

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 11

Thursday, October 26, 2023

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Martin Elphee – via Zoom
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire – via Zoom
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell
Michael Riis-Christianson
Stoney Stoltenberg
Sarrah Storey
Henry Wiebe

Director Absent Leroy Dekens, Village of Telkwa

Alternate Director Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
– left at 12:02 p.m., returned at 2:32 p.m., left at 2:54 p.m.
Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor – arrived at
12:06 p.m., left at 12:14 p.m., returned at 2:03 p.m., left at
2:36 p.m.
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – left at 11:52
a.m., returned via Zoom at 1:04 p.m., returned in person at
2:28 p.m., left at 2:36 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
– arrived at 11:11 a.m., left at 11:49 a.m., returned at 1:00
p.m., left at 2:54 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – via Zoom – arrived at
11:15 a.m., left at 2:15 p.m.
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planning Technician/Regional Transit
– arrived at 11:20 a.m., left at 11:53 a.m., returned at 1:00
p.m., left at 2:27 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Christopher Walker, Emergency Program Coordinator
– arrived at 2:38 p.m., left at 2:45 p.m.

Others
Neil Gibbs, Project Engineer – Phase 2, TC Energy – Coastal GasLink – left at 11:52 a.m.
Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor, TC Energy – Coastal GasLink– left at 11:52 a.m.
Ian McLeod, Senior Community & Socio-Economic Advisor, TC Energy – Coastal GasLink– left at 11:52 a.m.
Nicole Stuckert, Team Lead Land – BC Projects, TC Energy – Coastal GasLink– left at 11:52 a.m.
Lindsay Taylor, Government Relations Manager – arrived at 11:31 a.m., left at 11:52, returned at 1:00 p.m., left at 2:27 p.m.
Natasha Westover, Public Affairs Manager, TC Energy – Coastal GasLink– left at 11:52 a.m.

Media
Saddman Zaman, 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 Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of October 26, 2023 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2023

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-11-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Meeting
Minutes – October 12, 2023

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-3

“That the Board receive the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2023.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES (CONT'D)

Regional Solid Waste Moved by Director Moutray
Advisory Committee Meeting Seconded by Director Greenaway
-September 12, 2023

2023-11-4

That the Board receive the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

TC ENERGY – COASTAL GASLINK – Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor, Natasha Westover, Public Affairs Manager, Ian McLeod, Senior Community & Socio-Economic Advisor, Nicole Stuckert, Team Lead Land - BC Projects and Neil Gibbs, Project Engineer – Phase 2 RE: Phase 1 Project Update, Socio-Economic Effects and Phase 2 Outlook

Chair Parker welcomed Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor, Natasha Westover, Public Affairs Manager, Ian McLeod, Senior Community & Socio-Economic Advisor, Nicole Stuckert, Team Lead Land - BC Projects, Neil Gibbs, Project Engineer – Phase 2, TC Energy – Coastal GasLink.

Mr. Moulton provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Coastal GasLink Phase 1 Update and proposed Phase 2:

- Project Overview
- Construction Update
- Construction Highlights
- Lodge Demobilization Update
- Burns Lake Community Thank You Event: September 27
- Vanderhoof Community Thank You Event: October 11
- Fraser Lake Community Thank You Event: October 12
- Houston Community Thank You Event: October 25
- RDBN Skid Steer Donation
- Investing in our Communities.

Mr. McLeod continued the PowerPoint Presentation.

- SEEMP Implementation Highlights, 2023
- SEEMP Report #9 engagement (December 2022 – May 2023)
- SEEMP Engagement Feedback (9th Reporting Cycle)
- Health Care Services
- Local Effects on health Care Services
- Housing and Commercial Accommodation
- Adaptive Management – Q1, Q2 2023.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

Mses. Westover and Stuckert and Mr. Gibbs provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding Phase 2.

- Overview
- Phase 2 – Potential Additional Compressor Stations
- What is a compressor station?
- Benefits for Indigenous and local communities
- Phase 2 – Community Investment and Build Strong
- Phase 2 – Current Status
- Upcoming engagement
- Permitting
- Phase 2 – Proposed Compressor Station Location – RDBN
- Phase 2 – Proposed Titanium Peak Compressor Station
- Phase 2 – Proposed Parrott Lake Compressor Station
- Phase 2 – Proposed Segundo Lake Compressor Station
- Phase 2 – Proposed Clear Creek Compressor Station
- Potential Community Concerns a Proposed Mitigation
- Creating a legacy of safety and respect.

Discussion took place regarding;

- Connectivity for the proposed Phase 2 Compressor Station sites
 - o Similar to the pipeline project
 - o Connectivity is an ongoing discussion
 - CGL willing to provide letters of support for connectivity grant applications
 - o Continue engagement
- Phase 1 nearing completion
 - o Number of hires – RDBN, national and international
 - CGL will provide the information
 - o SEEMP report includes information concerning hires in BC
- Timing of demobilization of camps and lodges
- Compressor Station Hazard Zones
- Tour of the Compressor Station operations
- Investment process and decision for Phase 2
 - o LNG Canada has given go ahead to move forward at this stage
- Working with Northwest Invasive Plant Council
 - o CGL indicated willingness to restart discussion from a community investment standpoint

Chair Parker thanked Messrs. Moulton, McLeod and Gibbs and Mses. Westover and Stuckert for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Bylaw for 3rd Reading

Rezoning Application
RZ A-02-23 – 3rd Reading
Report Rezoning Bylaw
No. 2020 – Electoral
Area A (Smithers Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-11-5

1. "That the Board receive the Report of the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2020, 2023 on the Supplementary Agenda.

2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2020, 2023 be given third reading this 26th day of October, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PARKS AND TRAILS

Cycle 16 Trail Phase 3 Update
and Detailed Design Drawings
Review

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-11-6

"That the Board receive the detailed design drawings (90%) for Phase 3 of the Cycle 16 Trail."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Houston and Fraser Lake
Recycling Depot Storage
Buildings

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Brien

2023-11-7

"That the Board approve the budget scope change with Sliptube Enterprises Ltd. to include full installation at a total estimated price of \$112,000 per storage building."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- No budget change
- Concerns regarding distances being traveled to recycle
- Public communication and education and RSWAC working on public support for recycling
- Design of storage buildings will allow for relocation if deemed advantageous in the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

Break for lunch at 12:14 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

REGIONAL TRANSIT

Bulkley-Nechako Transit
Service Bylaw 1790
Amendment Bylaws

The following was discussed:

- October 13, 2023 letter from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)
- Requisition and cost recovery formula
- Maximum allowable taxation and taxation that may be needed
- Taxation scenarios
- Past funding from MoTI for administration of Regional Transit
- Northern Development Initiative Trust funding
- Funding from the Province
- Taxation determined by participants of the service
- Process for Electoral Areas to withdraw from a service
- Allocation of a fixed amount
- Alternative Approval Process costing
- Elector assent
- Contributing grant in aid for the service
- Bylaw approval process and timeline
- Contribution by municipalities with and without electoral area participation
- Provincial approval process with and without municipal consent
- Participation of off-corridor communities
- Electoral Area G participation and withdraw from participation
- Electoral Areas D and E use of grant in lieu of taxes for Service
- Grant in aid taxation adjustments to offset participation in the transit service
- Increasing ridership fees
 - o Under the Provincial agreement ridership fees are set until 2025
- BC Transit Service review of system indicated affordability was most important
- History of Bulkley-Nechako Transit system
- City of Prince George contribution.

REGIONAL TRANSIT (CONT'D)

Bulkley-Nechako Transit
Service Bylaw 2011

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-11-8

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2011, 2023 to include Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) be amended to require elector assent through alternative approval process and be given third reading as amended this 26th day of October, 2023."

Opposed: Director Storey CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Bulkley-Nechako Transit
Service Bylaw 2012

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Elphee

2023-11-9

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2012, 2023 to include Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) be amended to require elector assent through alternative approval process and be given third reading as amended this 26th day of October, 2023."

Opposed: Director Storey CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Bulkley-Nechako Transit
Service Bylaw 2013

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-10

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2013, 2023 to include Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) be given third reading this 26th day of October, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGIONAL TRANSIT (CONT'D)

Bulkley-Nechako Transit
Service Bylaw 2015

Moved by Director Moon
Seconded by Director Moutray

2023-11-11

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2015, 2023 to include Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) be given third reading this 26th day of October, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley-Nechako Transit
Service Bylaw 2017

Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director McGuire

2023-11-12

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2017, 2023 be amended to include the requisition and cost recovery formula in the amount of \$115,000 and be given third reading as amended this 26th day of October, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Knockholt Landfill Hours
of Operation

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-11-13

"That the Board receive the Director of Environmental Services' Knockholt Landfill Hours of Operation memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RSWAC Summary
-September 12 Meeting

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-11-14

"That the Board receive the Director of Environmental Services' RSWAC Summary – September 12 Meeting memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendations
October 12, 2023

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-11-15

"That the Board approve recommendations 1 and 2 as written:

Committee of the Whole - October 12, 2023

Recommendation 1:

Re: Letter of Support Request - District of Houston

"That the Board approve the District of Houston's request for a Letter of Support for a Rural Economic Development Infrastructure Program application for the Bymac Park and Campground Revitalization project."

Recommendation 2:

Re: Letter of Support Request - Town of Smithers

"That the Board approve the Town of Smithers request for a Letter of Support for a BC Active Transportation Grant application for the Smithers Cycle 16 Connector Trail project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Associate Insurance Member
Burns Lake & District
Rebroadcasting Society

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-11-16

"That the Board approve the Municipal Insurance Association Service Provider Agreement between the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the Burns Lake & District Rebroadcasting Society."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Northern Development
-Northern Healthy
Communities Fund RDBN
Application for Regional Housing
Capacity Initiative

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Brienens

2023-11-17

"That the Board supports the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust - Northern Healthy Communities Fund Capacity Program for the Regional Housing Capacity Initiative."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Letter of Support - Nechako
Environment and Water
Stewardship Society

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Moutray

2023-11-18

"That the Board approve the Nechako Environment and Water Stewardship Society's (NEWSS) request for a letter of support for their application to the Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund (NEEF) for \$300,000 over 3 years to install Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) on streams within the Nechako Valley agricultural community."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community-Building
Fund BC - Areas B and E
Village of Burns Lake - Tom
Forsythe Memorial Arena

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-11-19

"1) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$100,000 of Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and \$25,000 of Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to the Village of Burns Lake for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the Tom Forsythe Memorial Arena, and further,

(participants/weighted/majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$125,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Northern Development
Initiative Trust Business
Façade Improvement Program
Application

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-20

"That the Board supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for a grant of up to \$10,000 for the Business Façade Improvement Program from the Prince George and Northwest Regional Accounts.

That the Board agrees to enter into a contract with NDIT, should the funding be approved, and provide overall grant management for the project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding including improvements to allow fencing and landscaping changes in the Business Façade Improvement Program.

Letter of Support Request
-District of Houston

Moved by Director Wiebe
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-21

"That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the District of Houston for its Rural Economic Development Infrastructure Program application for the Houston Economic Diversification project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support Request
Houston Mountain Bike
Association

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-11-22

"That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the Houston Mountain Bike Association for its Rural Economic Development Infrastructure Program application for the Mount Harry Davis Trail Upgrade and Expansion project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support Request
-Town of Smithers

Moved by Director Brienens
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-11-23

"That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the Town of Smithers for its Rural Economic Development Infrastructure Program application for the Smithers Regional Airport Contaminated Lands Clean-up project."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Houston Search and Rescue
Canine Search Capability

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-11-24

"That the Board provide a Letter of Support for Houston Search and Rescue application to be recognized as having Canine Search Capability by Emergency Management and Climate Readiness."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Item to be brought forward
To the Public Agenda from
In-Camera Meeting re: HVAC
Upgrade

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-25

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Item to be brought forward to the public agenda from In-Camera Meeting re: HVAC Upgrades memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Departmental Quarterly
Reports – 3rd Quarter

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2023-11-26

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Departmental Quarterly Reports – 3rd Quarter memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Financial Statements (Ending
September 30)

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-27

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Departmental Quarterly Reports – 3rd Quarter memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CN Draft Pest Management
Plans (2024-2029)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-11-28

"That the Board receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's CN Draft Pest Management Plans (2024-2029) memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Village of Granisle - RDBN
Director and Alternate
Appointments

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-11-29

"That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Village of Granisle – RDBN Director and Alternate Appointments."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Forests
– Follow-up UBCM Meeting

Moved by Director Brienien
Seconded by Director Lambert

2023-11-30

"That the Board receive the Administration Correspondence from the Ministry of Forests – Follow-up UBCM Meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Compressor Station Tour
-October 27, 2023

Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2023-11-31

"That Directors Lambert, Moon and Newell be authorized to attend the Ground Birch Compressor Station tour on October 27, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Northwest BC Resource
Benefits Alliance (RBA) -RDBN
Appointment

Moved by Director Brienien
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2023-11-32

"That Director Gladys Atrill be appointed RBA Co-Chairperson and Director Clint Lambert remain Alternate for the remainder of 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (CONT'D)

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Widzin Kwah Water Sustainability Project Working Group Appointment Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-11-33 "That Director Newell be appointed to the Widzin Kwah Water Sustainability Project Working Group."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support – Safe Walking and Biking Trail Project Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2023-11-34 "That the Board approve a Letter of Support for Nak'azdli Whut'en and the District of Fort St. James for a safe walking and biking trail project in the communities."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support - Nechako View Senior Citizens Home Society Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director Moon

2023-11-35 "That the Board approve a Letter of Support for the Nechako View Senior Citizens Home Society for their application to the BC Building: Community Housing Fund for a three-story, 28-unit building at 2824 Burrard Ave in Vanderhoof."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Electoral Area C (Fort St.James Rural) – Update Director Greenaway noted the following:

- Participated in the NCLGA 2024 Conference and AGM Organizing Committee Meetings
 - o Event scheduled May 13-16, 2024
- Attended the Northern Health Fall Meeting
- First Accessibility Committee meeting to take place in November
- Attended Fort St. James Primary Health Care meeting
- Attended First Nations Housing meeting
 - o Funding and grants for housing initiatives
- Took a flyover of Germansen Landing to see the impacts from the Summer wildfires
 - o Two homes were lost
 - o Number of homes saved due to FireSmart initiatives.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Burns Lake -Update

Director Wiebe commented that the Village of Burns Lake is awaiting chiller parts for the arena. They are anticipating that the ice will be in January 2024.

District of Vanderhoof -Update

Director Moutray mentioned that the Aurora Home Dementia Care facility has its first two residents moving in with the facility expected to be at full capacity January 2024.

Electoral Area A (Smithers/ Telkwa Rural) – Update

Director Stoltenberg commented that he and Mayor Atrill are reaching out to the newly elected Witset Chief to schedule a meeting.

Village of Granisle – Update

Director McGuire provided the following update:

- A physician from Burns Lake will visit the community every 2nd Friday of the month starting October 27th
- Held an EOC mock exercise on October 25th
 - o really good exercise
- CAO hired in June resigned
 - o Completed an internal promotion to the CAO/CFO position.

Village of Fraser Lake – Update

Director Storey commented that CAO Rod Holland is retiring and new CAO, Ethan Fredeen to start December 15th.

Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) – Update

Director Riis-Christianson mentioned he participated in a meeting with CityWest along with Director Newell. He spoke of inviting the Executive Director of Network Connectivity Services to a future meeting.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Update

Director Moon noted the following:

- commended community volunteers that did a clean up of illegal dump sites in the rural area
- concerns regarding the response of the Provincial RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters) line.
- Met with Shane Brienen, BC United Nechako Lakes Candidate and Kevin Falcon, Leader, BC United Party
- New Seniors Bus – extremely thankful to past Director Jerry Petersen for assistance with funding the project
- High cattle prices
 - o AgriRecovery Program limitations.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

District of Fort St. James
-Update

Director Elphee provided the following update:

- informal subdivision meeting – 35 members of public attended
- Attended the second council to council meeting with Nak'azdli Whut'en
- Attended a tri-community council meeting with Fraser Lake and Vanderhoof
- Staffing resignations and changes.

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

Director Lambert noted the following:

- Attended the Chinook Emergency Response Society debrief last week
 - Good community effort in 2023
 - Preparing for 2024
 - Discussed acquiring three more wildfire response trailers
 - Due to wildfires in the spring of 2023 the S100 courses have been rescheduled to take place now
- o Wisteria Hall held an appreciation dinner for all fire fighters
- o Grassy Plains School – Community Leaders Club
 - Fundraising to support the Chinook Emergency Response Society.

Town of Smithers – Update

Director Atrill spoke of the following:

- Attended the Northern Health Fall Meeting
 - o Capital projects - Smithers Hospital Replacement
- Staffing concerns from the impacts of this years Wildfires and staff time spent in the Emergency Operations Centre.

Chair Parker – Update

Chair Parker commented that the Dean from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan will be coming to Vanderhoof and Prince George October 30-31st.

Receipt of Verbal
Reports

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Newell

2023-11-36

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Storey

2023-11-37

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

- Committee appointment
- Connectivity
- Labour Relations."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2023-11-38

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:18 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services