

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, September 9, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire – via Teleconference
Annette Morgan
Bob Motion – via Zoom
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison – left at 11:38 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Media Eddie Huband, Lakes District News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Office to Annette Morgan, Director, Village of Telkwa.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2021-8-1

“That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 9, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – July 15, 2021

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2021-8-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 15, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum -October 12 & 13, 2021 (Virtual)

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2021-8-3

“That the Rural Directors be authorized to attend the Virtual Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum on October 12 & 13, 2021.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Coast Waste Management Association 2021 Conference

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2021-8-4

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board of Directors that Director Fisher be authorized to attend the Coast Waste Management Association 2021 Conference to be held October 20-22, 2021 in Victoria, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2021-8-5

“That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Board the approval of the amended Statutory and Legal Holidays Policy as presented.”

Opposed: Director Fisher

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding the Federal and Provincial Government implementation of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

2021 Remuneration Bylaw Update

The following was discussed:

- Reducing the Directors basic remuneration in implementation of extended health and dental benefits
 - o Options for Directors that currently have benefits outside the RDBN
 - o Directors not participating in RDBN benefits will not have a reduction in remuneration
- Section 4 (c)– Interpretation and Application
 - o Amend Section 4 (c) to read “Disputes regarding Directors’ Remuneration and Expense Reports shall be forwarded to the RDBN Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Administrative Officer for resolution.
- Candidate attraction – four-year term – similar to attracting employees
- Time and commitment of Directors
- Remuneration remaining at the current allocation with benefits added in addition to the basic remuneration.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

2021 Remuneration Bylaw Update

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2021-8-6

“That staff bring back a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 1837 a Bylaw for Directors’ Remuneration to a future Board Meeting with the proposed updates including: amending Section 4 (c) – Interpretation and Application; and further, that Director’s basic remuneration remains at the current rate with the rate of benefits being added.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

BC Emergency Health Services

Director McGuire mentioned that the Village of Granisle met with BC Emergency Health Services regarding Ambulance Service. She will forward the information to the Board.

Director Brien noted the District of Houston also had a meeting with BCEHS and a number of the concerns raised are being addressed.

Chair Thiessen spoke of inviting BCEHS to a future meeting.

Director Fisher commented that the Northwest Regional Hospital District has meetings with Adrian Dix, Minister of Health September 13th and Northern Health on September 15th during the 2021 Virtual UBCM Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2021-8-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services