

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 2023

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen – left at 10:33 a.m., returned at 10:41 a.m.
Leroy Dekens
Martin Elphee
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert – left at 10:35 a.m., returned at 10:39 a.m.
Linda McGuire
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell
Michael Riis-Christianson
Stoney Stoltenberg
Sarrah Storey
Henry Wiebe

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services –
arrived at 11:00 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:39 a.m.,
left at 10:45 a.m., returned at 11:22 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Christina Ianniciello, Executive Director, Clean Transportation
Branch, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation –
via Zoom – left at 11:20 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA** Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2023-3-1 “That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of
March 9, 2023 be approved; and further, that the
Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Moved by Director Brienen
Minutes – February 9, 2023 Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2023-3-2 “That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of
February 9, 2023 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

DELEGATION

MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION - Christina Ianniciello,
Executive Director, Clean Transportation Branch Re: Clean BC - Clean Transportation Action
Plan- via Zoom

Chair Parker welcomed Christina Ianniciello, Executive Director, Clean Transportation Branch
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

Ms. Ianniciello provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Clean BC - Clean Transportation Action Plan

- Transportation is the biggest source of BC’s GHGs (greenhouse gasses) and presents an opportunity for timely, equitable, cost-effective reductions
- Purpose of Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP)
- CTAP Targets
 - o Vehicle kilometer travel reduction targets
 - o Mode share targets
 - o Energy intensity targets for personal and commercial transportation
 - o Zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) targets
 - o Low carbon fuel targets
- Charging infrastructure for EVs throughout BC
- B.C. ZEV sales in 2022
- Clean Transportation Action Plan Timeline
- What Clean BC has Heard from Previous Engagement
- Input on CTAP
 - o What are the policies that local government can implement that will help meet the CTAP targets? What are barriers to implementing them, if any?
 - o What do local government think are the priority policies that should be addressed in CTAP?
 - o General comments?
 - o Written Input due April 5, 2023.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION - Christina Ianniciello, Executive Director, Clean Transportation Branch Re: Clean BC - Clean Transportation Action Plan- via Zoom (Cont'd)

The following was discussed:

- Electricity needs to operate EVs in the province
 - o Significant number of mining operations required to create batteries, etc. for EVs
 - o Impacts of renewable energy forms i.e. wind/hydrogen, etc.
 - o Require a balanced approach
- Lack of power sources (three phase) in the north currently
- Where are the resources going to come from and where does the product go afterwards?
 - o Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Emissions is working with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy regarding end product responsibility
 - o Need to look at a holistic approach
 - o EV production creates emissions
- EVs are only a component of the overall picture
- Reducing the energy demand as a whole
- EVs battery performance in colder climates is reduced
- Differences in smaller northern rural B.C. vs. southern B.C. communities
 - o Travel distances for services such as medical appointments can be significant in northern B.C.
 - o Cycling and walking in northern climates can be challenging
 - o Accessibility for seniors and those with disabilities
- Discourage mandating objectives and encourage a willingness to adopt a better cost-effective technology to encourage people to participate in CTAP initiatives
 - o Investing in technology
 - o Currently automakers are being mandated to encourage an increased supply of EVs in B.C. for sale
 - Targets based on industry forecasts of global battery and auto vehicle production
 - o Want options that benefit northern residents e.g. Village of Granisle's biomass system
- The Ministry is committed to regular review periods
- Local businesses installing EV charging stations are unable to charge for electricity used
 - o Measurement Canada recently developed a charging formula
 - o Ms. Ianniciello will follow up
- Concern CTAP will be unable to acknowledge rural/remote residents or penalize them
- Ms. Ianniciello encouraged the Board to provide feedback specific to northern rural concerns

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION - Christina Ianniciello, Executive Director, Clean Transportation Branch Re: Clean BC - Clean Transportation Action Plan- via Zoom (Cont'd)

- Encourage the Province to support northern communities with challenges such as:
 - o Intercity transportation
 - Not an affordable option for northern communities
 - Encourage the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Emissions to work with BC Transit
 - o Creating livable spaces and Active Transportation
 - Infrastructure costs to small rural communities makes it challenging to retrofit streets and pathways to create multi-use spaces
- Adopting components of Initiatives from other areas such as California for B.C.
- CTAP Public engagement
 - o Climate Action Secretariate intending to include CTAP discussion with Clean BC initiative
 - o Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention a potential opportunity to provide information regarding what the Ministry heard from stakeholders
 - o Separate CTAP follow-up public engagement sessions suggested and encouraged
 - o Ms. Ianniciello will take public engagement follow-up into consideration
- Public messaging region by region to encourage support for participation from northern rural communities.

Chair Parker thanked Ms. Ianniciello for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

North Central Local
Government Association
Resolutions

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Storey

C.W.2023-3-3

“That the Committee recommends that the Board approve the following resolutions for consideration at the NCLGA Convention:
1. Healthcare Worker Shortage
2. Building Bylaw Enforcement
3. Clean Transportation Action Plan for Rural and Northern Communities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

RDBN Draft Letter - Provincial Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Professionals Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2023-3-4 "That the Committee recommend that the Board approve and send the RDBN Letter - Provincial Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Professionals to the Honourable David Eby, Premier, the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, Dr. Henry, Provincial Health Officer and Northern Health."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Five Year Financial Plan Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2023-3-5 "That the local fire services that are provided by member municipalities, the Vanderhoof Pool Service, and the Smithers Recreation and Culture Service be included in the 2023 Five Year Financial Plan."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Greenaway brought forward the District of Fort St. James increasing its tax rate for the Fire Department by 127%. Staff will work with the District of Fort St. James.

CORRESPONDENCE

BC Hydro – North Coast Electrification Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Storey

C.W.2023-3-6 "That the Committee receive the correspondence from BC Hydro regarding North Coast Electrification."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -Meeting with the RDBN Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

C.W.2023-3-7 "That the Committee receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation regarding Meeting with the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

RDBN Letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation – Clean BC – Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) Request for Input Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

C.W.2023-3-8

“That the Committee receive the RDBN Letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation regarding Clean BC – Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) Request for input.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Artemis Gold Inc. Blackwater Gold Project – Receives *Mines Act* Approval Chair Parker commented that the Province and Artemis Gold Inc. announced this morning that the Province has approved a *Mines Act* permit for Artemis Gold Inc.’s Blackwater Gold Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

C.W.2023-3-9

“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