

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Thursday, June 8, 2023

PRESENT:	Chair	Mark Parker
	Directors	Shane Brienen Leroy Dekens Judy Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Shirley Moon Kevin Moutray Chris Newell Michael Riis-Christianson Stoney Stoltenberg Sarrah Storey Henry Wiebe
	Directors Absent	Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers Martin Elphee, District of Fort St. James
	Alternate Directors	Judith Friesen, District of Fort St. James Frank Wray, Town of Smithers
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 10:49 a.m., left at 11:05 a.m. Justin Greer, First Nations Liaison – via Zoom Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:49 a.m. Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Others	Elijah Newell, Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural) Fred Sam, Councillor, Nak'azdli Whut'en

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Lambert

C.W.2023-5-1

"That the Agenda of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 8, 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
Minutes – April 6, 2023

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director McGuire

C.W.2023-5-2

"That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2023 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Regional Solid Waste Advisory
Committee

Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Brien

C.W.2023-5-3

"That the Committee receive the Director of Corporate Services' Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Alternate Director Wray

C.W.2023-5-4

"That the Committee recommend 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."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Union of BC Municipalities
-Minister Meetings/Ministry
Staff Meetings/Resolutions

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Alternate Director Wray

C.W.2023-5-5

"That the Committee recommend to the Board 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."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Scheduling meetings with the following Ministry Staff was also discussed:

- Roly Russell, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development
 - cost of living and issues for northern BC residents
- BC Emergency Health Services
- Staff will bring forward a report to a future Board Meeting for Ministry Staff meeting consideration.

BC Hydro – UBCM Meeting
Request

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

C.W.2023-5-6

"That the Committee receive the Director of Corporate Services' BC Hydro – UBCM Meeting Request memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following discussion took place:

- Correspondence the Town of Smithers received from BC Hydro regarding its grant-in-lieu of taxes allocation
- Topics for discussion at UBCM
 - o Rural internet access to BC Hydro poles
 - o Three phase power on the Southside of Francois Lake.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Invitation – Tachick Lake
Healing Centre Ground-
breaking Ceremony

Moved by Alternate Director Wray
Seconded by Director Lambert

-June 12, 2023, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

C.W.2023-5-7

“That the Committee recommend 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.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District of Houston - Letter
of Support Request

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2023-5-8

“That the Committee recommend 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

Draft 2022 Annual Report

Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Storey

C.W.2023-5-9

“That the Committee receive the Economic Development Assistant’s Draft 2022 Annual Report memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Elaine Taylor – Proposed BC
Hydro Project CAP3: Capacitor
Station at Telkwa

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

C.W.2023-5-10

“That the Committee receive the correspondence from Elaine Taylor – Proposed BC Hydro Project CAP3: Capacitor Station at Telkwa.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association - Letter to the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Moved by Director
Seconded by Director

C.W.2023-5-11

"That the Committee receive the correspondence from the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association to the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation -Preparations for the Province of BC, Lake Babine Nation and Government of Canada meeting with the RDBN on June 22, 2023 Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Greenaway

C.W.2023-5-12

"That the Committee receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation – Preparations for the Province of BC, Lake Babine Nation and Government of Canada meeting with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako on June 22, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Save Your Public Post Offices Director Storey reported concerns that Canada Post is reviewing the 1994 Moratorium on closing post offices and is opening privatized post offices in rural communities. She has contacted MP Taylor Bachrach and Roly Russell, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development regarding concerns with Canada Post's potential closure of rural post offices. Concerns were discussed regarding the potential privatization of posts offices. Director Lambert indicated that the model utilized to open a post office on the Southside of Francois Lake when Canada Post closed its Post Office is not a suitable model that should be repeated.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Director McGuire indicated that the Village of Granisle also received the notification regarding the potential change to Canada Post Office in their community.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

C.W.2023-5-13

"That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1)(c) and (2)(b) of the *Community Charter* for the Board to deal with matters relating to the following:

- Labour Relations
- Legacy Funding
- Provincial Memorandum of Understanding
- Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA)."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Newell

C.W.2023-5-14

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:13 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services