

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
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

Director Absent Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
– arrived at 11:30 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Kim Menounos, Manager, Northern Interior Region, Fraser Basin Council – via Zoom – left at 10:28 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AGENDA Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2022-7-1 “That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 8, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – June 16, 2022

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2022-7-2

“That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

FRASER BASIN COUNCIL – Kim Menounos, Manager, Northern Interior Region.
RE: Update - via Zoom

Chair Thiessen welcomed Kim Menounos, Manager, Northern Interior Region, Fraser Basin Council.

Ms. Menounos provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

- The Fraser Basin Council Vision
- Role of the Fraser Basin Council (FBC)
- Some ways FBC works
- Three strategic priorities for 2022-2026
- Northern Interior Regional Projects
 - Air Quality
 - AQ Monitoring Working Group
 - Nechako Watershed Roundtable (NWR)
 - FBC Supporting NWR
- Lake Monitoring Strategy Development & NWR Portal Enhancement
 - Supports NWR Strategic Priorities
 - REFBC funded, with support from UNBC
- Fraser Basin Council in the Region
 - North Central Local Government Association
- Projects beyond the region
 - Fraser Landslides Research Project
 - Indigenous Partnerships for Caribou Recovery Program
 - Facilitation of Regional Wildlife Advisory Committees (RWACs).

The following was discussed:

- FBC's working relationship with the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance
 - Resident concerns regarding Burns Lake Weir
- FBC's awareness of the 11 dead sturgeons found in the Nechako River
 - Support water initiatives
- River health issues.

Chair Thiessen thanked Ms. Menounos for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

Delegation of Authority Bylaw

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2022-7-3

"That the Delegation of Authority Bylaw be brought to the September 22, 2022 Board meeting for the Board's consideration. Further, that staff bring forward an amendment to the RDBN Officer Bylaw."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support Ulkatcho First Nation Evacuation Route

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2022-7-4

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the letter of support for Ulkatcho First Nation."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Thiessen reached out to Saik'uz First Nation. Discussion took place regarding Ministry of Forests involvement in regard to fish and wildlife considerations as well as the Cariboo Regional District. Staff will request a map from Ulkatcho First Nation to provide to the Board.

Break at 10:50 a.m.– Received notification of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Topley Fire Hall Expansion

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brienens

C.W.2022-7-5

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the expansion to the Topley Fire Hall subject to the Topley Volunteer Fire Department securing the funds to complete the entire project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Revised Regional Emergency Support Services Plan

Moved by Director Brienens
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2022-7-6

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the revised Regional Emergency Support Services Plan."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services provided an overview of the revised Regional ESS Plan. Discussion took place regarding challenges for emergency services in the event of loss of phone/cell phone communication.

Jackpine/Skillhorn Prescribed Fire Project

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Brien

C.W.2022-7-7

"That the Committee receive the Director of Protective Services' Jackpine/Skillhorn Prescribed Fire Project memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will follow up in regard to the maintenance of the area at the completion of the prescribed fire project and the possibility of utilizing livestock to decrease duff. The Committee discussed continuing to receive information and encourage the BC Wildfire Service – Bulkley Fire Zone to provide the opportunity for public consultation.

Town of Smithers Request for Support for the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation Grant Fund Application

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Fisher

C.W.2022-7-8

"That the Committee recommend to the RDBN Board that the RDBN collaborate with the Town of Smithers on two joint applications to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Grant Fund for Category 2: Non-structural, and Category 3: Structural.

Further that the Committee recommend that the Board submit a letter of support on behalf of the application."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Landowner Transparency Act Moved by Director Motion
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2022-7-9 "That the Committee receive the Chief Financial Officer's
Landowner Transparency Act memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will conduct outreach with the regions not-for profit organizations in regard *the Landowner Transparency Act*.

Truth and Reconciliation
Calls to Action Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Brienens

C.W.2022-7-10 "That the Committee receive the First Nations Liaison's Truth
and Reconciliation Calls to Action memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Union of B.C. Municipalities

TC Energy – Coastal GasLink
at UBCM - Meeting Request Moved by Director Brienens
Seconded by Director Atrill

C.W.2022-7-11 "That the Committee receive the Administration
Correspondence from TC Energy – Coastal GasLink regarding
UBCM Meeting Request."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee discussed concerns regarding traffic safety and TC Energy incident follow-up regarding Coastal GasLink. Some areas of the region have had good interactions with pipeline contractors.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2022-7-12

"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 federal government or both and a third party (connectivity) must be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2022-7-13

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:44 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services