

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 2

Thursday, February 23, 2023

PRESENT:	Chair	Mark Parker
	Directors	Gladys Atrill Shane Brienen – via Zoom – arrived at 11:10 a.m., left at 12:00 p.m. Leroy Dekens Martin Elphee Judy Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Shirley Moon Kevin Moutray Chris Newell Michael Riis-Christianson Stoney Stoltenberg Henry Wiebe
	Director Absent	Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake
	Alternate Director	Audrey Fennema, Village of Fraser Lake
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer - via Zoom – left at 12:49 p.m. Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services John Illes, Chief Financial Officer - arrived at 10:06 a.m. Steve Davis, Building Inspector – arrived at 10:58 a.m., left at 11:04 a.m. Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – arrived at 10:54 a.m. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 11:45 a.m., returned at 12:49 p.m., left at 2:15 p.m. Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Other	Dale Bellavance, HBM Resorts – via Zoom – left at 10:58 a.m. Doug Bysouth, Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) – arrived at 10:50 a.m. Gary Mathiesen, Hudson Bay Mountain Resort – via Zoom – left at 10:58 a.m. Lionel Conant, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Judith Friesen, District of Fort St. James Alex Kulchar, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Trevor Krisher, Electoral Area A (Smithers Rural) Charlie Rensby, Village of Burns Lake – left at 12:00 p.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services conducted the Oath of Office for Lionel Conant, Alternate Director, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural), Judith Friesen, Alternate Director, District of Fort St. James, Alex Kulchar, Alternate Director, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural), and Charlie Rensby, Alternate Director, Village of Burns Lake.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-2-1

"That the Board Meeting Agenda of February 23, 2023 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2023

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-2-2

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2023 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes -February 9, 2023

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-2-3

"That the Board receive the following Committee Meeting Minutes:

-Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

- February 9, 2023

-Connectivity Committee Meeting Minutes

- February 9, 2023

-Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes

- February 9, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Bylaw for Adoption

Rezoning Application Moved by Director Stoltenberg
RZ A-02-22 (HBM) Adoption Seconded by Director Dekens
Report Rezoning Bylaw
No. 1980, 2022 Electoral Area A
(Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

2023-2-4

1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 1980, 2022 be adopted this 23rd day of February, 2023."

2. And that the Board approve the discharge of Covenant BB737241, and associated covenant amendment documents."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Land Referral

Crown Land Application Moved by Director Lambert
Referral No. 6409416 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson
Electoral Area E (Francois/
Ootsa Lake Rural)

2023-2-5

"That Crown Land Application No. 6409416 comment sheet be provided to BC Emergency Health Services as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Withdrawal of Disposition Application No. 6409416 as amended to include the request that the applicant consult with existing land users."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PARKS AND TRAILS

Recreation Contribution Moved by Director Atrill
Grant Program Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-2-6

"That the Board approve the "Recreation Contribution Service Advisory Committees Terms of Reference" and "Recreation Contribution Grant Program Policy"."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION

Section 57 Notice on Title
2050 Clearview Drive
- Electoral Area B (Burns Lake
Rural)

No comments received by the property owner.

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-2-7

"That the Corporate Officer be directed to file a Notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* relating to land legally described as Lot 31, District Lot 1890, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 10853 (2050 Clearview Drive)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Section 57 Notice on Title
6851 Williams Frontage Rd.
- Electoral Area A (Smithers
Rural)

No comments received by the property owner.

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Elphee

2023-2-8

"That the Corporate Officer be directed to file a Notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* relating to land legally described as Lot 1, Section 14, Township 1A, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 11380 (6851 Williams Frontage Rd)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-February 9, 2023

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-2-9

"That the Board approve the February 9, 2023 Committee Meeting Recommendations 1 through 3 as written:

Committee of the Whole – January 12, 2023

Recommendation 1:

Re: Tax Implications

"That staff target a 6% property tax increase for the 2023 budget."

Recommendation 2:

Re: Service Area Budgets

"That the Service Area Budgets be included in the 2023 Regional District Budget."

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting – February 9, 2023

Recommendation 3:

Re: Northwest Invasive Plant Council 2023 Budget

"That the Board approve a contribution of \$35,000 to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council in the 2023 Invasive Plant Control Budget; and further, write a letter requesting a future meeting to discuss future funding of the program."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Revised Committee
Terms of Reference

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-2-10

"That the following RDBN Terms of Reference (TOR) be approved as revised:

- Committee of the Whole
- Rural/Agriculture Committee
- Connectivity Committee
- Natural Resources Committee."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

RDBN Code of Conduct

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-2-11

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' RDBN Code of Conduct memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Chair Parker and CAO Helgesen have been invited to participate in the Local Government Leadership Academy Elected Officials Seminar Series Codes of Conduct and Roles & Responsibilities Panel in Prince George on March 15th
- Directors differing values and objectives
 - o Extraordinary situations
 - o Personal vs. Elected Official
 - o Making decisions of consciousness
- Respecting Board of Directors decisions and decision making process
- RDBN Code of Conduct
 - o Guideline
 - o Assist in educating elected officials in their roles and responsibilities
 - o Section 10 – Implementation
 - Potentially removing "Persons elected to the RD will be requested to sign the Director's Statement affirming they have read and understand the RD's Code of Conduct"
 - Amending the wording regarding the requirement to sign the Code of Conduct
 - Directors choosing not to sign the Code of Conduct
 - o Lengthy document
 - o Values identified in code of conduct naturally followed by many individuals
 - o Potentially drafting a Directors Statement
- UBCM Code of Conduct – simplified
- Members of a local government legislated by the provincial government
- Legislative requirements regarding the Code of Conduct being reviewed within six months of a new term of office
- Requirements to remove an elected official from their position
- Reviewing the Code of Conduct further once Directors have attended the Elected Officials Seminar in Prince George on March 15-17th

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Reviewing the document at the April 6th RDBN Committee of the Whole Meeting
- RDBN Board is respectful of one another and work well together
- Signing the Oath of Office implies an understanding of the Code of Conduct.

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-2-12

"That the Board approve removing the requirement for signature from the RDBN Code of Conduct."

Discussion took place regarding including a signature line to indicate that the document has been read and understood and amending Section 10 – Implementation.

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-2-13

"That the Board defer the RDBN Code of Conduct to the April 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting."

Opposed: Director Dekens CARRIED
 Director Newell

(All/Directors/Majority)

Parks and Trails and
Recreation Contribution
Grant Budgets

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-2-14

"That the Parks and Trails and Recreation Contribution Grant budgets be included in the Regional District's budget bylaw."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Smithers Victim Services

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-2-15

"That the Board consider the increased funding request from the Society of Domestic Peace and recommend that the grant for 2023 be increased to \$45,000."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:49 p.m.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-2-16

"That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1)(c), (g), and (l) of the *Community Charter* for the Board to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Labour relations
- Building infractions
- Strategic Plan."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reconvened from the In-Camera Meeting at 2:09 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Five Year Financial Plan

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-2-17

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Plan Bylaw No. 1994, 2023 be given first and second reading this 23rd day of February, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Illes, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the Five Year Financial Plan memorandum. He spoke of the following:

- 3.7% taxation increase for major services
- Board requested a more detailed outline of Environmental Services-Other-Variou Projects under \$100,000
 - o Staff will provide the listing of approved capital projects at a future meeting
 - o Final grant funding amounts are still forthcoming from higher levels of government
 - o Environmental Services received additional industrial tipping fees than anticipated
 - o Electoral Area Directors to review the draft requisitions for each electoral area and provide feedback to himself or CAO Helgesen.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Lakes District Arts and
Culture Fund Request
- Village of Burns Lake

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-2-18

"That the Village of Burns Lake be given \$8,000 in Lakes District Arts and Culture Fund monies for the Centennial Celebration Event."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid for Areas B
(Burns Lake Rural) and
E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
-Lakes Outdoor Recreation
Society

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2023-2-19

"That the Board approve allocating \$5,000 in Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grant in Aid monies (\$2,500 each) to the Lakes Outdoor Recreation Society for an Outhouse project at the Ootsa Lake Recreation Site."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community-Building
Fund BC – Area A (Smithers/
Telkwa Rural) Smithers
Skate Park Society – Phase
II Expansion

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-2-20

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$100,000 of Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to a recreation project by the Smithers Skate Park Society, and further,

(Participants/Weighted/Majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Union of BC Municipalities Moved by Director Lambert
Community Emergency Seconded by Director McGuire
Preparedness Fund
-Emergency Support Services Application

2023-2-21 "That the Board supports the submission of a regional application to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (UBCM) – Emergency Support Services (ESS) funding stream for the 2023 grant on behalf of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN), Village of Granisle, and District of Houston. Further, the Board authorize staff and understands that if the grant is approved, the RDBN will receive and manage all grant funding, and commits to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report on DRIPA and Draft Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Reconciliation Action Plan Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-2-22 "That the Board receive the First Nations Liaison Report on DRIPA and Draft RDBN Reconciliation Action Plan memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Office of the Premier Moved by Director Lambert
Response – Letter from the Seconded by Director Stoltenberg
The RDBN – Government of
Canada's Amendments to Bill C-21

2023-2-23 "That the Board receive the correspondence from the Office of the Premier Response – Letter from the RDBN – Government of Canada's Amendments to Bill C-21."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clean Transportation Action Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Plan: Consultation Paper Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-2-24 "That the Board receive the correspondence from the Clean Transportation Action Plan: Consultation Paper."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Concerns regarding Clean Transportation Action Plan differences in northern B.C. vs. southern B.C.
- Research is needed to find ways that will work in northern B.C.
- Northern B.C. currently relies heavily on fossil fuels in industrial and every day applications
- More details are needed concerning achievable targets
- Targets are listed with no explanation as to how to achieve those targets
- "Zero-emission vehicles targets:" reference to aligning with the approach taken by the State of California
 - What comparison can be made between B.C. and the State of California?
- Concerns regarding targets and what will happen to:
 - Medium and heavy-duty vehicles
 - Transport of goods from southern B.C. to northern B.C.
 - Cold weather impacts to EVs
 - Intended outcome and value for all gas fueled vehicles
- Request from constituents in some areas to investigate and move toward initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that can be implemented in northern B.C.
- Clean BC offer to provide a presentation to the Board
- NCLGA Resolution and a Letter to Clean BC
 - Opportunity to provide feedback and potential solutions
- Clarifying how rural communities and northern B.C. can achieve Provincial targets.

Clean Transportation Action
Plan: Consultation Paper

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-2-25

"That the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation requesting clarification in what manner the Province intends to accomplish its Clean Transportation Action Plan as well as provide clarification regarding targets in northern B.C. vs. southern B.C.; and further, that Clean BC be invited to provide a presentation to the Board regarding the Clean Transportation Action Plan."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) – Update

Director Greenaway provided the following update:

- Received a call from Brian Frenkel, Councillor, District of Vanderhoof regarding Old Growth Deferral
 - o Old Growth Strategic Renewal Meeting in April
- Fourth Annual Jordan Marshall Memorial Hockey Tournament in Fort St. James was held February 17th to 19th in support of mental health
- Fort St. James Snowmobile Club hosted a Poker Ride on February 18th with 235 hands given to riders.

Village of Burns Lake -Update

Director Wiebe gave an update regarding the Village of Burns Lake:

- Prince George Spruce Kings and Salmon Arm Silverbacks played two games at the Tom Forsyth Memorial Arena as part of the BC Hockey League's 2023 instalment of the league's Road Show on February 18th – 19th
- February 26th is the Burns Lake Centennial Ice Fishing Derby being hosted by Michels and Coastal GasLink
- Burns Lake in partnership with Lake Babine Nation was successful in receiving the Active Transportation Grant to complete its sidewalk project.

Electoral Area G (Houston/ Granisle Rural) – Update

Director Newell provided the following update:

- Concerns regarding the mill closure announcement in Houston
 - o Upcoming meeting to outline worker supports to be implemented
 - o Wanting to ensure supports for all those impacted
- RCMP Survey – plan to complete survey
- CBC contacted Director Newell requesting a comment regarding RCMP's involvement in the sabotage of Coastal GasLink Property in early 2022.

District of Vanderhoof -Update

Director Moutray noted that the District of Vanderhoof has been addressing the following:

- Old Growth Deferral and Biodiversity
 - o Councillor Brian Frenkel has written a letter which will be sent today
 - o Reviewed areas outlined in the Provincial mapping for Old Growth Deferral areas and the information in the mapping doesn't correlate with on the ground information.

Electoral Area A (Smithers Rural) – Update

Director Stoltenberg commented that he attended the Bulkley Valley Wild Game Banquet and has been working with various groups in the Regional District and Smithers area regarding grant funding.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Granisle – Update

Director McGuire provided the following update regarding the Village of Granisle:

- Held its quarterly Town Hall Meeting on February 21st
 - o Provided the community with the utility needs for 2023
 - o Only community in the north that continues to provide a discount to utility bills if residents pay their bill prior to April 30th
- Both the CAO and CFO have announced their retirement as of June 30th
 - o Council has blended the position and the posting closes February 24th
- Babine Lake Community Forest provided both its partners, Lake Babine Nation and the Village of Granisle \$650,000 in funding:
 - o Council will allocate 75% of the funding to municipal projects and 25% is being provided to community groups/initiatives over the next 2-3 years
- The Village's 50th Birthday took place during COVID so the community is planning a homecoming celebration in 2024
- Granisle Marina major restoration project
 - o Grant funding has been approved by the Federal Government as well as matching funds from the Village of Granisle for 58 docks which have been ordered and will be installed.

Village of Fraser Lake -Update

Alternate Director Fennema provided the following update:

- received a tour of the upgrades to the Curling Rink/Community Hall Project
 - o First Phase to be completed July 2023
- Partnership with CityWest for connectivity
- Village of Fraser Lake working on its Strategic Plan
- Forestry concerns in the community
- Family Day Celebrations
 - o Good turnout despite the winter blizzard.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) – update

Director Riis-Christianson reported the following:

- Participated in the Decriminalization of Illicit Drugs session hosted by the Union of B.C. Municipalities
 - o Lack of answers regarding how local governments can address concerns and issues
 - o Indicated that businesses and municipalities can request that individuals utilizing illicit drugs can be requested to remove themselves from a premises and if they refuse to leave RCMP/police may be called regarding trespassing
 - o Communities can potentially develop a bylaw to address matters associated with the decriminalization of illicit drugs.

Village of Telkwa – Update

Director Dekens mentioned that the Telkwa Volunteer Fire Department has a children's program where they laminate pictures and place them on the outside of the fire trucks. There has been a lot of enthusiasm for the program.

Director Dekens noted that there is an upcoming Telkwa Coal Mine meeting at the beginning of March.

Director Dekens encouraged the Board to register for the Business Forum being held on March 28-29, 2023 in Telkwa, B.C.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Update

Director Moon provided the following update:

- Toured Nechako Valley Exhibition Grounds in order to have an overview of the utilization of grant funding
- Vanderhoof Children's Theatre Performances
- Planning to attend the Nordic Ski Club to see the utilization of grant funds
- BC Livestock Cooperative Annual General Meeting
 - o The Vanderhoof Auction Barn raised approximately \$30 million in sales
 - o Three Auction Barns in the Province has raised approximately \$120 to \$130 million in beef sales
- Agriculture sector is one of the largest sectors in the Province
- Regional Cattlemen's Association Annual General Meeting
 - o Discussed veterinarian shortages
- Bedding for Cattle
 - o Auction in February had to be cancelled due to a lack of bedding material
 - o Director Lambert assisted in securing a supply of bedding for the next auction.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

District of Fort St. James -Update

Director Elphee spoke of the following:

- Fort St. James resident participated in the 2023 Iditarod Dog Sled Race and placed 4th
- Nak'azdli Whut'en/District of Fort St. James Hockey Game – February 25th.

Electoral Area E (Francois/ Ootsa Lake Rural) – Update

Director Lambert brought forward the following:

- Concerns regarding the impacts of the Province's commitment to protect 30% of the land base by 2030 in relation to old growth deferral and biodiversity considerations
- Good meeting with Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn and Skin Tye Nation – foresee continued collaboration moving forward
- Opening of the Post Office on the Southside
 - o Open three days a week
 - o Very positive
- - Agriculture bedding/shavings
 - o Contacted Hampton Affiliates and West Fraser's Fraser Lake Sawmills and they indicated their willingness to provide shavings to assist with the next Beef Auction in Vanderhoof
 - Good to have corporate support in agriculture
- Attended the Nechako Cattlemen's Annual General Meeting.

Town of Smithers – Update

Director Atrill noted the following:

- Smithers Exploration Group Rock Talk 2023 – February 21-24, 2023 in Smithers
 - o In-person conference with over 100 people
- Town of Smithers Strategic Planning Session
 - o Two-day process
 - o Planning additional time
- Town of Smithers has approved pursuing Heritage Registry
 - o Will work to determine significant land marks/buildings
 - o Provide information to people if homes/property are of historical value
 - o No restrictions at this time
- New Bylaw Enforcement Officer has been hired
- Public consultation process regarding homelessness in the community with community and business members and the people involved in the encampments
- Tool Library recently opened at Ranger Park and will be open once a week
- Primary Care Clinic
 - o Nurse Practitioners
 - o Anticipate physicians working at the clinic as well.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Chair Parker – Update

Chair Parker spoke of the following:

- Old growth deferral and biodiversity considerations
- 2022 Vanderhoof Auction Mart - \$42.2 million
- Veterinarian Shortages
 - o Working to finalize the Economic Impact Study
 - o Teleconference meeting with the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills
 - o As past minister of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing she is aware of the issues and opportunities
 - o Spoke with Ian Patton, Shadow Minister of Agriculture and Food
 - o Along with Shirley Bond, MLA Prince George-Valemount and Coralee Oakes, MLA Cariboo North they are wanting to write a letter of support in regard to providing veterinarian education opportunities at the University of Northern B.C.
- Attended the Family Day event in Fraser Lake
 - o Taylor Bachrach, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley was in attendance
- RDBN received a response from a letter sent April 26, 2022 to the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
 - o Chair Parker, CAO Helgesen and Justin Greer, First Nations Liaison will schedule a meeting with the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship,
- RCMP Survey
 - o Survey was challenging for smaller areas to provide good input
 - o It would be beneficial to have the ability to provide information regarding smaller community relations with RCMP

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-2-26

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Provincial Vaccine Mandate Director Lambert spoke of writing a letter to Premier David Eby, the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health and Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer requesting that the Provincial vaccine mandate for healthcare professionals end. He brought forward concerns regarding the current medical crisis and shortage of employees in northern communities and that B.C. is one of the only Provinces that currently has a vaccine mandate in place for healthcare professionals. Concerns were brought forward regarding healthcare professionals potentially relocating to other provinces.

Discussion took place regarding submitting a resolution to the North Central Local Government Association and requesting statistics from Northern Health regarding the number of employees that left their employment due to the provincial vaccine mandate.

Provincial Vaccine Mandate
-Healthcare Professionals Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-2-27 "That the Board write a letter to Premier David Eby, the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health and Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer requesting that the provincial vaccine mandate for healthcare professionals ends; and further, that those professionals be given the opportunity to return to work to alleviate some of the pressure on the healthcare system; and further, that the letter also be sent to Northern Health."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Submit a Resolution to NCLGA
- Provincial Vaccine Mandate
-Healthcare Professionals Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-2-28 "That the Board request staff draft a resolution to submit to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) regarding healthcare staffing shortages in the north, the need to rehire healthcare professionals that left their employment due to the provincial vaccine mandate; and the potential loss of healthcare professionals to other provinces as B.C. is one of the last provinces with mandates in place; and further, that the resolution be brought forward to the Board for consideration."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director McGuire

2023-2-29

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:36 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate
Services