 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1948, 2021 on the Supplementary Agenda.
2. That Fort St. James Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1947, 2021 be given third reading and adoption this 24th day of June 2021.
3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1948, 2021 be given third reading and adoption this 24th day of June, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

Development Variance Permit DVP F-01-21 Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brienen

2021-9-7

"That the written submissions on the Supplementary Agenda be received.

That the Board approve Development Variance Permit F-01-21 for the property located at 3726 Kozy Place to vary Section 3.0.8 1. d) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 by reducing the setback from a natural boundary from 15 metres to 3.5 metres to legalize an existing storage shed."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Development Variance Permit DVP F-02-21 Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Funk

2021-9-8

"That the written submissions on the Supplementary Agenda be received.

That the Board approve Development Variance Permit F-02-21 as amended to include a requirement for a certificate of location on the storage building under construction for the property located at 49825 Tapping Road to vary Section 8.0.7 1. b) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 by reducing the setback from a side parcel line from 2 metres to 1.2 metres."

Opposed: Director Motion
Director Fisher

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT (CONT'D)

Development Variance Permit
DVP F-03-21 Electoral
Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director McGuire

2021-9-9

"The Chair called for written submissions. No written submissions were submitted.

That the Board approve Development Variance Permit DVP F-03-21 for the properties located at 3385 and 3333 Lund Road to vary Section 25.1.5.1 b) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw 1800, 2020 by reducing the setbacks from a parcel line from 2 metres to 0 metres for the existing Community Hall and Proposed Fire Hall."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

Rezoning Application
RZ A-03-21 Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-9-10

1. "That the Board receive the Area A Advisory Planning Commission Minutes for Rezoning Application RZ A-03-21 and ALR 1232 on the Supplementary Agenda.

2. "That Rezoning Application RZ A-03-21 be denied.

3. That the Board approve the renewal of Temporary Use Permit TUP A-01-19 for a term of two years and direct staff to issue the permit once the property owner has received non-farm use approval from the ALC."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Repeal of Floodplain
Management Bylaw

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-9-11

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Floodplain Management Repeal Bylaw No. 1953, 2021 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 24th day of June, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Application

Non-Farm Use Application
1231 Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2021-9-12

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1231 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval with the further recommendation that the Agricultural Land Commission ensure appropriate phased reclamation throughout the life of the mine."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors) (CONT'D)

ALR Application (Cont'd)

Discussion took place regarding RDBN staff reports including an overview of the reclamation process of a mine.

Non-Farm Use Application
1232 Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-9-13

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1232 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Non-Adhering Residential Use
Application 1233
Electoral Area "G"

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-9-14

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Adhering Residential Use Application No. 1233 be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation that the application be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subdivision Application 1235
Electoral Area "B"

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-9-15

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1235 be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation that the application be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Referral

District of Houston Referral for
Official Community Plan (OCP)
Amendment Bylaw No. 1152
and Development Amendment
Bylaw No. 1153

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Brien

2021-9-16

"That the RDBN Board direct staff to respond to the District of Houston that the RDBN has no comments regarding OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 1152 and Development Amendment Bylaw No. 1153."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

2021 Virtual UBCM Convention
-RDBN Tour/Dinner

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Newell

2021-9-17

"That the Board appoint Directors Greenaway, Fisher, Newell and Parker to form a working group to bring forward a plan for an RDBN tour and/or dinner for the 2021 UBCM Convention."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

2021 UBCM Convention Meeting Requests – Premier/Minister/Ministry Staff & BC Hydro

The Board reviewed the Executive Assistant's 2021 UBCM Convention Meeting Requests – Premier/Minister/Ministry Staff & BC Hydro memorandum and included the following additional comments to be submitted:

The Honourable John Horgan, Premier

- RBA – That the Premier renew his commitment

The Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services

- Provincial funding program issues
- Installing fibre on BC Hydro Poles vs. fibre in the ground
 - Cost and challenges utilizing BC Hydro Poles
 - Need to streamline and make available

The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

- ICI (Industrial Commercial Institutional) recycling
 - Timeline
- Circular economy/waste diversion projects
 - Clarity on Ministry responsible – Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and/or Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- Recycling in Smithers
 - Discussions required between organizations to achieve economies of scale

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

- Follow-up in regard to First Nations Agreements and the Lakes and Prince George Timber Supply Apportionment
 - Request information regarding reallocation

The Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

- BC Ambulance crisis
 - Form a Steering Committee/Task Force Comprising of northern field experts and political representatives to address the crisis

The Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

- Opioid crisis
- Increased homelessness due to mental health and addiction struggles
 - Increased funding in small communities to support detox
 - Increased shelter capacity that will work for people with mental health and addictions issues

The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation, and Infrastructure

- Request that an upgrade and paving be completed for the extension of the North Road from Fort St. James to the Pinche Mine Turnoff (16 mile).

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1951, 2021

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-9-18

"That Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1951, 2021 be given first and second reading this 24th day of June, 2021."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN staff will be available to discuss the Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishment Bylaw with member municipalities.

Canada's Residential School System

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2021-9-19

"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako acknowledges the injustices inflicted upon this region's aboriginal peoples under Canada's residential school system and calls upon all public and private organizations involved in the operation of these schools, including the Catholic Church, to cooperate and fully disclose all records related to the operations of the residential schools."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Request - Lakes District Family Enhancement Society

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2021-9-20

"That the Lakes District Family Enhancement Society be given \$9,668.21 in Grant in Aid monies, \$4,834.11 (50%) from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and \$4,834.10 (50%) from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Rural) for a heat pump installation project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Riis-Christianson removed himself from the meeting at 12:13 p.m. due a conflict of interest regarding being employed by the Lakes District Museum Society.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Fisher

2021-9-21

"That the Board approve the following COVID-19 Relief Funds Applications:

Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

-Paul Lychak Community Hall – Hydro - \$2,290.57

-Glenwood Community Hall – Hydro - \$2,077.22

-Bulkley Valley Farmers' Market – COVID Health and Safety and Recovery Plan implementation - \$2,490.00

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

- Lakes District Film Appreciation Society (Beacon Theatre)
 - Operating Expenses (split with Area E) - \$6,654.53
- Tweedsmuir Rod and Gun Club – Insurance - \$2,980.00
- Lakes District Museum Society – Plexiglass and Touchless Payment - \$1,587.66
- Lakes Literacy W.O.W Bus – Sanitizing supplies and PPE - \$200.00

Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural)

- Fort St. James Curling Club – Insurance - \$4,275.00

Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Lakes District Film Appreciation Society (Beacon Theatre)
 - Operating Expenses (split with Area B) - \$6,654.53

Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

- Cluculz Lake Community Hall – Hall Insurance - \$3,979.47
- Mapes Blackwater Lake Community Club – Hydro for Hall - \$1,949.00.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Riis-Christianson returned at 12:15 p.m.

Letter of Support – BC Wine Grape Council Grant Application Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-9-22

“That the Board approve the Letter of Support for the BC Wine Grape Council’s application to the Agricultural Climate Solutions Program for a Carbon Capture and Greenhouse Gas Reduction in Perennial Crops in British Columbia Project.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Food Economy and Food Hub Assessment Report and Next Steps Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Brien

2021-9-23

“That the Board approve the Food Economy and Food Hub Assessment Final Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 Statement of Financial Information Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Atrill

2021-9-24

“That the Board approve the 2020 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for filing with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs pursuant to the *Financial Information Act*, and that the Board authorize the approval of the SOFI by the Chief Financial Officer and the Chair.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

- Rural Crime and Street Lighting Director Newell commented he has received calls regarding rural crime and is wanting to look at options to address the issues and concerns. He also noted that street lights have been brought forward as well. Further discussion will take place at a future Rural Agriculture Committee Meeting.
- Cluculz Lake Fire Hall Groundbreaking-June 22, 2021 Director Petersen mentioned he attended the Cluculz Lake Fire Hall Groundbreaking on June 22, 2021 along with staff. Northern Capital Planning Grant funding is being utilized to build the new fire hall.
- Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) Update Director Brienen noted that the RBA has secured a meeting in July with the Minister of Finance.
- District of Houston Construction Director Brienen announced that construction has begun on Benson Avenue to install a railway crossing arm. They have also started the project to bury hydro lines from Buck Creek to Butler Avenue. Construction on 9th Street has been completed utilizing Northern Capital Planning Grant funding.
- BC Chamber of Commerce -Resolution ICI Director Fisher mentioned that the BC Chamber of Commerce at its Annual General Meeting May 28-29, 2021 passed a resolution regarding Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) recycling.
- Rural Agriculture Committee Update Director Parker spoke of working with the RDBN Agriculture Coordinators and that they are doing a great job.
- COVID-19 Relief Funding Director Parker commented that the COVID-19 Relief funding that is being provided to not-for-profit societies to assist them in mitigating impacts from COVID-19 has been beneficial.
- Director Greenaway noted that organizations in Fort St. James have been very appreciative of funding assistance.
- Francois Lake Ferry Receiving an Industrial Outboard Motor Director Lambert mentioned that the Francois Lake Ferry will have an industrial outboard motor installed.
- Connectivity Meetings Director Riis-Christianson spoke of working to schedule meetings with Members of Parliament and MLA's to discuss Connectivity issues in the region. He mentioned that meetings with the Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services took place yesterday with another meeting scheduled for this afternoon.
- Endako Weir Project Director Riis-Christianson has received feedback regarding the Endako Weir Project, and due to COVID-19 engagement has been held virtually to date. Project coordinators have indicated that they will be holding in person public meetings in July.
- UBCM Resolution -RE: BCEHS – BC Ambulance Staffing Director McGuire brought forward submitting a resolution to 2021 UBCM Convention for consideration regarding Emergency Health Services – Adequate Staffing in Communities. The Board endorsed submitting the resolution to UBCM prior to the June 30, 2021 deadline.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Village of Granisle – Modified Canada Day Celebration</u>	Director McGuire announced the Village of Granisle will be hosting a modified Canada Day celebration adhering to COVID-19 Provincial guidelines.
<u>Village of Fraser Lake -Modified Indigenous Day Celebration</u>	Director Storey noted that the Village of Fraser Lake held a modified Indigenous Day Celebration on June 21, 2021. The first Tri-Community Youth Ambassador participated in the event as well.
<u>Village of Fraser Lake -Canada Day Fireworks</u>	Director Storey announced that the Village of Fraser Lake will be having Canada Day Fireworks that will go into the water.
<u>Meeting with Regional Districts</u>	Chair Thiessen attended a meeting that included four northwest Regional Districts Chairs, Vice-Chairs and CAOs. Discussion took place regarding a number of issues, including downloading from senior levels of government that are impacting Regional Districts in the northwest.
<u>Parliamentary Committee -CN Presentation</u>	Chair Thiessen provided a presentation to the Parliamentary Committee regarding CN. He noted there was a number of technical issues. Director McGuire commented that Chair Thiessen provided a good presentation. Director Riis-Christianson thanked Chair Thiessen for the presentation and spoke of a call he recently received regarding the blocking of a private crossing by a train.
<u>Kamloops Residential School</u>	Chair Thiessen spoke of emotions expressed regarding the remains of 215 children found buried at the former Kamloops Residential School.
<u>Rainbow Sidewalk -Vanderhoof</u>	Chair Thiessen commented that the District of Vanderhoof has made a commitment to diversity and installed a rainbow sidewalk. He noted that the sidewalk had been vandalized and spoke of the need for inclusiveness.
<u>Receipt of Verbal Reports</u>	Moved by Director McGuire Seconded by Director Greenaway
<u>2021-9-25</u>	“That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received.” (All/Directors/Majority) <u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

NEW BUSIENSS

<u>RDBN Wooden Boundary Signage</u>	Director Storey mentioned the RDBN wooden boundary signage located on Highway 16 near Cluculz Lake is requiring repairs. Staff noted the signage has been repaired.
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IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

2021-9-26

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brien

2021-9-27

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:32 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant