



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

Supplementary AGENDA

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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<u>ADMINISTRATION REPORTS</u>		
4-11	Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services - Union of B.C. Municipalities Housing Summit 2024: Local Vision, Local Action	Receive
12-13	Shari Janzen, Economic Development Assistant - Toboggan Creek Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Society - Letter of Support Request	Recommendation

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAW NO. 2021 & BYLAW NO. 2022**

Report of the Public Hearing held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at at Francois Lake Hall, 770 Francois Lake East Road, BC, "Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) OCP, Bylaw No. 1785, 2017" and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2022, 2023".

ATTENDANCE:**Members of the Public:**

Gordon McFee, 7877 Colleymount Road (applicant)

Joan McFee, 7877 Colleymount Road (applicant)

Sherille Brewer, 900 Burns Lake

Tom Brewer, 900 Burns Lake

Public Hearing Chair:

Clint Lambert, Director, Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

RDBN Staff:

Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner (Recording Secretary)

Cameron Kral, Planning Technician

CORRESPONDENCE: No written submissions to this Public Hearing were received.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Lambert at 7:02 pm.

BUSINESS:

Chair Lambert	Chair Lambert provided an overview of Bylaw No. 2021 and Bylaw No. 2022 and the Public Hearing process. Chair Lambert stated that the Public Hearing package is available at the sign-in table and on the Regional District's website.
Chair Lambert	Asked applicants Gordon McFee and Joan McFee if they had any comments.
Joan McFee	Said they have two parcels of land and would like to subdivide it into four parcels for their children.
Chair Lambert	Asked if there were any other comments.
Joan and Gordon McFee	Said they had a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner come to their property who said the proposed parcels can all have onsite septic.
Chair Lambert	Asked for any additional comments a first time. No comment received.
Chair Lambert	Asked for any additional comments a second time. No comment received.

Chair Lambert Asked for additional comments a third and final time. No comment received.

Chair Lambert Adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm.

Clint Lambert, Chairperson

Danielle Patterson, Recording Secretary



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplementary

To: Chair and Board
From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Date: January 25, 2024
Subject: **Union of B.C. Municipalities Housing Summit 2024: Local Vision, Local Action**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive.

BACKGROUND

The UBCM Housing Summit 2024: Local Vision, Local Action is taking place in Vancouver February 13-14 with a focus on the housing crisis and recent changes to provincial legislation. RDBN staff will be in attendance.

ATTACHMENTS

UBCM Housing Summit 2024 Draft Program



UBCM Housing Summit 2024: Local Vision, Local Action



Publishing Date: January 17, 2024

UBCM is hosting a housing summit for local governments on February 13-14 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver. The **2024 Housing Summit: Local Vision, Local Action** will focus on the continuing crisis in housing affordability and attainability, and consider the effects of recent provincial legislation that has introduced fundamental changes to BC's housing system.

Local governments have been working hard to meet local housing needs, and we know that collaboration between sectors and levels of government is essential to effectively address the housing crisis.

As our draft program is taking shape, there are key themes that will shape the summit agenda:

- The legislation's potential to increase housing supply and improve affordability;
- Areas where unintended consequences are apparent;
- Impacts of the legislation on staffing capacity and infrastructure;
- The diversity of housing needs among BC communities and the unique capacity constraints faced by smaller communities;
- The effect of the legislation on current local government policies aimed at increasing supply, safeguarding affordability and building complete communities;
- Gaps within the current legislative framework; and
- A common approach for local governments moving forward.

Recognizing that the short notice and cost to attend in person can be a barrier for some local governments, this summit will be a hybrid of in-person and virtual. The cost to do so for UBCM will be considerable, but we believe it is critical to hear from as many members as possible over the two days of the event.

Registration is now open.

Journalists wishing to attend must be **accredited** by UBCM.

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Housing Summit 2024: Program

The program below is still being developed.

Check back for updates as we confirm speakers.



Tuesday, February 13

Opening Remarks – UBCM President

**8:30-8:45
AM**

Overview and welcome by UBCM President, Councillor Trish Mandewo.

Housing the Next Million British Columbians

**8:45-10:15
AM**

Panel of local elected officials reflecting on the challenge that lies ahead, exploring implications of the recent suite of housing legislation, and steps going forward.

**10:15-
10:30 AM**

Coffee Break

Tuesday, February 13

Bill 44: Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing and Pro-active Planning

**10:30-12:30
PM**

In depth exploration of what Bill 44 means for communities of different sizes in two streams: small community & regional districts, and large urban.

**12:30-1:30
PM**

Lunch

Taking Stock of BC's Affordable Housing Needs

**1:30-3:00
PM**

Consideration of the scope and role of government in housing, including an overview of new initiatives such as BC Builds and the Rental Protection Fund.

**3:00-3:15
PM**

Coffee Break

**3:15-4:30
PM**

Breakouts:

Breakout 1: Homeless Encampments and Bill 45

Exploration of the implications of Bill 45 for local governments and discussion of next steps.

Breakout 2: Short-term Rentals

Review of the new regulatory framework set in place by the *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act*, including

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application of the principal residence requirement, and potential approaches to data sharing.

Wednesday, February 14

**8:30-9:30
AM**

Housing, Immigration and Population Growth

Presentors to be confirmed.

**9:30-
11:00 AM**

Housing and Local Government Finance

Explore the new development finance framework established by Bill 46, and consider in the context of infrastructure needs arising from the broader suite of housing legislation and anticipated population growth.

**11-11:15
AM**

Coffee Break

**11:15-
12:30 PM**

Recent Housing Legislation and the Law

Brief presentations followed by Q&A addressing legal interpretations of Bills 44, 45, 46 and 47, touching on topics such as interpretation of the SSMUH Policy

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Manual, public notification and hearing requirements, and more.

**12:30-1:30
PM**

Lunch

Breakouts**Breakout 1: Transit-Oriented Development Under Bill 47**

Examination of what Bill 47 means for municipalities and regional districts, including what the changes mean for delivery of affordable housing, alignment with regional growth strategies, and other critical implementation considerations.

**1:30-
2:30 PM**

Breakout 2: Navigating Foundational Transformation of the Planning Framework with Limited Staff Capacity

Discussion of the capacity implications of the suite of housing changes, with a particular emphasis on small communities, featuring examples of how work plans are being adjusted and a review of available transition funding.

2:30-2:45

Coffee Break

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PM

2:45-3:15

Provincial presentation to be confirmed.

PM

Concluding Panel & UBCM President

3:15-3:30

Reflection on summit themes and an overview of how feedback gathered will be used.

PM

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors Supplementary

To: Chair and Board
From: Shari Janzen, Economic Development Assistant
Date: January 25, 2024
Subject: **Toboggan Creek Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Society – Letter of Support Request**

RECOMMENDATION: **(all/directors/majority)**

That the Board provide a Letter of Support to the Toboggan Creek Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Society regarding the importance of the program to enhance the salmonid stocks within the Bulkley River.

BACKGROUND

The Toboggan Creek Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Society is a non-profit group formed almost 40 years ago to assess and enhance salmonid stocks in the Bulkley River system. The Toboggan Creek Fish Hatchery is located on Toboggan Creek in the Evelyn community area. The Society has operated and maintained the hatchery under contract with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans from its inception.

Recent years have seen increased costs associated with operating the hatchery; however, these increased costs have not been matched with increased funding. This puts the society at risk of shutting its doors as it would not be financially viable to continue operations. The society plans to request an increase in funding from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

From: [Wendy Wainwright](#)
To: [Wendy Wainwright](#)
Subject: FW: Request for a Letter of Support
Date: January 24, 2024 3:35:59 PM

From: Bob Haslett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:53 PM
To: Info <info@rdbn.bc.ca>
Subject: Request for a Letter of Support

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] Please do not click on links on open attachments from unknown sources.

Caution: The sender name (Bob Haslett) is different from their email address (firefly3565@gmail.com), which may indicate an impersonation attempt. Verify the email's authenticity with the sender using your organization's trusted contact list before replying or taking further action.

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Attn: Chair Mark Parker

The Toboggan Creek Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Society is a non-profit, volunteer group, and was formed almost 40 years ago to assess and enhance salmonid stocks in the Bulkley River system. The hatchery is located on Toboggan Creek, in the Evelyn community area, and enjoys wide support from this community as well as the communities of Witset, Smithers, Telkwa, Houson and the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako.

Hatchery employees have operated and maintained the facility, under contract to the Department of Fisheries and Ocean from the inception of this venture. Over the last 6 years in particular the DFO has not provided funding covering the increased costs associated with running the hatchery, to the point that the Society sees no viable financial way to continue its work, - to put it plainly, the Society is facing bankruptcy.

We are asking your Board, to support us by sending a "letter of support" to us for the work the Society has done to both enhance the salmonid stocks and contribute to the economy of the Bulkley Valley. Our hope is that, with your support, we can continue with the work we have done for almost four decades.

Respectfully requested,
Ken Landrock,
President, Board of Directors.TCSSES