

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**(Committee of the Whole)**

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair Gerry Thiessen

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

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planning Technician/Regional Transit Coordinator  
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Jason Alexis, Economic Development Manager, Saik’uz First Nation - arrived at 1:23 p.m.  
Dave Bradshaw, Manager of Transportation & Technical Services, City of Prince George – via Zoom  
Michael Coulson, Transit Planner, City of Prince George– via Zoom  
Cora McIntosh- arrived at 1:18 p.m.  
Lindsay Taylor, Government Relations Manager, BC Transit – via Zoom  
Aaron Thompson, Planner, Service Review Lead, BC Transit – via Zoom  
Nicole Sutherland, Policy Analyst, Transit Branch, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Petersen

**RTC.2022-1-1**

“That the Regional Transit Agenda of March 17, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

Regional Transit Committee  
Minutes – November 4, 2021

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Petersen

RTC.2022-1-2

“That the Regional Transit Committee meeting minutes of  
November 4, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **BC TRANSIT – Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations RE: Highway 16 Service Review**

Chair Thiessen welcomed Lindsay Taylor, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit.

Ms. Taylor provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### **Highway 16 Service Review**

- Overview
- RT 161 Monthly Ridership
- RT 162 Monthly Ridership
- Highway 16 Service Review
- Service Review Process
- Community Context
- Engagement Strategies.

The following was discussed:

- Ridership numbers pre-pandemic and current ridership numbers
- BC Transit systems throughout the province have not yet returned to pre-pandemic ridership levels
  - o Bulkley Nechako Transit System has had the highest ridership recovery
  - o Will be reviewing ridership numbers
- Coordination of busing throughout the province
  - o Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)
    - BC Bus North
    - Community Transit Bus Program
  - o NDIT is working with each community that received Community Transit Bus Program funding with the assistance of a Transit Coordinator
- Fuel cost consideration
  - o Good news story in Prince George of someone taking transit now due to the high price of fuel
- RDBN working with BC Transit to capture and promote ridership in relation to high fuel prices.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Taylor for attending the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Motion  
Seconded by Director Lambert

RTC.2022-1-3

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:24 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Gerry Thiessen, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of  
Corporate Services