

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
AGENDA****Thursday, May 12, 2022**

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, April 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Mark Fisher
Clint Lambert
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer – via Zoom
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner – via Zoom
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Other Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

AGENDAMoved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert**RDC.2022-4-1**

"That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for April 14, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES****Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes
-March 17, 2022**Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert**RDC.2022-4-2**

"That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of March 17, 2022 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Addition to Reserve Referral

Addition to Cheslatta Reserve 1 Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2022-4-3 “That the RDBN send the attached letter as the RDBN’s response to Indigenous Services Canada’s request for comments for Cheslatta Carrier Nation’s request for an Addition to Reserve.

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Potential taxation implications
- Director Lambert has met with Cheslatta Carrier Nation, including discussions regarding potential impacts to the Southside Fire Department funding and developing an Official Community Plan for the Southside of Francois Lake
- Importance of ensuring that discussions are taking place with First Nations communities regarding additions to reserves.

Mine Referral

Notice of Work File #14675-20/ Mine #1650867 Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-4-4 “That the comment sheet be provided to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation as the Regional District’s comments on Notice of Work File #14675-20/MINE #1650867.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORTS

Verbal Report – Chair Parker

- Veterinarian shortage
 - o Province announced 20 additional seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan program for one year
 - No commitment for future years
 - Director Petersen mentioned that he spoke with a student from Vanderhoof in the program and she expressed her appreciation to the Regional District for their advocacy work
 - o Continuing with resolution to NCLGA and UBCM – will bring forward amendment to the resolution for review
 - o Chair Parker along with Mark Barnes, Director, Office of Research and Innovation, University of Northern BC, met with Shirley Bond, MLA, Prince George-Valemount, Coralee Oakes, MLA Cariboo North and Ian Paton, MLA Delta South, Critic for Agriculture & Food
 - UNBC is investigating options to provide educational programs
 - BC Veterinarian Society taking the lead regarding international veterinarian wanting to come to BC to practice.
- Integris Credit Union Meeting
 - o Understanding Economics in the Region
 - Housing needs and Labour shortage were the key challenges identified.

AGRICULTURE REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Chair's Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2022-4-5

"That Chair Parker's verbal report be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter to Minister Kang
Re: Investment in More BC Vets

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC>2022-4-6

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve sending the letter to the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister for Advanced Education, Skills and Training regarding Investment in More BC Vets."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RURAL REPORTS

COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Lambert

RDC.2022-4-7

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following applications for COVID-19 Relief Funds:

-Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

- Treehouse Housing Association – The Ark Playday Centre – Insurance - \$2,742.48
- Smithers Zone Canadian Ski Patrol – Insurance and Membership Fees - \$3,772.08

-Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)

- Burns Lake Community Garden Society – Insurance - \$673.44
- Ride Burns – Insurance and Fees - \$2,654.33
- Burns Lake & District Chamber of Commerce – Shop Local Campaign - \$2,000.00
- Lakes District Fair Association – Memberships, Fees, Insurance - \$922.68

-Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

- Fraser Lake Minor Hockey Association – Rental Fees - \$3,724.98
- Fraser Lake Curling Club – Rental Fees - \$1,419.00
- Fort Fraser Community Recreation Society – Utilities - \$856.89

-Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

- Francois Tchesinkut Lake Recreation Commission – Hydro - \$2,216.50
- Ride Burns – Insurance and Fees - \$2654.33
- Lakes District Fair Association – Memberships, Fees, Insurance - \$4,446.52."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Legacy Funding

Discussion took place regarding potential legacy funding opportunities with TransCanada Coastal GasLink. Further information regarding any legacy funding thus far to the Regional District, what is needed, what legacy funding has member municipalities received, rural area support was discussed. Staff will follow up and bring forward information for consideration at a future Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting.

Overdose Crisis and Supports

Director Lambert brought forward concerns regarding the record number of overdose cases recorded in February, 2022. He spoke of lack of facilities and assistance for those dealing with addictions. Chair Parker spoke of bringing the issue forward at a future Board or Committee of the Whole meeting.

Follow-up to Nathan Cullen, MLA Stikine Delegation at Committee of the Whole Meeting

Chair Parker spoke of the criteria restrictions regarding Northern Capital Planning Grant funding and having a follow up discussion with Nathan Cullen, MLA Stikine regarding the challenges. Federal Gas Tax and Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund was also discussed. Chair Parker, Director Fisher and CAO Helgesen will meet for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
 Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2022-4-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:34 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee

To: Chair and Rural/Agriculture Committee
From: Curtis Helgesen, CAO
Date: May 12, 2022
Subject: Legacy Funding – Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Discussion

BACKGROUND:

At the April 14, 2022 Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting, and several times informally over the past year, the Rural Directors have discussed potential legacy funding opportunities with TransCanada Coastal GasLink (CGL). One project that was explored over the past several months, was the possibility of obtaining a wood grinder for the RDBN's Environmental Services Department. This project was evaluated and based on the material to be grinded from the pipeline project (rig mats) and the use of that material in our operations, the project idea was abandoned. Connectivity investments have also been explored directly with CGL, but no progress at this time.

At the recent RBA meetings in Terrace, LNG Canada presented and outlined some of their legacy and community investments in the Kitimat/Terrace area, including a significant investment of \$850 million to the RDKS to support landfill expansion projects. This correlates and resonates with the impacts of this major LNG project in the Northwest, where the RDBN has accepted camp waste not only from the pipeline camps within the RDBN, but also from the Kitimat area. Staff are currently pulling together this information which will be presented in the near future.

Attached is an outline of examples of the Legacy Community Investments that TransCanada – Coastal GasLink made in communities within the RDBN in 2021, as well as examples of legacy funding to communities outside the RDBN boundaries along Coastal GasLink's route. We have also asked CGL for prior year investments in the region, which will assist the rural directors in analyzing and subsequently framing a formal legacy investment request. Based on these examples, and the approximate 50% population split between rural and municipal, the rural directors could consider a request that matches the municipal community investments.



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At this time, staff are suggesting a couple of ideas to start the discussion on what a formal legacy funding request could look like, and would also suggest some discussion should take place around who should receive the request.

In considering the RDBN's Broadband strategies and initiatives, a potential legacy funding partnership with TransCanada Coastal GasLink could be a Community Investment Broadband Fund that would be provided to the Regional District as a one-time contribution. In evaluating and comparing legacy investments that have been made in the region, a range for consideration could be in the neighbourhood of \$50,000 - \$100,000 for each electoral area for a total of \$350,000 - \$700,000. The monies would be set aside in a fund for broadband initiatives which would allow the Regional District to potentially match grant funding dollars and/or use the monies for future connectivity projects.

Additionally, a Community Investment Electoral Area Fund could be established in partnership with TransCanada Coastal GasLink. A one-time Community Investment Electoral Area Legacy fund contribution could be utilized similar to Grant in Aid and COVID-19 Relief Funding to assist the variety of groups offering services in the rural areas. The Regional District could allocate the funding to those that apply. The level of this funding request could be similar to the funding request as described above, or a percentage split between these two ideas.

The Regional District would oversee the funding allocations of both legacy funding opportunities and provide reporting to TransCanada.

Similar to the wood grinding idea, the impacts to our solid waste operations have been significant, and with the addition of out-of-region waste, a business case to both CGL and LNG Canada could be explored to seek legacy investments associated with our landfills for future capital expenditures.

Attachment: Email from TransCanada – Coastal GasLink – Legacy Community Investments 2021

From: [Wendy Wainwright](mailto:Wendy.Wainwright@tcenergy.com)
To: [Wendy Wainwright](mailto:Wendy.Wainwright@tcenergy.com)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Legacy Funding
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 3:31:13 PM

From: Tanner A Moulton <tanner_moulton@tcenergy.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 2:27 PM
To: Curtis Helgesen <curtis.helgesen@rdbn.bc.ca>
Cc: Kiel Giddens <kiel_giddens@tcenergy.com>; Ian McLeod (Contractor) <ian_mcleod@tcenergy.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Legacy Funding

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Hello Curtis,

I created a list to provide you with some examples of Legacy community investments that we made in communities within the RDBN in 2021. Those being:

1. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$50,000 to the District of Vanderhoof for them to replace their current Zamboni. The old arena Zamboni was propane powered and in need of replacement. The new Zamboni they purchased in 2021 is electric and falls in line with the District's climate action charter commitment.
2. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$50,000 for the Village of Fraser Lake's Emergency Services Expansion - Fire Engine project. This funding helped the municipality to secure a second certified fire engine, which will allow the municipality to expand service levels within the municipality as well as to their neighboring communities of Stellat'en and Nadleh Whut'en First Nations.
3. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$50,000 to the Village of Burns Lake for the redevelopment project to convert the historic church built in 1918 into a renewed community center owned and operated by the Village of Burns Lake for residents to use for future generations.
4. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$25,000 to the Toboggan Creek Salmon and Steelhead Enhancement Society in Smithers to assist them with their outdoor rearing pond upgrades.

*Additionally, I have included some examples of other Legacy investments made to communities located outside of the RDBN but still along our project route.

5. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$50,000 to the District of Chetwynd for the construction of a new community spray park.
6. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$25,000 to the District of Mackenzie for the community to build a fireplace/seating area on the top of Little Mac Ski Hill, so the community can gather

around it during events.

7. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$50,000 to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George supporting fire equipment purchases for structural and wildland fire fighting for rural volunteer fire departments.
8. Coastal GasLink *legacy* investment of \$40,000 to the City of Terrace for construction of their Eby Street off leash dog park.

I hope this helps provide some examples of what partnerships have been formed with some communities within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and can help shape our discussion for opportunities to partner with the regional district on a *Legacy* project for 2022.

I look forward to hearing from you to continue these discussions and please let me know if you would like any additional information.

All the best,

Tanner Moulton

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rural/Agriculture Committee

To: Chair and Committee
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: May 12, 2022
Subject: **COVID-19 Relief Funds**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following application for COVID-19 Relief Funds.

BACKGROUND

Area 'D' (Fraser Lake Rural)		
Fraser Lake Saddle Club	Insurance, Utilities	\$2,451

COVID-19 Relief Funds (up to May 4, 2022 - includes requests on this memo)

Electoral Area	Starting Balance	Funding Allocated	Funds Remaining
Electoral Area A	\$110,032	\$82,955	\$27,077
Electoral Area B	40,571	25,919	14,652
Electoral Area C	29,622	18,976	10,646
Electoral Area D	30,816	10,551	20,265
Electoral Area E	33,349	7,981	25,367
Electoral Area F	76,725	32,162	44,563
Electoral Area G	18,904	11,556	7,348
Total	\$340,019	\$190,100	\$149,920