

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 5

Thursday, April 28, 2022

PRESENT: Vice Chair Mark Parker

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert – arrived at 10:16 a.m.
Linda McGuire
Annette Morgan – via Zoom
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarrah Storey – via Zoom – left at 12:14 p.m.

Directors Shane Brienen, District of Houston
Absent Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Director Cyndi Lauze, District of Vanderhoof

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer – arrived at 10:29 a.m.
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 12:59 p.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison – arrived at 1:07 p.m., left at 1:12 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Maya Buchanan, Alternate Director, Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)
Darcy Bye, Senior Environmental Technician, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada – arrived at 10:45 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.
Charlie Edwards, Project Manager, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada – arrived at 10:45 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.
Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada – arrived at 10:15 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.
Ian McLeod, Community Relations Lead, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada – arrived at 10:45 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.
Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada – via Zoom – arrived at 10:15 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.
Tamara Trevelyan, Public Affairs Advisor, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada – arrived at 10:15 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.
Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations, Community Energy Association – via Zoom – left at 11:28 a.m.
Sian Weaver, Socio-economic Manager, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada – arrived at 10:45 a.m., left at 11:28 a.m.

Media Blair McBride, LD News

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DAY OF MOURNING RECOGNITION

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION

Director Fisher introduced Maya Buchanan, Alternate Director Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural).

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Newell

2022-5-1

"That the Board Meeting Agenda of April 28, 2022 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2022

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director McGuire

2022-5-2

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2022 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Board Meeting
Minutes April 14, 2022

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2022-5-3

"That the Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2022 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Minutes- April 14, 2022

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Newell

2022-5-4

"That the following Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
-April 14, 2022
- Connectivity Committee Meeting Minutes
-April 14, 2022
- Rural Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes
-April 14, 2022
- Waste Management Committee Minutes
-April 14, 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

COMMUNITY ENERGY ASSOCIATION – Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations Re: Update - via Zoom

Vice Chair Parker welcomed Rob van Adrichem, Director of External Relations, Community Energy Association.

Mr. van Adrichem provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Community Energy Association (CEA)

- Overview
- The Issue(s)
- Emissions
- New Homes
- Charge North
- About CEA
- Networks
- Northern Network
- Next Steps.

The following was discussed:

- Village of Granisle distribution of emissions
- No discussion regarding wood heat
 - o CEA is having a number of discussions regarding the topic
- Number of Community Advisors
- Rural representation on the Community Energy Association
- Electric charging stations funded through public sources
- Utilizing local building products to build homes
- Learning and adapting in the interest of communities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Implementing electric charging infrastructure to allow consumer access
- CEA collaboration and assist in creating capacity with local government
- BC Energy Step Code and BC Building Code
 - o Housing efficiencies
 - o Housing capacity challenges
 - o High housing costs prohibit building
 - o Past government energy efficient programs
 - o Incentives for residents to improve energy efficiency for older homes
- Community Energy Association Learning Lunch for elected officials
- CEA work with Northern BC Tourism and other tourism associations
 - o EV charging station locations in relation to communities.

Vice Chair Parker thanked Mr. van Adrichem for attending the meeting.

TRANS CANADA – COASTAL GASLINK –Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager and Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor, Sian Weaver, Socio-economic Manager RE: Update and SEEMP Presentation – via Zoom

Vice Chair Parker welcomed Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager, Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor and Sian Weaver, Socio-economic Manager, Coastal GasLink, TransCanada.

Messrs. Giddens, Moulton and Ms. Weaver provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

TRANS CANADA – COASTAL GASLINK –Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager and Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs and Sian Weaver, Socio-economic Effects Manager Advisor RE: Update and SEEMP Presentation – via Zoom (CONT'D)

TC Energy – Coastal GasLink

- About TC Energy
- Project Overview
- 2022 First Quarter Project highlights
- 2022 New Prime Contractor – Section 5
- 2022 Prime Contractor – Section 6
- 2022 New Prime Contractor – Section 7
- 2022 Prime Contractor – Section 8 East
- Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)
- SEEMP Report #6 Highlights
- SEEMP Report #7 Engagement
- SEEMP Feedback During 7th Reporting Cycle (December 2021 – May 2022)
- Employment
- Housing
- A legacy of benefits
- CoastalGasLink.com/OpenHouse
- Keeping in touch.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Transparency key going forward for TC Energy
- Safety, exploitation and public shaming where do people go and who to contact
 - o TC Energy will provide contacts
 - o Zero tolerance approach
 - o TC HR Investigator
- Community investment and legacy funding
 - o Connectivity fibre – Buckflats area
 - o Waste initiatives
 - o Encourage investment
 - o TransCanada expressed willingness to continue conversation regarding community investment and legacy programs
- Compressor stations and Phase 2 works
 - o LNG Canada and partners to determine if and when moving forward
- Determining waste volumes prior to projects and unforeseen circumstances may impact construction
 - o Rig mats – may be secondary uses in the region
- Extreme community labour shortages
 - o TC Energy impacted by labour shortages as well
 - o Union, local, provincial, national and international workers.

Vice Chair Parker thanked Messrs. Giddens and Moulton and Ms. Weaver for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Bylaw for 3rd Reading and Adoption

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Newell
RZ G-01-22 - 3rd Reading and Seconded by Director Lambert
Adoption for OCP Bylaw 1972,
2022 & Rezoning Bylaw 1973, 2022
-Electoral Area "G"

2022-5-5

1. "That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1972, 2022 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1973, 2022 on the Supplementary Agenda.
2. That "Houston, Topley, Granisle Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1972, 2022" be given third reading and adoption this 28th day of April, 2022.
3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1973, 2022" be given third reading and adoption this 28th day of April, 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for Adoption

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Fisher
RZ A-09-21 Adoption Seconded by Director Lambert
-Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969
-Electoral Area "A"

2022-5-6

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1969, 2022 be adopted this 28th day of April, 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Application

ALR Subdivision Application Moved by Director Lambert
No. 1242– Electoral Area "F" Seconded by Director Fisher

2022-5-7

"That the Board receive the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Referral Response regarding Subdivision in the ALR Application No. 1242 on the Supplementary Agenda.

That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1242 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval."

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Discussion took place regarding the importance of large acreage farmland in the eastern part of the region and for the potential for smaller parcels to be divided further in the future.

BUILDING INSPECTION (All Directors)

Letter to Minister Eby – BC Energy Step Code

The following was discussed:

- Challenges for log homes and the importance of this traditional housing form.
- Exemption of modular buildings and the negative impacts of these out of region buildings (loss of local employment and contractors)
- Increased costs associated with the step code
- Lack of Energy Advisors in the north and impact on rural housing shortage
- Need for a letter that balances acknowledgement for the need for energy efficiency with the delivery of a strong message regarding the impacts of the step code.

Letter to Minister Eby - BC Energy Step Code

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Lambert

2022-5-8

“That the Board ratify the letter to the Honourable David Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing regarding BC Energy Step Code.”

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-5-9

“That the Letter to Minister Eby, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing regarding BC Energy Step Code be deferred to the May 26, 2022 Board Meeting.”

Opposed: Director Atrill CARRIED
 Director Fisher
 Director Funk

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

ALR Application

ALR Subdivision Application No. 1242– Electoral Area “F”

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2022-5-10

“That the Board receive the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Referral Response regarding Subdivision in the ALR Application No. 1242 on the Supplementary Agenda.

“That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1242 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for denial.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for Lunch at 12:16 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-April 14, 2022

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Fisher

2022-5-11

"That the Board approve recommendations 1 to 3 as written:

Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 14, 2022

Recommendation 1:

Re: Board Meeting Recordings for Public Viewing

"That that Board and Committee 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."

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – April 14, 2022

Recommendation 2:

Re: Letter to Minister Kang Re: Investment in More BC Vets

"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."

Recommendation 3:

Re: COVID-19 Relief Fund Applications

"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

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Veterinarian Shortage Resolution

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-5-12

“That the Veterinarian Shortage Resolution be ratified as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Departmental Quarterly Reports

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

2022-5-13

“That the Board receive the Departmental Quarterly Reports.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community - Building Fund BC – Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Court/Climbing Wall Roof Replacement at BV Aquatic Center

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Motion

2022-5-14

1) “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$27,750.00 of Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project at the Bulkley Valley Aquatic Center, and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$27,750.00 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community - Building Fund BC – Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) District of Fort St. James – Zamboni for Fort Forum Arena

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Motion

2022-5-15

1) “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$185,500.00 of Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Recreation Infrastructure Project for the Fort Forum Arena, and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$185,500.00 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Canada Community - Building Fund BC – Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) District of Vanderhoof – Airport Lighting Project

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert

2022-5-16

1) “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$100,000.00 of Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Regional Airport Project at the Vanderhoof Airport, and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000.00 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Connexus Community Resources

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Alternate Director Lauze

2022-5-17

“That the Board approve allocating \$5,000.00 in Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) Grant in Aid monies to Connexus Community Resources to support a deck building project at Riverside Place.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2022-5-18

“That the Board receive the First Nations Liaison’s Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action memorandum and the Supplementary Agenda TRC Justice Calls to Action Discussion Paper memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Growing Opportunities Newsletter and Podcast Update

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2022-5-19

“That the Board receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator’s (East) Growing Opportunities Newsletter and Podcast Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Director Fisher – Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) Update

- Director Fisher spoke of attending the following meetings:
- Community Energy Association’s BC Step Code Learning Lunch session - good sessions to attend
 - CleanFarms update that included representatives from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. They are pleased with the rollout of the program and Vanderhoof farmers were recognized for their participation in the program
 - Met with Town of Smithers and Village of Telkwa Fire Chiefs to discuss rural fire supply – Northern Capital Planning Grant initiative which will tie into Round Lake and Cycle 16 initiatives to create synergies regarding rural water storage
 - Upcoming meeting – first Northern Coast Waste Management Association Meeting
 - Tonight – Elector Session in Smithers – everyone is invited to attend.

Director Petersen – Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) Update

Director Petersen, along with Directors Atrill and Greenaway and CAO Helgesen and CFO Illes attended the spring joint meeting with Northern Health. He spoke of the seven Regional Hospital Districts vying for the same funding. He will share the information with the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board once available. He mentioned Northern Health is not holding meetings at the NCLGA Conference May 4-6, 2022 but is willing to meet if there is a desire. Due to the local government elections in the fall of 2022 Northern Health won't be hosting their fall joint meeting but intends to meet in January, 2023.

Director Atrill – Town of Smithers Update

- Director Atrill spoke of the following:
- Town of Smithers has begun work on the re-landscaping of its Main Street
 - funded utilizing Northern Capital Planning Grant funding
 - completion August 2022
 - Town of Smithers budget process complete
 - Challenging process with an over 11% tax increase.
 - Town of Smithers hosted its first tour of Town Hall with Grade 1 students - It was a lot of fun.

Director McGuire – Village of Granisle Update

- Director McGuire provided the following update:
- Budget process nearing completion – small tax increase
 - Future fuel costs are unknown and challenging
 - Will receive Audit May 16, 2022
 - New business open in Granisle – Glass Emporium
 - Attended Community Energy Association BC Step Code Learning Lunch Session
 - Village of Granisle advocating for reduction in propane costs for residence – working with BC Utilities Commission and PNG
 - PNG is providing 100 energy kits to the community.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Greenaway – Electoral Area “C” (Fort St. James Rural) Director Greenaway mentioned that the Fort St. James Search and Rescue is raising funds for a building to house its equipment. They hosted a Community Dinner and Silent Auction and raised \$26,700. He had the honour of presenting a cheque for \$100,000 from grant in aid and District of Fort St. James Councillor Judy Greenaway presented a cheque for \$100,001. They have raised approximately \$530,000 to purchase the building and do minor upgrades. It was good to see the community come together.

Director Morgan – Village of Telkwa Director Morgan provided an update regarding the Village of Telkwa Council. She mentioned that they currently have three councillors ensuring business continuity. She noted they are working to ensure that a safe space is created for elected officials and that there is a vetting process in place.

Director Motion – District of Fort St. James Update Director Motion noted that after two years of COVID-19 it was refreshing to see people come together for events such as the one that supported the Fort St. James Search and Rescue.

Director Motion provided the following update:

- Fort St. James Arena
 - New Zamboini and in 2021 new ice plant
 - \$2.9 M arena upgrade
- RDBN/District of Fort St. James hosted the first Official Community Plan public meeting
 - Nak'azdli Whu'ten First Nations members in attendance
 - It was well attended
 - A number of volunteers stepped forward to assist
 - Good meeting.

Director Riis-Christianson -Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural) Update Director Riis-Christianson provided the following update:
- Attended the virtual BC Broadband Conference

- Province's new program announced in March a major topic of discussion
- Discussed creating connectivity as a utility similar to hydro in BC

- Endako Weir Project

- Received feedback on proposed Endako Weir Project
 - Risk to properties on the lake
 - Concerned regarding the ability of the proponent to respond to concerns related to the weir or erosion
 - Look forward to more information in coming months.

Director Lambert – Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Update Director Lambert spoke of attending the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance in Terrace April 22-23, 2022 with Minister Cullen.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Alternate Director Lauze -District of Vanderhoof Update

Alternate Director Lauze provided the following update for the District of Vanderhoof:

- Completed the budget process and there is a slight tax Increase
- In planning stages for the Grand Opening of the Vanderhoof Tourism Cultural Centre in the summer of 2022
- Easter Egg Hunt in Riverside Park – Organized by the Heritage Society – encouraging to see the number of people participating
- Nechako Valley Collaborative Community Table meeting
 - Investigating gaps in health care for men.

Vice Chair Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) Update

Vice Chair Parker provided an update regarding the veterinarian shortage in the north and all of British Columbia. He met with Susan Mowbray, Partner, Consulting, MNP in Vancouver to investigate a framework to develop an economic value in relation to the shortage of veterinarians in BC. He will receive it May 6, 2022. Vice Chair Parker has requested a meeting with Minister Cullen regarding the process for international vets to come to practice in BC.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

2022-5-20

"That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

2022-5-21

"In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Sections 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations and 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 (Cycle 16 Trail) must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Newell

2022-5-22

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:37 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY