

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 10

Thursday, August 11, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Annette Morgan – via Zoom - left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 1:09 p.m.
Bob Motion
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson

Director Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Absent

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services – via Zoom – arrived at 1:11 p.m. left at 2:30 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer – via Zoom
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 11:48 a.m., left at 1:25 p.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – arrived at 11:47 a.m., left at 2:49 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Other Brandon Doering, Project Director, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy – arrived at 11:48 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 1:21 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.
Charlie Edwards, Construction Manager, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy – arrived at 11:48 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 1:21 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.
Sian Weaver, Manager Socio-Economics, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy – arrived at 11:48 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 1:21 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.
Chris Thompson, Team Lead Land Management, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy – arrived at 11:48 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 1:21 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.
Nicole Stuckert, Sr. Land Management, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy – arrived at 11:48 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 1:21 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.
Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy – arrived at 11:48 a.m., left at 12:12 p.m., returned at 1:21 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thiessen called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2022-10-1

"In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality (Legal Issues); may be closed to the public therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reconvened at 11:45 am

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-10-2

"That the Board Meeting Agenda of August 11, 2022 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Board Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2022

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuire

2022-10-3

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2022 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2022

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lambert

2022-10-4

"That the Rural Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2022 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (All Directors)

Temporary Use Permit

Temporary Use TUP F-02-19
Permit Renewal Request
-Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2022-10-5

"That the Board approve a renewal of Temporary Use Permit F-02-19 for the Stockpile Site 10A located on the properties legally described as Section 35, Township 18, Range 5, Coast District, and Part of Primary: Section 26, Township 18, Range 5, Coast District for a three-year duration."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Temporary Use Permit (Cont'd)

Temporary Use TUP F-03-19 Moved by Director Petersen
Permit Renewal Request Seconded by Director Parker
-Electoral Area "F"

2022-10-6 "That the Board approve a renewal of Temporary Use Permit F-03-19 for the Coastal GasLink Laydown Site 26 located on the property legally described as Part of Primary: Section 26, Township 18, Range 5, Coast District for a three-year duration."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAW FOR ADOPTION

Development Variance Moved by Director Fisher
Application No. A-01-22 Seconded by Director Atrill
Electoral Area A

- 2022-10-7
1. "That the Board receive the submissions regarding Development Variance Permit Application No. A-01-22 on the Supplementary Agenda.
 2. That the Board approve Development Variance Permit A-01-22 for the property located at 6315 Hetherington Road to allow the following variances to "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" for the purpose of constructing an accessory building for a studio/workshop:
 - Vary Section 3.0.8.1d) by reducing the setback from 15 m to 7.5 m,
 - Vary Section 14.0.4.1a) by reducing the setback of a structure from a Front Parcel Line from 7.5 m to 2.5 m, and
 - Vary Section 14.0.4.1c) by reducing the setback from a parcel line that which abuts a highway from 7.5 m to 2.5 m.
 3. That the Board direct staff to issue the permit once a copy of an approved setback permit for the studio/shop from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is received and once a demolition permit for the shed has been issued by the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ALL DIRECTORS)

Municipal Referral

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Greenaway
RZ C-01-20 (Willick) Adoption Seconded by Director Motion
Report – Rezoning Bylaw 1915,
2020 - Electoral Area C

2022-10-8 "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1915, 2020 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAND REFERRAL

Crown Land Application Moved by Director Greenaway
No. 7410236 - Electoral Area C Seconded by Director Petersen

2022-10-9 "That the comment sheet on Crown Land Application No. 7410236 be provided to the Province."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Remuneration Bylaw Review Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Parker

2022-10-10 "That staff bring back a remuneration amendment bylaw for consideration that clarifies meal expenses and travel remuneration as recommended in the Chief Financial Officer's Remuneration Bylaw Review memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Local Government Climate Moved by Director Atrill
Action Program (LGCAP) Seconded by Director Fisher

2022-10-11 "That the Board direct staff to approach member municipalities with respect to forming partnerships for the measurement of Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions and setting GHG reduction targets.

That the Board direct staff to bring back a memo outlining appropriate methods and timelines for the creation of a Climate Action Strategy.

That the Board receive the Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission."

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer brought forward staff capacity required to address the GHG emissions measurements and targets required for local governments and local communities. Discussion took place regarding options to move forward and options to decline participation in the provincial program.

Climate Action Initiative Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Previous Program and Funding Seconded by Director Brienen

2022-10-12 "That staff bring back a budget amendment to utilize the remaining carbon credit/carbon project reserve for the replacement of the administration office's heating and cooling system"

Opposed: Director Fisher **CARRIED**

(All/Directors/Majority)

Break for lunch at 12:12 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Staff Appreciation Awards

Chair Thiessen provided Staff Appreciation Awards to the following staff:

- Allan Domonkos, Granisle Transfer Station Attendant -15 years of Service
- Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning - 15 years of Service
- Maria Sandberg, Planning and Parks Coordinator - 15 years of Service
- Ken Heer, Fort St. James Transfer Station Attendant – 10 years of Service
- Franz Nathaus, Southside Transfer Station Attendant – 10 years
- Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – 5 years of Service
- Jack Green, Clearview Landfill Attendant – 5 years
- Mike Warren, Burns Lake Transfer Station Recycling Attendant – 5 years of Service.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

RDBN Public Event
Participation Policy

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-10-13

“That the Board approve the Regional District of Bulkley-
Nechako Public Event Participation Policy.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community - Building
Fund BC – Area C (Fort St.
James Rural) Community Arts
Council of Fort St. James
-Furnace Replacement

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Motion

2022-10-14

1) “That the Board authorize contributing up to \$15,000 of
Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Canada Community-
Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Community Energy
System Project for Community Arts Council of Fort St. James,
and further,

(Participants/weighted/majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$15,000 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) St John Hospital Auxiliary Society – Stuart Nechako Manor Bus Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2022-10-15

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$35,000 of Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a Public Transit project, and further,

(Participants/weighted/majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$35,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Bulkley-Valley Search and Rescue Training and Operations Center

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-10-16

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$200,000 of Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to RDBN Environmental Services for a Solid Waste Infrastructure Project.

2) That the Board approve allocating up to \$200,000 in Regional Grant in Aid monies to Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue for construction of a Training and Operations Center.

(Participants/weighted/majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$200,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Skate Board Park Expansion Project

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-10-17

1) "That the Board rescind 1 and 2 of resolution 2017-15-10 from November 23, 2017:

1. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize contributing up to \$30,000 of Electoral Area "A" Federal Gas Tax allocation monies to the Town of Smithers for the Skate Park renovation and expansion;

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

2. "That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the withdrawal of up to \$30,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$70,000 of Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to Environmental Services for a Solid Waste Infrastructure Project.

3) That the Board approve allocating \$70,000 in Regional Grant in Aid monies to the Smithers Skate Park Society for construction of the Skate Park Expansion.

(Participants/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$70,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid – Area F
(Vanderhoof Rural) Nulki-
Tachick Lake Stewardship Society

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2022-10-18

"That the Board approve allocating \$5,000 in Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Grant in Aid monies to the Nulki-Tachick Lakes Stewardship Society for an Expanded Macrophyte Harvest Feasibility Study on Nulki and Tachick Lakes."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Southside Fire Department
Repairs and Maintenance
Reserve

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2022-10-19

"That the Board approve the withdrawal of \$4,747.00 from the Southside Volunteer Fire Department Repairs and Maintenance Reserve for the cost of repairs to their apparatus which were required to pass the commercial vehicle inspections."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Invitation for Comments Zero
Emissions Vehicles Act
and Regulations

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Lambert

2022-10-20

"That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's Invitation for Comments Zero Emissions Vehicles Act and Regulations memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding amendments to vehicle weights. Further discussion will be brought forward under New Business.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-10-21 "That the Board receive the First Nations Liaison's Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Administration Correspondence Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Brien

2022-10-22 "That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Ministry of Forests – Timber, Range and Economic Division – Intention Paper Initiatives and Policies for Community Forest Agreements and RDBN March 1, 2022 Letter RE: Harmonizing Stumpage Policy For Community Forests
-Bulkley Valley Community Foundation Annual Report for 2021
-Regional District of Nanaimo – Support for UBCM Resolution – Legislative Reform Initiative
-Union of B.C. Municipalities - Re: 2021 CEPF: Emergency Support Services (Regional: Team Development)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting with the Official Opposition Leader at UBCM Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Parker

2022-10-23 "That the Board request a meeting with Kevin Falcon, Official Opposition Leader, Liberal Party at the UBCM Convention in Whistler, September 2022."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UBCM Invitations Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuire

2022-10-24 "That the Board receive the UBCM Invitation to Meet Office of Seniors Advocate and Land Title and Survey Authority of BC."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

DELEGATION

TC Energy – Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Manager – RE: Huckleberry Camp Temporary Use Permit

Chair Thiessen welcomed Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Manager, Brandon Doering, Project Director, Charlie Edwards, Construction Manager, Sian Weaver, Manager Socio-Economics, Chris Thompson, Team Lead Land Management, Nicole Stuckert, Sr. Land Management, Coastal GasLink, TC Energy.

DELEGATION

TC Energy – Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Manager – RE: Huckleberry Camp Temporary Use Permit (Cont'd)

Mr. Moulton provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding their proposal to increase capacity of their Huckleberry work Camp from 800 to 1229 persons.

1. Prime Contractor overview and scope
2. Impacts to schedule and workforce mobilization
3. Workforce accommodation strategy
4. Site plans & access
5. Traffic management plan
6. Waste management
7. Coastal GasLink's engagement
8. Coastal GasLink's Community Investment within the Region.

The presentation was followed by discussion regarding the potential social, healthcare, traffic, and infrastructure implications associated with the capacity increase.

Chair Thiessen thanked Coastal GasLink, TC Energy for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Regional Grant in Aid Request Moved by Director Parker
BC Cattlemen's for Economic Seconded by Director Petersen
Impact of Veterinarian Shortage
Study

2022-10-25 "That the Board approve contributing \$5,000 of Regional Grant in Aid monies to the BC Cattlemen's Association for the Economic Impact Study on the Veterinarian Shortage."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid Area E (Francois/ Moved by Director Lambert
Ootsa Lake Rural) Southside Seconded by Director Petersen
Economic Development
Association (SEDA)

2022-10-26 "That the Board approve allocating \$4,000 in Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grant in Aid monies to the Southside Economic Development Association to support a renovation of the SEDA Center."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (ALL DIRECTORS)

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

Huckleberry Work Camp Moved by Director Brien
Temporary Use Permit Electoral Seconded by Director McGuire
Area G

2022-10-27 "That TUP G-01-19 be renewed for an additional three years."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING (ALL DIRECTORS)

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding:

- TUP review process to issue a new TUP with an increased capacity of 1,229 persons for Board consideration at its September 22nd meeting
- Camp Area C of camp area on Crown Land
 - BC Oil and Gas Commission provides land use approvals for Crown Land involving pipeline construction
- Kitchen facilities located in the camp outlined as Area A
- Option 1, 2, 3 in staff memorandum
- Concerns regarding timeline of request from CGL to increase camp capacity
- Site reclamation replanted into forest
- Board direction required for staff to monitor camp capacity until completion of TUP process.

Huckleberry Work Camp
Temporary Use Permit
Electoral Area G

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Motion

2022-10-28

“That staff process Application TUP G-01-22 for a new temporary use permit to increase Huckleberry Work Camp capacity to 1,229 persons for consideration at the September 22, 2022, Board Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- The Board’s ability to approve the capacity increase at the August 11th Board meeting.
- The variance from regular process and regulations necessary to support CGL’s request.
- The implications of advising CGL that no enforcement action is contemplated in the short term.

NEW BUSINESS

Invitation for Comments Zero
Emissions Vehicles Act
and Regulations

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director McGuire

2022-10-29

“That the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation requesting that the province not implement its proposed changes to the ZEV Regulation under Section 2.8 Vehicle weight to Amend the definition of ‘light-duty motor vehicle’ to increase the gross vehicle weight rating to 4,536 kgs or less.”

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-10-30

“That the Board defer Motion 2022-10-29 and request staff bring forward additional information regarding Section 2.8 Vehicle weight outlined in the B.C. Zero-Emission Vehicles Act and Regulation: 2022 Formal Review Intentions Paper.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Town of Smithers Update

Director Atrill commented that Smithers will be celebrating Alex Cuba on September 27, 2022 by hosting a tribute to the Grammy winning artist.

Passing of Dave Stevens, Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society

Director Fisher spoke of the passing of Dave Stevens, Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society. He noted that Mr. Stevens was committed to the health and quality of life for the region and he will be sadly missed. Director Morgan spoke of Mr. Stevens contributions to the Village of Telkwa over the past 30 years.

Village of Telkwa Update

Director Morgan provided the following update:

- Invitation to the Telkwa Barbeque – September 3-5, 2022
- September 29th Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Village of Granisle Update

Director McGuire provided the following update:

- Invitation to Granisle Days August 13, 2022
- RCMP relationship building relationships following the July 21, 2022 Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting RCMP presentation
- Advocating to have RCMP return to Granisle rather than share with Houston.

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

2022-10-31

“That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Atrill

2022-10-32

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:26 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gerry Thiessen, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services