



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AGENDA
Thursday, April 14, 2022**

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING****Thursday, March 17, 2022**

PRESENT:	Chair	Gerry Thiessen
	Directors	Gladys Atrill – via Zoom Shane Brienen - via Zoom Mark Fisher Dolores Funk Tom Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Annette Morgan - via Zoom Bob Motion Chris Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson- via Zoom Sarrah Storey – via Zoom
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development Chelsey Fields, Accounting Clerk 1 – left at 11:49 a.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison – arrived at 12:00 p.m. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning Kyla Spankie, Administration Clerk – left at 11:47 a.m., returned at 12:01 p.m. Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Other	Taylor Turkington, Manager, Beswick Hildebrandt Lund, left at 11:50 a.m.
	Media	Eddie Huband/Priyanka, LD News

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services introduced Kyla Spankie, Administration Clerk and John Illes, Chief Financial Officer introduced Chelsey Fields, Accounting Clerk 1.

AUDITOR CFO Illes introduced Taylor Turkington, Manager, Beswick Hildebrandt Lund and noted that any questions the Directors may have can be discussed with the auditors.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2022-3-1

“That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 17, 2022 be approved.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – February 10, 2022

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2022-3-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 10, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Federation of Canadian
Municipalities 2022 Conference
-June 2-5, 2022 in Regina, SK
and Online

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2022-3-3

“That the Committee recommend that CAO Helgesen be authorized to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2022 Conference online and that the conference be streamed in the RDBN Boardroom from June 2 to 5, 2022.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

North Central Local
Government Association
AGM and Convention
-May 3-5, 2022 – In-person or
Virtual

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2022-3-4

“That the Committee recommend that the Chair and any Rural Directors be authorized to attend the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) AGM and Convention from May 3-5, 2022 either in-person or virtually.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Workplace Bullying,
Discrimination, Harassment,
and Violence Policy

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Funk

C.W.2022-3-5

“That the Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Workplace Bullying, Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Policy be approved and that the RDBN Anti-Harassment Policy be rescinded.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Transit and Parks and Trails Budget

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Motion

C.W.2022-3-6

“That the Committee recommend to the Board that the Transit and Parks and Trails budgets be included in the Regional District’s budget bylaw.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action Recommendation 43 Report

Moved by Director Funk
 Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2022-3-7

“That the Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to draft a report in regard to Recommendation 43 – We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2022-3-8

“That the Committee receive the following correspondence:
 -BC Cattlemen’s Association – Invitation – Emergency Management Roundtable
 -the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission – Invitation for Input re: Electoral Area Boundaries.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Write a Letter to the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission

Moved by Director McGuire
 Seconded by Director Brienen

C.W.2022-3-9

“That the Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission in regard to its Invitation for Input regarding Electoral Area Boundaries and requesting no changes be made to the electoral areas of the within the RDBN.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2022-3-10

“In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Northwest Resource Benefit Alliance) therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Parker

C.W.2022-3-11

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:11 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole

To: Chair and Committee
From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Date: April 14, 2022
Subject: Board Meeting Recordings for Public Viewing

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the Committee recommend that Board Meeting recordings be made available to the public via an RDBN YouTube channel. Further, that the recordings remain on the site until the next recording becomes available.

BACKGROUND

The new Boardroom technology provides opportunity for meetings to be recorded and for those meetings to be either livestreamed or uploaded for viewing following the meeting. Due to the size of the file, it is not possible to upload it to the RDBN website. Staff are recommending that an RDBN YouTube channel be created, and a link to the channel can be included on the RDBN website, and that social media posts will be made advising when the recording is available. Staff are also recommending that only Board Meeting recordings be made available.

In researching other local governments, it is common practice for the recordings to be uploaded the following day.

ATTACHMENTS

None



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors

FROM: Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison

DATE: April 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

To receive/discuss.

BACKGROUND

As part of the RDBN's efforts for creating space to discuss the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions' 94 Calls to Action and how to support local First Nations in their advocacy for reconciliation efforts in the region, staff has prepared this memo to discuss the Calls to Action that focus on Reconciliation, Equity for Aboriginal People in the legal system, and a National Council for Reconciliation.

As brought forward in this report, Calls 51 to 55 have had little reported advancement in their implementation. In 2019, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada issued the "Directive on Civil Litigation Involving Indigenous Peoples," which provides a directive on legal approaches, positions, and decisions taken in litigation involving indigenous treaty rights and the Crown's obligation towards Indigenous Peoples. This Directive will help the Government address Call 51 and continue discussions that seek a holistic response to publishing legal opinions¹. In addition, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations has a mandate to continue ongoing work with Indigenous governments and organizations to redesign the Comprehensive Land Claims and Inherent Rights policies, including policy approaches for the recognition and implementation of Indigenous titles². This, coupled with the 2019 co-developed Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights Policy for treaty negotiations in BC, is the progress made on Call 52.

In 2017, the Prime Minister announced the creation of an Interim Board of Directors who would make recommendations on the name, vision, mission,

¹ Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. 2022. "Delivering on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action: Equity for Aboriginal People in the Legal System." *Government of Canada*. <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1524503744418/1557511885830>

² Ibid

mandate, structure, membership, funding, reporting, and legislation of the National Council for Reconciliation³. In 2019, the Government of Canada announced a total of \$126.5 million budget to establish the National Council for Reconciliation, and in 2021 the Indigenous-led Transitional Committee began work on engagement on the draft legal framework⁴. The creation of the Indigenous-led Transitional Committee and the announced budget are progress made on Calls 53 and 54.

Call 55 is dependent on the formation of a National Council for Reconciliation. It would require all levels of government to provide annual reports or data to the Council on the overrepresentation of Indigenous Peoples in the criminal justice system, victimization, numbers of Indigenous youth in the child-welfare system, health of Indigenous communities, and the gaps in education and income between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples⁵.

CALLS TO ACTION FOR DISCUSSION

Reconciliation and equity for Aboriginal People in the legal system

51. We call upon the Government of Canada, as an obligation of its fiduciary responsibility, to develop a policy of transparency by publishing legal opinions it develops and upon which it acts or intends to act, in regard to the scope and extent of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

52. We call upon the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, and the courts to adopt the following legal principles:

- i. Aboriginal title claims are accepted once the Aboriginal claimant has established occupation over a particular territory at a particular point in time.
- ii. Once Aboriginal title has been established, the burden of proving any limitation on any rights arising from the existence of that title shifts to the party asserting such a limitation.

Reconciliation and National Council for Reconciliation

53. We call upon the Parliament of Canada, in consultation and collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to enact legislation to establish a National Council for Reconciliation. The legislation would establish the council as an independent, national, oversight body with membership jointly appointed by the Government of Canada and national Aboriginal organizations, and consisting of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members. Its mandate would include, but not be limited to, the following:

³ Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. 2022. “Delivering on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action: National Council for Reconciliation.” *Government of Canada*. <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1524503926054/1557514163015>

⁴ Ibid

⁵ CBC News. Beyond 94 – Call 55. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-single/beyond-94?&cta=55>

i. Monitor, evaluate, and report annually to Parliament and the people of Canada on the Government of Canada's post-apology progress on reconciliation to ensure that government accountability for reconciling the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the Crown is maintained in the coming years.

ii. Monitor, evaluate, and report to Parliament and the people of Canada on reconciliation progress across all levels and sectors of Canadian society, including the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action.

iii. Develop and implement a multi-year National Action Plan for Reconciliation, which includes research and policy development, public education programs, and resources.

iv. Promote public dialogue, public/private partnerships, and public initiatives for reconciliation.

54. We call upon the Government of Canada to provide multi-year funding for the National Council for Reconciliation to ensure that it has the financial, human, and technical resources required to conduct its work, including the endowment of a National Reconciliation Trust to advance the cause of reconciliation.

55. We call upon **all levels of government** to provide annual reports or any current data requested by the National Council for Reconciliation so that it can report on the progress towards reconciliation. The reports or data would include, but not be limited to:

i. The number of Aboriginal children — including Métis and Inuit children — in care, compared with non-Aboriginal children, the reasons for apprehension, and the total spending on preventive and care services by child-welfare agencies.

ii. Comparative funding for the education of First Nations children on and off reserves.

iii. The educational and income attainments of Aboriginal peoples in Canada compared with non- Aboriginal people.

iv. Progress on closing the gaps between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities in a number of health indicators such as: infant mortality, maternal health, suicide, mental health, addictions, life expectancy, birth rates, infant and child health issues, chronic diseases, illness and injury incidence, and the availability of appropriate health services.

v. Progress on eliminating the overrepresentation of Aboriginal children in youth custody over the next decade.

vi. Progress on reducing the rate of criminal victimization of Aboriginal people, including data related to homicide and family violence victimization and other crimes.

vii. Progress on reducing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the justice and correctional systems.