

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, January 13, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Shane Brienen – via Zoom
Mark Fisher– via Zoom
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire – via Zoom
Annette Morgan– via Zoom
Bob Motion
Chris Newell– arrived at 12:55 p.m., left at 1:06 p.m.
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison – via Zoom
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Ken Nielsen, General Manager, Chinook Community Forest

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2022-1-1

“That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 13, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

**Committee of the Whole
Minutes – November 4, 2021**

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2022-1-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of November 4, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Market and Non-Market Changes in Assessments

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Motion

C.W.2022-1-3

“That the Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer’s Market and Non-Market Changes in Assessments memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Providing public communication regarding Property assessments and property taxes
- Property tax rates
- Average market value increase in the RDBN
- Average market value increase for residential property on agricultural land
- Industrial/commercial properties remaining stable with some values decreasing.

Emergency Program Activity Summary and 2021 Wildfire After-Action Report

Moved by Director Motion
Seconded by Director Atrill

C.W.2022-1-4

“That the Committee receive the Emergency Program Coordinators’ Emergency Program Activity Summary and 2021 Wildfire After-Action Report staff report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- The Board expressed appreciation for the excellent report and thanked staff for their work
- Positive feedback from First Nations communities regarding collaboration with First Nations communities during the 2021 Wildfire season
- Cooperation between BC Wildfire Service and local contractors to action the 2021 Wildfires in the region.

Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2022-1-5

“That the Committee receive the First Nations Liaison’s Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison provided an overview of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action memorandum focusing on Recommendations 22 and 23.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2022-1-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:11 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services