

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 7

Thursday, June 22, 2023

PRESENT:

Chair	Mark Parker
Directors	Gladys Atrill Shane Brienen Leroy Dekens Martin Elphee Judy Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire – via Zoom Shirley Moon Kevin Moutray Chris Newell Michael Riis-Christianson Stoney Stoltenberg Sarrah Storey – via Zoom Henry Wiebe
Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 11:22 a.m., left at 11:43 a.m., returned at 11:59 a.m., left at 12:05 p.m. Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor – arrived at 11:18 a.m., left at 11:55 a.m. Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:18 a.m., left at 11:55 a.m. Justin Greer, First Nations Liaison – left at 10:45 a.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services – arrived at 10:04 a.m., left at 10:14 a.m. Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 12:06 p.m. Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Others	Murphy Abraham, Chief, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom– left at 10:45 a.m. Mildred Alec-George, Councillor, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m. Valerie Anderson, Corporate Officer, Village of Burns Lake – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m. Petra Bayes-West, Chief and Council Executive Assistant, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m. Jason Charlie, Councillor, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m. Mahkia Eybagi, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.

Others (cont'd) Andrea Follet, Senior Resource Coordinating Officer, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – left at 10:45 a.m.
Ian Hollingshead, Negotiator, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – via Zoom– left at 10:45 a.m.
Melvin Joseph, Councillor, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Wayne Johnson, Councillor, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Dominique Nouvet, Legal Council, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Karista Olson, Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – left at 10:45 a.m.
Monty Palmantier, Chief Executive Officer, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Betty Patrick, Director of Implementation, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Robbie, Burns Lake – via Zoom – left at 11:00 a.m.
Verna Powers, Councillor, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Hardev Saran, Negotiator, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Ashlyn Schwaiger, Director, Land Strategies and Services Branch, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – left at 10:45 a.m.
Cory Waters, Chief Negotiator, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Debbie West, Councillor, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.
Roxanne Williams, Director of Implementation Executive Assistant, Lake Babine Nation – via Zoom – left at 10:45 a.m.

Media Frank Peebles, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

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

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-7-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of June 22, 2023 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-7-2

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2023 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
-June 8, 2023

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-7-3

"That the Board receive the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Transit Committee
Meeting Minutes – June 8,
2023

Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Moon

2023-7-4

"That the Board receive the Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes – June 8,
2023

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

2023-7-5

"That the Board receive the Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

LAKE BABINE NATION - Chief Murphy Abraham and Betty Patrick, Director of Implementation, Lake Babine Nation; Cory Waters, Chief Negotiator, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ashlyn Schwaiger, Director, Land Strategies and Services Branch, Ian Hollingshead, Negotiator, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division and Andrea Follet, Senior Resource Coordinating Officer, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation RE: Lake Babine Nation Foundation Agreement Update

Chair Parker welcomed Chief Murphy Abraham and Betty Patrick, Director of Implementation, Lake Babine Nation; Cory Waters, Chief Negotiator, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ashlyn Schwaiger, Director, Land Strategies and services Branch, Ian Hollingshead, Negotiator, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division and Andrea Follet, Senior Resource Coordinating Officer, Negotiations and Regional Operations Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Hardev Saran, Negotiator, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. Chief Abraham introduced Lake Babine Nation Council and Staff.

Ms. Patrick, provided a PowerPoint Presentation.
Lake Babine Nation Foundation Agreement

- Purpose of Agreement
- Aboriginal Rights & Title
- Timeline
- Type of Agreement
- How the Agreement Works
- Immediate Measures
- Key Principles
- Areas of Focus
- Governance
- Socio-Cultural
- Lands and Natural Resources
- Dialogue & Relationship Building
- Land Transfer Agreement
- Provincial Land Transfer Process.

The following was discussed:

- Mineral extraction and No Registration Reserve (NRR) – (prohibits a free miner from registering a mineral claim and/or a placer claim)
 - o Will take place in future discussions
 - Preserve the space for continued discussion as to how those parcels might change through negotiations and implementations of LBN Title moving forward
 - o Some consultation has taken place with tenures in the area
 - o Not a high potential in the area for mineral rights
 - o Mineral rights that currently exist will continue
- Foundation Agreement mechanisms to guide Hereditary Chiefs
 - o Governance work and Lake Babine will work with the different sectors of its community

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

- Sharing Information with the Public
 - o Presentation would be helpful to community members
 - o Presentation was provided virtually a year ago
 - o Plans to engage the public in the future
 - o In-Person presentations helpful
 - o MIRR has been meeting with the Village of Burns Lake and RDBN to develop a plan regarding greater outreach to the community concerning the work the Province is doing with Lake Babine Nation
- Building the local economy
 - o RDBN sharing its 2023-2026 Strategic Plan with LBN
- LBN is a strong Nation with multiple communities and Clans
- Foundation Agreement is available on the Province's and LBN websites
- Benefit of the RDBN First Nations Liaison Position
- The Province's recognition of government-to-government acknowledgement of aboriginal rights and title and reconciliation within the province
 - o Increasing everyone's responsibility and opportunity
- Shared interests
- Invite the RDBN Board to consider possible connections and shared opportunities
- UBCM guidance on how local governments can interface with First Nations
- Value of formalizing relations, establishing protocols and commitments to meet and discuss and advance new opportunities in a structured and committed way
 - o Shared journey of exploration of advancing and supporting Lake Babine's self-determination
- Regular meetings would assist LBN to plan and prioritize
- Exploring and strengthening relationships moving forward.

Chair Parker thanked Chief Patrick, and Ms. Patrick and Lake Babine Nation representatives, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Bylaw for 1st and 2nd Reading

OCP Amendment and
Rezoning Application
RZ D-01-23 – 1st & 2nd

Reading Report OCP

Amendment Bylaw No. 2006, 2003
and Rezoning Bylaw No. 2007, 2023
Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-7-6

1. "That the Board consider and approve the consultation identified in the consultation checklist.
2. That Endako, Fraser Lake and Fort Fraser Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2006, 2023 be given first and second reading this 22nd day of June, 2023 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
3. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2007, 2023 be given first and second reading this 22nd day of June, 2023 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
4. That the Public Hearing for Endako, Fraser Lake and Fort Fraser Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2006, 2023 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2007, 2023 be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area D."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws for 3rd Reading

Rezoning Application RZ
B-01-22 - 3rd Reading
Report, Bylaw 2005, 2023
Electoral Area B (Burns Lake
Rural)

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-7-7

"That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw 2005, 2023 and that a second Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw 2005, 2023 be held and delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and any expenses incurred be paid by the Regional District."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws for 3rd Reading (Cont'd)

Rezoning Application RZ
A-01-23 - 3rd Reading
Report, Bylaw No. 2004, 2023
Electoral Area A (Smithers/
Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-7-8

1. "That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2004, 2023.

2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2004, 2023 be given third reading this 22nd day of June, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Items

APC Minutes - Electoral
Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)
-May 3, 2023

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Elphee

2023-7-9

"That the Board receive Advisory Planning Commission Minutes for Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) – May 3, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APC Minutes – Electoral
Rural D (Fraser Lake Rural)
-May 23, 2023

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-7-10

"That the Board receive the Advisory Planning Commission Minutes for Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) – May 23, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APC Minutes – Electoral
Rural F (Vanderhoof Rural)
-May 23, 2023

Moved by Director Moon
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-7-11

"That the Board receive the Advisory Planning Commission Minutes for Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – May 23, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Items (Cont'd)

APC Minutes – Electoral
Rural A (Smithers Rural)
-June 5, 2023

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-7-12

“That the Board receive the Advisory Planning Commission Minutes for Electoral Area A (Smithers Rural) – June 5, 2023.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ALR Application

ALR Non-Farm Use (Removal
of Soil) Application
No. 1251 – Electoral Area
A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Elphee

2023-7-13

“That Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. 1251 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval and that the ALC ensure appropriate phased remediation throughout the life of the gravel pit.”

Opposed: Director Atrill

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Gravel extraction and crushing operations along the Bulkley River between Telkwa and Smithers
- Bulkley River between Telkwa and Smithers is highly valuable for other uses
- Changing the vision for the river corridor in 50-60 years
- Aggregate issues and gravel pits are reviewed during the Official Community Plan process
- In 2022 RDBN staff provided a report to the Board reviewing the river corridor between Telkwa and Smithers
- Consideration of where large-scale crushing operations are able to operate if not in the location where the aggregate is located
- Discussion items with the Agricultural Land Commission when they attend a future RDBN meeting
- Gravel pit operations managed through the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation permitting process.

ALR Application (Cont'd)

ALR Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil) Application No. 1253 – Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-7-14

1. "That the Board receive the Public Submissions on the Supplementary Agenda.
2. That Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. 1253 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval. And that the ALC ensure appropriate phased remediation throughout the life of the gravel pit, with specific consideration given to the time of Site A reclamation."

OPPOSED: Director Atrill CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

ALR Application No. 1255 – Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2023-7-15

"That Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 1255 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mines Referral

Notice of Work Referral No. 7410295 -Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-7-16

"That the Comment Sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Notice of Work No. 7410295."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral

Crown Land Referral
Application No. 7410304
- Electoral Area D
(Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-7-17

"That the Comment Sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410304 for a Statutory Right-of-Way."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Items

Growing Communities Fund
Regional Housing Initiative

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-7-18

"That the Board direct staff to proceed with the Regional Housing Initiative using approximately \$400,000 of the Growing Communities Fund as presented in the Planning Department's June 22, 2023 staff report. "

Opposed: Director Lambert CARRIED
Director Moon
Director Newell

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Concerns for future budget implications for housing initiatives
- Housing has been identified in the 2023-2026 RDBN Board Strategic Priorities
- Supporting housing opportunities within the Growing communities Fund
- Non-market housing – shovel ready projects
- Ready projects for developers interested in investing in the region
- Capacity challenges for community groups and agencies
- Planning Department support for future development
- Additional staffing
 - Concerns regarding increased staffing
- Allocation of the Growing Communities Fund
 - Staff will bring forward a report September 2023
- Province provided positive feedback for the RDBN approach for the funds

Other Items (Cont'd)

- Advocacy at the 2023 UBCM Convention and alignment with RDBN Strategic Plan
- RDBN capacity building to support member municipalities and regional organizations
- Utilizing the Growing Communities fund for infrastructure projects throughout the region
- Accessing and leveraging additional funding
- Municipal funding support for initiative
- Member municipalities Housing Studies
- Shortage of labour force impacting ability for construction and future development
- Housing was also a topic at the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) 2023 Convention and the 2023 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Convention
- BC Housing funding shovel ready projects and other housing funding options
- Housing needs in the region.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Purchase of Two Skid Steers Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-7-19 "That the board approve the purchase of two (2) 2023 John Deere 324G skid steers for \$102,078 each, including PST. That the Board approve the disposal (trade-in) of a 2020 Kubota MX5400 Tractor for \$40,000."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Plastics Recycling Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-7-20 "That the Board receive the Director of Environmental Services' Agricultural Plastics Recycling – 2022 Update memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Implementation Plan for the
Houston & Fraser Lake
Recycle BC Depots Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-7-21 "That the Board receive the Waste Diversion Supervisor's Implementation Plan for the Houston & Fraser Lake Recycle BC Depots memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
-June 8, 2023

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2023-7-22

"That the Board approve recommendations 1 through 4 as follows:

Committee of the Whole – June 8, 2023

Recommendation 1: Re: Canada's Rural & Remote Broadband Community (CRRBC) Western Conference and Expo – November 2-3, 2023 in Kelowna

"That the Board authorize attendance of Director Riis-Christianson at the 2023 Canada's Rural & Remote Broadband Community (CRRBC) Western Conference and Expo November 2-3, 2023 in Kelowna, B.C."

Recommendation 2: Re: Union of BC Municipalities – Minister Meetings/Ministry Staff Meetings/Resolutions

"That the Minister Meeting requests be submitted for the 2023 Union of BC Municipalities Convention as amended to include: a meeting with the Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship regarding First Nations Engagement/Collaboration meeting."

Recommendation 3: Re: Invitation – Tachick Lake Healing Centre Ground -breaking Ceremony – June 12, 2023, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"That the Board authorize the attendance of Chair Parker and Director Moon at the Tachick Lake Healing Centre Ground-breaking Ceremony on June 12, 2023."

Recommendation 4: Re: District of Houston Letter of Support Request

"That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the District of Houston for their funding application to the Northern Healthy Communities Fund - Capacity Building Program."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Statement of Financial
-Information

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-7-23

"That the Board approve the 2022 Statement of Financial Information. That the Chair and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign the SOFI report approving the statements and schedule of financial information."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Growing Communities Fund
Reserve

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Elphee

2023-7-24

"That Growing Communities Fund Reserve Bylaw No. 2009, 2023 be given first, second, third reading and adoption this 22nd day of June, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Community Forest

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2023-7-25

"That the Board appoint Curtis Helgesen, CAO and John Illes, CFO as proxies to the 2023 AGM to be held on July 12, 2023 of Chinook Comfor Limited and Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community-Building
Fund BC – Village of Telkwa
Application to Electoral Area
A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-7-26

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 Infrastructure project at the Old Fire Hall #2, 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)

Joint Accessibility Advisory
Committee Establishment

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-7-27

- 1) "That the Board approve the Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Application for Membership, and further,
- 2) That the RDBN Chair appoint Directors as Chair and Alternate of the BulkleyNechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Village of Granisle Council Meeting – June 21, 2023 - indicated their participation on the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - Village of Granisle staff will follow-up with RDBN staff
- Directors Greenaway and Stoltenberg indicated their wish to participate on the Committee as Rural representatives
- Director Storey mentioned she also wished to participate
- No cost associated currently
 - Available grant funding for potential future projects
- Advocating for provincial funding if there is future costs.

2022 Annual Report

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-7-28

"That the Board approve the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako 2022 Annual Report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Administration Correspondence

Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-7-29

"That the Board receive the following Administration Correspondence:
-Taylor Bachrach, Member of Parliament, Skeena-Bulkley Valley - Letter to the Honourable Omar Alghabra, MP, Minister of Transport – Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations
- British Columbia Utilities Commission – Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. – PNG Commodity Costs Consolidation-Project No. 1599482 -Regulatory Timetable."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Community Energy Association – Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Requirements for Municipal Fleets

Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Elphee

2023-7-30

"That the Board receive the Deputy Director of Corporate Services' Community Energy Association – Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Requirements for Municipal Fleets memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Village of Granisle – Update

Director McGuire provided the following update:

- Pacific Northern Gas rate reduction for Granisle
 - Reduction July 1, 2023
 - Requesting further reduction in the fall of 2023. Village of Granisle may request a letter of support in the future.

Break for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electoral Area E (Francois/ Ootsa Lake) – Update

Director Lambert noted the following:

- Chinook Emergency Response Meeting took place this week with good attendance
- Response to fires in the area has been good
 - Approximately 350 people have responded to 4-5 fires
 - Emergency Response Trailers donated by Rio Tinto and Cheslatta Carrier Nation have been valuable assets
- Conversations with BC Wildfire Service have been positive.

District of Fort St. James -Update

Director Elphee provided the following update:

- Fire in the Fort St. James Community Forest has been extinguished
- Break-ins in the community have continued
- Construction of the Splash Park is moving forward
- Housing study being completed by the end of September 2023.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Update

Director Moon spoke of:

- Rural farming concerns
 - Hay crops have been hit by frost
 - Strain on price of hay and feed for cattle
 - Cattle prices remain high
 - Sale at the Cattle Auction in July will be an indicator of challenges regarding feed
- Logging industry not planning to return to work until late August
- Attended the Tachick Lake Healing Centre Ground Breaking Ceremony June 12th
- Attended National Indigenous Peoples Days June 21st in Vanderhoof.

Village of Telkwa – Update

Director Dekens provided the below update:

- Attended the Cycle 16 Trail Grand Opening June 10th
 - o Very good turnout and Presenters
- Progress of the water mainline work on Coalmine Road.

Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) – Update

Director Riis-Christianson noted the following;

- Attended the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (RSWAC) Meeting virtually on June 20th
- Connectivity Committee Meeting in July will include a delegation from Telus
 - o Any questions can be provided to staff
- Attended National Indigenous Peoples Day in Burns Lake.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Fraser Lake – Update Director Storey provided the following update:

- Attended National Indigenous Peoples Day in Fraser Lake
- Working with Stellat'en First Nation regarding fire protection
- Discussion with Fraser Lake Northshore area resident regarding a potential Volunteer Fire Department on the Northshore of Fraser Lake
- Attended the NCLGA Executive Meeting
 - o Board approved a Terms of Reference for a new Indigenous Relations Committee
- Attended the Northern Development Initiative Trust meeting on June 19th in Prince George
 - o Discussed Community Bus grant funding opportunities.

Electoral Area A (Smithers/
Telkwa Rural) – Update

Director Stoltenberg encouraged the Board to bring their bikes to the Cycle 16 Trail to go for a ride.

District of Vanderhoof
-Update

Director Moutray mentioned that he attended the following:

- RSWAC Meeting on June 20th
 - Good discussion and brainstorming
 - Appreciated the Burns Lake Transfer Station Site Tour
- National Indigenous Peoples Day in Vanderhoof on June 21st. In 2024 the event will be held at Saik'uz First Nation.

Electoral Area G (Houston/
Granisle Rural) – Update

Director Newell provided the following update:

- Had discussions with CityWest regarding rural internet
 - New fibre installation system – plow system
 - Evaluating suitability for Electoral Area G
 - Will meet on July 12th to discuss rural internet and determine the viability of the plow system.

Village of Burns Lake - Update Director Wiebe noted the following:

- Attended National Indigenous Peoples Day in Burns Lake
- Sidewalk construction on 9th Avenue in Burns Lake to Carroll Street and Centre Street has begun in partnership with Lake Babine Nation and will tie into their community as well
- Burns Lake Centennial Celebration Plans moving forward
 - Tickets for the Banquet sold out in 8 days
 - Anglican Church renovations are nearing completion and will be ready for the event.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

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

Director Greenaway noted the following:

- Attended the Dakelh First Nations Primary Care Society AGM
 - Society funding is 60% from the Ministry of Health and 40% from First Nations Health Authority
 - Building Plans in place and hoping to open in 2024.
- Attended the NCLGA Board Meeting
 - Announced that the Town of Smithers will host the North Central Local Government Association 2024 Convention.
- Harm Reduction Committee
 - Northern health sponsored and has purchased a vending machine selling self-help care products
 - Will amass data to determine what is being accessed and biggest demand
- Attended the RSWAC Meeting on June 20th.

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

Chair Parker provided the following update:

- Thanked Director Moutray for Chairing the RSWAC
- Attended Koho Learning Event at Stellat'en First Nation
 - Joint Event with UNBC and School District 91 Nechako Lakes
 - Discussed with students future plans – very promising
- Attended the Sturgeon Release in Vanderhoof on June 2nd
 - Had a discussion with Rio Tinto
- Attended the Cycle 16 Trail Grand Opening – June 10th
 - Phase 1 completion lends itself to the successful completion of future phases
- Attended the Tachick Lake Healing Centre Ground Breaking Ceremony June 12th
- Attended the Northern Development Initiative Trust Meeting June 19th
 - Discussed challenges regarding Transit and the lack of cost certainty for the Bulkley Nechako Transit Service
- Attended a meeting with the Chairs of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and Cariboo Regional District on June 20th
 - Discussed building strong initiatives moving forward
- Attended the National Indigenous Peoples Day in Fraser Lake on June 21st in Fraser Lake.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal
Reports

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Newell

2023-7-31

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Brienens

2023-7-32

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:17 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate
Services