

AGENDA

MEETING NO. 4

March 21, 2024

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

AGENDA

Thursday, March 21, 2024

First Nations Acknowledgement

<u>PAGE NO.</u>	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	<u>AGENDA - March 21, 2024</u>	Approve
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	Receive
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
8-13	Board Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2024	Approve
14-19	Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2024	Receive
20-24	Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes -February 8, 2024	Receive

DELEGATION

TC ENERGY - COASTAL GASLINK

Tanner Moulton, Public Affairs Advisor

Sian Weaver, Manager, Socio-economics

Re: Socio-economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP)

- Implementation of Mitigation Measures

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Bylaw for 1st and 2nd Reading

25-32	Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner Planning Department Initiated Site Specific Zoning Text Amendments 1 st and 2 nd Reading Bylaw Nos. 2033, 2034, 2035 Electoral Areas A, B, E	Recommendation
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PAGE NO. Bylaw for 3rd Reading and Adoption

33-36 Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner Recommendation
Public Notice Bylaw and Policy
3rd Reading and Adoption Report and
Public Notice Policy

Development Variance Permit

37-46 Cameron Kral, Planning Technician Recommendation
Development Variance Permit Application
No. A-01-24 - Electoral Area A (Smithers/
Telkwa Rural)

Other

47-48 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes Receive
Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

49 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes Receive
Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ALR Applications

50-59 Cameron Kral, Planning Technician Recommendation
Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil) ALR
Application 1265
Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

60-71 Deneve Vanderwolf, Planning Technician Recommendation
Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil) ALR
Application 1266
Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

Land Referral

72-81 Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner Recommendation
Land Referral No. 7410325
Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

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82-89	Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning BC Transit Bus Service Funding	Receive
<u>ADMINISTRATION REPORTS</u>		
90	Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services – Committee Meeting Recommendation – March 7, 2024	Recommendation
91-93	Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services – Keeping it Rural Conference -May 21-23, 2024 – Kelowna, BC	Recommendation
94-112	John Illes, Chief Financial Officer -2024 Budget – Bylaw No. 2036 – Adoption	Recommendation
113-114	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development -BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional Stream Participation	Recommendation
115-123	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development -Grant in Aid for Areas B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) – Lakes District Family Enhancement Society	Recommendation
124	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development -Canada Community Building Fund Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Arena Mechanical System Upgrade	Recommendation
125	Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development -Canada Community Building Fund Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) – Telkwa Multi-Sport Outdoor Court Project	Receive

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126-131	Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief -Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Agreement Renewal	Recommendation

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

132-136	Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – <i>Emergency Management Act</i> (EDMA)	Receive
137-139	Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – Wildlife Habitat Area Proposal for Southern Mountain Caribou in the Nadina Natural Resource District – Requesting a Review and Submission of Written Comments by April 30, 2024	Receive
140-141	Province of BC – Help on the Way to B.C. Veterinarian Clinics that Treat Farm Animals	Receive
142-144	Union of B.C. Municipalities – Provincial Response to 2023 Resolutions	Receive

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

RECEIPT OF VERBAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

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IN-CAMERA MOTION

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

- **Future Service Provision**
- **Connectivity Projects**
- **Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance**
- **Labour Relations**

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**MEETING NO. 3****Thursday, March 7, 2024**

PRESENT:	Chair	Mark Parker
	Directors	Shane Brienen Leroy Dekens Martin Elphee Judy Greenaway Clint Lambert – arrived at 10:18 a.m. Linda McGuire Shirley Moon Kevin Moutray Chris Newell Michael Riis-Christianson Sarrah Storey Stoney Stoltenberg Henry Wiebe
	Director Absent	Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers
	Alternate Directors	Frank Wray, Town of Smithers – via Zoom
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer – via Zoom Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Megan D’Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator – via Zoom - arrived at 11:01 Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 10:56 a.m. Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor – arrived at 11:03 a.m. Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 10:18 a.m. Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Others	Mike McDiarmid, Superintendent, School District 54 Bulkley- Valley – left at 10:45 a.m.
	Media	Saddman Zaman, LD News

CALL TO ORDER Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**AGENDA &
 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2024-3-1

"That the Board Meeting Agenda of March 7, 2024 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
-February 22, 2024

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Director Brien

2024-3-2

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2024 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 BULKLEY-VALLEY – Mike McDiarmid, Superintendent Re: Update

Chair Parker welcomed Mike McDiarmid, Superintendent, School District 54 Bulkley-Valley.

Superintendent McDiarmid provided a PowerPoint Presentation

- SD#54 at a glance
- The best way to get to know us is to talk about our plans and priorities
- SD#54 priority areas, goals, environmental responsibilities
- What data/metrics are monitored?
- Learning priorities
- Student academic indicators compared to provincial norms
- Student wellness/emotional health indicators
- Expanded food programs to support students
- Excellent instruction/student support and new programming
- Indigenous education priorities
 - o Goal: Increase indigenous culture and the presence of Witsuwit'en language
- Choice and flexibility priorities
- Operational priorities.

The following was discussed:

- Superintendent McDiarmid thanked the Regional District for its support with the raising of the Reconciliation Pole at Walnut Park Elementary School in 2023
- Trades Day in Houston
 - o Converted the auto shop at the Houston Secondary School to provide trade space for post-secondary and industry partners to provide training opportunities
 - o Currently providing pipefitting and welding training
- In the past Kemess Mine and Northern Thunderbird Air would provide a tour of the Kemess Mine operations for students

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 BULKLEY-VALLEY – Mike McDiarmid, Superintendent Re: Update (Cont'd)

- Student mental health from the COVID-19 pandemic
 - o Focus and monitoring
 - o Lessons learned
 - Need for more counselors if a similar event occurs
 - o Staffing is a key issue in every job category but especially in councilor job positions
- Busing
 - o Challenges hiring
 - o Set pay scale
 - o Prioritize SD#54 student ridership
 - o If space is available provide ridership to private schools
- Alternate Director Wray thanked SD#54 for the cooperation between the Town of Smithers and SD#54 and looks forward to future collaboration
- Use of cell phones in classrooms
 - o Schools have rules in place they may implement
 - o Providing learning opportunities for management of cell phones and expectation that management techniques are utilized
- Social media impacts to student mental wellness
 - o No internal data
 - o Provide programs regarding online safety and the dangers of online behaviour
- Enrollment is currently stable
 - o SD#54 has made difficult decisions to close schools and sell properties in the past
 - o Have remodeled schools utilizing grant funding and included daycare space to better utilize school space to accommodate changing enrollment numbers
- SD#54 places a high priority on partnering with other agencies to provide programs to students and the community
- Current initiative to building a covered turf and are investigating partnership opportunities to complete the project.

Chair Parker thanked Mr. McDiarmid for attending the meeting.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Secondary Suite Incentive Program

Moved by Director Storey
 Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-3-3

"That the Board direct staff to inform the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) that the RDBN wishes to be a signatory to the proposed March 22, 2024 letter drafted by the NCRD."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

North Central Local
Government Association
(NCLGA) Resolutions

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brienen

2024-3-4

“That the Board approve the following resolutions for submission to NCLGA:
1. Healthcare Worker Shortage – Reducing Barriers to Training
2. Search and Rescue – Capability Approval Process
3. Industry Shutdown – Timber Rights
4. Housing Support in Northern and Small Communities
5. Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Five Year Financial Plan
Bylaw 2036 for 3rd Reading

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-3-5

“That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2036, 2024 be given third reading this 7th day of March, 2024.”

(All/Weighted/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Organics Diversion Pilot
-Grant to Village of Burns Lake

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2024-3-6

“That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s Organics Diversion Pilot – Grant to Village of Burns Lake memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding funding for climate action initiatives.

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Housing
 Parliamentary Secretary
 for Rural and Regional
 Development – 2023 UBCM
 Follow-up

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-3-7

“That the Board receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Housing Parliamentary Secretary for Rural and Regional Development regarding 2023 UBCM Follow-up.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Union of BC Municipalities
 Community Emergency
 Preparedness Fund
 -Emergency Operations
 Centre Application

Moved by Director Moutray
 Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-3-8

“That the Board supports the submission of an application to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Emergency Operations Centre for the 2024 funding stream.

Further, the Board authorizes staff and understands that if the grant is approved, the RDBN will receive and manage all grant funding, and commits to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

City of Campbell River:
 Delegation Re: Health Care
 Worker Shortage

Director Lambert shared that he provided the City of Campbell River’s Delegation regarding Health Care Worker Shortage. Director Newell mentioned that he has recently spoken with a medical professional regarding the impacts from the vaccine mandate and health care worker shortage.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Pitt Meadows UBCM
Resolutions Re: Proposed
Farmland Taxation

Director Moon brought forward for awareness Pitt Meadows UBCM Resolutions calling on the Province:

- o to create an unfarmed land tax that would be applied to any property within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) this is not being utilized for farming purposes
- o to remove the eligibility for vacant or unused farmland to receive the school tax exemption
- o to change the minimum gross income required in order for a property to receive farm classification and receive the corresponding tax benefits.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-3-9

"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

BULKLEY-NECHAKO

JOINT ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM

Friday, February 23, 2024

PRESENT: Chair Judy Greenaway, RDBN

Alternate Chair Stoney Stoltenberg, RDBN

Voting Members

- Kathy Bedard, Granisle
- Tania Cunningham, Burns Lake
- Elaine Storey, Fraser Lake – arrived at 1:06 p.m.
- Glenys SnowDymond, Smithers
- Shawna Taylor, Fort St. James

Voting Members Absent

- Marion Ells, Houston
- David Livesey, Telkwa
- David Manahan, Houston

Partner Organization Representatives

- Jennifer Barg, Vanderhoof Public Library – left at 1:54 p.m.
- Alex Bihori, District of Fort St. James
- Laina Helgesen, Village of Burns Lake – arrived at 1:10 p.m.
- Debbie Joujan, Village of Telkwa – left at 1:54 p.m.
- Roberta McKenzie, Burns Lake Public Library – arrived at 1:06 p.m.
- Nikki Sauve, Fraser Lake Public Library

Partner Organization Representatives Absent

- Valerie Crowley, Fort St. James Public Library
- Lynn Dunkley, Fort St. James
- Lorna Eftodie, Village of Granisle
- Lara Hartman, Village of Fraser Lake
- Karen Hogstead, District of Houston
- Lisa Rees, Granisle Public Library

RDBN Staff

- Nellie Davis, Staff Liaison
- Wendy Wainwright, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Greenaway called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Glenys SnowDymond
Seconded by Shawna Taylor

BNJAAC.2024-1-1

“That the Committee Agenda for February 23, 2024 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

BNJAAC Meeting Minutes
 December 8, 2023

Moved by Director Stoney Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Glenys SnowDymond

BNJAAC.2024-1-2

"That the Committee receive the Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of December 8, 2023."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Accessibility Plan Template
 Review

Moved by Director Stoney Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Kathy Bedard

BNJAAC.2024-1-3

"That the Committee receive the RDBN Staff Liaison's Accessibility Plan Template Review memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Clarity regarding the Committee terms of reference, scope and role of committee members
 - o How to have the most impact and provide information to the most people
 - o Members of the Committee to bring forward needs they discover within their communities e.g. parking sites, new and remodeled building requiring accessibility access
 - o Which committee members are representing various persons/organizations with disabilities
 - In person meeting in April 2024
 - Valuable to learn the expertise of the Committee members
 - o BNJAAC Identification Cards
 - Staff will print cards and distribute to Committee members
- Accessibility Plan Template review
 - o Importance of determining Item 8 – Our 3-year Plan
 - o Determine priorities and implementation strategy that can be achieved with little cost or time and are visual e.g. parking signage and sites
- Local government advocacy of the Province at the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) Convention
- Collaborate with partner local governments to bring forward unified recommendations
- Studies that have been completed with recommendations for various sites e.g. RDBN Trout Creek Property in Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Importance of finding a path forward to encourage First Nations participation
- Age Friendly designation/Accessibility Reports
 - o Government of B.C. guide for Age Friendly Communities
 - o Village of Fraser Lake Age Friendly Community Action Plan
 - o Village of Granisle Age Friendly designation
 - o District of Fort St. James Age Friendly designation
 - o Town of Smithers Accessibility report
 - o Chair Greenaway requested existing documents be forwarded to the Committee for information purposes in developing a framework for the Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (BNJAAC) Accessibility Plan
- Who is responsible to ensure recommendations are implemented
- RDBN Staff Liaison will bring forward a draft Accessibility Plan
- Committee members can provide information to RDBN Staff Liaison
 - o High level plan to take into account the universal gaps across the region
 - o Living/working document to be continually reviewed to allow for the addition of new and completed items
 - o Providing Plan to all Partner organizations
 - Follow-up once Plan is developed
 - o Providing the Plan to other agencies and not for profits e.g. seniors societies, recreation societies, etc.
- Ensuring Plan is distributed and implemented
- How to include private infrastructure and businesses
 - o Providing information to meet provincial requirements and regulations
 - o Costs to improve private infrastructure
 - o Minimal grant opportunities
 - o Continue to raise awareness where barriers exist and opportunities to address issues may exist
- Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Façade Improvement Grant Program
 - o Staff will review the guidelines regarding eligibility for accessibility improvements
 - o District of Fort St. James and Village of Burns Lake are participating in the program
 - o Chair Greenaway suggested that a list of communities participating in the program would be beneficial
- Local government bylaws concerning accessibility
 - o Include in business license programs
 - Mr. Bihori indicated that additional information needs to be researched.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Mural Board Review and Approval Virtually via screen Share

Moved by Director Stoney Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Shawna Taylor

BNJAAC.2024-1-4

"That the Committee receive the Mural Board Review shared virtually by the RDBN Staff Liaison."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will provide one on one instruction to those committee members wanting to utilize the Mural Board. Staff will transfer the information into the Plan and review feedback mechanism options for the public. Addressing mobility and accessibility issues during emergency events and inviting the RDBN Protective Services Manager to a future meeting was also discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Village of Burns Lake -Invitation to Participate in Review of Spirt Square Equipment

Moved by Director Stoney Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Shawna Taylor

BNJAAC.2024-1-5

"That the Committee receive correspondence from the Village of Burns Lake regarding an invitation to participate in review of Spirit Square equipment."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Laina Helgesen, Village of Burns Lake provided an overview of the Village of Burns Lake's application for grant funding to update and replace the outdoor exercise equipment in Spirit Square. Discussion took place regarding:

- Ensuring new equipment is useful and designed for all users
 - o Consider usability and movement challenges
- Equipment in Telkwa for seniors use has some limitations due to senior mobility limitations
- Village of Burns Lake forming a working group with individuals with diverse accessibility challenges
- Rick Hanson Foundation and SPARK BC are good sources of information
- Encouraging people to ensure continued accessibility and compliance.

VERBAL REPORTS

Burns Lake

- Icy conditions and snow conditions
- Hidden dangers
- Unable to see signs for accessible parking
- Isolation for some seniors during the winter – physical and mental impacts
- Impacts from closed emergency rooms at the Lakes District Hospital and Health Centre

Village of Burns Lake

- Updating Parking and Public Spaces Bylaw
- Approval for Bylaw and Enforcement Officer – will conduct enforcement and community outreach
- Work on relationships to improve accessibility
- Burns Lake Public Library
 - o Handi-accessible bathrooms
 - o Lift that is working well

Granisle

- Community hall only accessible by staircase – working on a solution
- Village of Granisle is working with BC Housing to build a 12-unit senior housing facility

Fort St. James

- Fort St. James Highschool installed a stairwell system which also allows access during fire as an option to an elevator
- Snow removal coordination between the District of Fort St. James and road maintenance company would be beneficial
 - o Need to carry shovel to be able to dig out wheelchair
 - o District of Fort St. James has had additional communication with the road maintenance contractor regarding community and highway maintenance
- District of Fort St. James recently replaced the Seniors Helping Seniors van with a van that has a lift and is wheelchair accessible

Smithers

- Town of Smithers included additional snow removal for sidewalks to address recommendations from its Accessibility Assessment
 - o New accessibility parking spots being designated with appropriate signage in spring 2024
- Public meeting for proposed new daycare
 - o Concept will include accessibility
- International Neurodiversity Week March 18-25
 - o Some airlines are adopting the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower - a discreet sign that the wearer has a hidden disability and may need additional support
 - o RDBN Trout Creek Property
 - Installing a new outhouse
 - Director Stoltenberg will speak with staff regarding accessibility considerations

Fraser Lake Public Library

- Accessibility issues
- Attended BC Library accessibility workshops
- Fraser Lake Mall Complex
 - o New ownership learning to address snow removal.

Chair Greenaway thanked those that provided a verbal report.

NEXT MEETING

- March 15, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoney Stoltenberg
Seconded by Elaine Storey

BNJAAC.2023-2-3

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:39 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Judy Greenaway, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Recording Secretary

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, March 7, 2024**

PRESENT: Chair Clint Lambert

Directors Judy Greenaway
Shirley Moon
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Michael Riis-Christianson
Stoney Stoltenberg

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer – via Zoom
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Megan D’Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 11:38 a.m.
Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor – left at 12:12 p.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer – arrived at 11:22 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Shane Brienen, District of Houston – arrived at 12:47 p.m.
Martin Elphee, District of Fort St. James – arrived at 12:47 p.m.
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle – left at 12:12 p.m.
Kevin Moutray, District of Vanderhoof
Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake – left at 12:05 p.m.
Henry Wiebe, Village of Burns Lake – arrived at 12:47 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m.

**AGENDA &
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director GreenawayRDC.2024-3-1

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for March 7, 2024 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes -February 8, 2024 Moved by Director Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2024-3-2 "That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of February 8, 2024 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORT

BC Vegetable Marketing Expands Regulated Area Moved by Director Stoltenberg
 Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2024-3-3 "That the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's BC Vegetable Marketing Expands Regulated Area and the Supplementary Agenda Clarification regarding BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Expansion of Regulated Area memorandums."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Additional clarification is needed regarding the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission's expansion of regulated areas
- Challenging contacting the Commission
- Researching impacts to areas that were part of the Commission's regulated area prior to the expansion e.g. Quesnel
- The potential impact to BC Farmer's Markets in northern B.C. is unknown
- Concerns regarding potential impacts to vegetable farmers, growers and community gardens in the north
- Lack of communication regarding the January 1, 2024 implementation
- Inviting the Commission to a future RDBN meeting or North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) AGM
 - o Director Greenaway will bring it forward to the NCLGA Planning Committee.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-3-4 "That the Committee receive the Planning Technician's Recent Agricultural Land Commission Decisions memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Decisions made by the ALC do not coincide with decisions made by the Board and don't address local and/or northern considerations
- Board's past advocacy with the Province utilizing the historical decision making by the ALC
- Issue stems from the Ministry of Agriculture removing the two-zone system that was in place in the past
 - o Board advocated that the Province keep Zone 1 and 2
 - o Continued to bring forward the issue once the Province removed the two zones and showcased the differences in the north
- ALC response time
- Lands included in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) that lack agriculture qualities
 - o ALC indicated lack of capacity to review
 - o Important to review
- Provide information and meet with the Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food at a meeting planned for April
- Leading up to the 2024 UBCM Convention consider bringing forward to the Minister of Agriculture and Food the impacts to the region and north regarding the removal of the two-zone system.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Agricultural Plastics (3-year) Pilot Project

The Committee discussed the following:

- Renewing the Pilot on an annual basis and focus on on-farm collection
- Having conversations with producers
- Responsibility of the agriculture sector to recycle agricultural plastics
- Province considering investigating agricultural plastics as part of an Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) program in potentially 3-5 years
- Option to utilize the Canada Community Building Fund or Northern Capital Planning Grant for the Pilot
- Challenges identifying new markets to minimize the long distances the product must travel to end markets during the 3-year Pilot Project.

Staff noted that the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) recommends reviewing options for recycling programs for agricultural plastics. Six balers have been provided to be used for on-farm collection if the Committee chooses to continue the Pilot Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT (CONT'D)

Agricultural Plastics (3-year) Pilot Project Moved by Director Parker
 Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2024-3-5 "That the Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to explore a one-year renewal of the Agricultural Plastics (3-year) Pilot Project focusing on on-farm collection; and further, that staff bring forward funding options to the Board prior to the end of the current pilot in June 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Plastics (3-year) Pilot Project Moved by Director Newell
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-3-6 "That the Committee receive the Waste Diversion Supervisor's Agricultural Plastics (3-year) Pilot Project memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch at 12:12 p.m.

Reconvened after lunch at 12:47 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

New Program for Veterinarian Clinics that treat Farm Animals Director Parker commented that the Province has announced that it will provide funding for summer placement costs for veterinary and veterinary technologist students to B.C. Veterinarian Clinics that help B.C. farmers and ranchers care for their animals. The \$300,000 pilot program offers up to \$6,000 per placement to help with wages and travel costs that could support the placement of up to 50 students in 2024.

Connectivity Projects Officially Announced in the RDBN Director Riis-Christianson reported that the Federal and Provincial Government announced combined funding for three connectivity projects in the RDBN, Fort St. James, Cluculz Lake, Burns Lake (rural areas) and Tchesinkut Lake with an estimated completion date of June 2025.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-3-7

“That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* for the Committee to deal with matters relating to the following:
• Future Service Provision.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

RDC.2024-3-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:51 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clint Lambert, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director
of Corporate Services



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Danielle Patterson
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Rezoning Application RDBN 02-21
First and Second Reading for Bylaw No. 2033, Bylaw No. 2034, & Bylaw
No. 2035**

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

1. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2033, 2024" be given first and second reading and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
 2. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2034, 2024" be given first and second reading and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
 3. That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2035, 2024" be given first and second reading and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
 4. That the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2033, 2024," also serve as the Public Hearing for "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2034, 2024," and "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2035, 2024", and that the Public Hearing be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area B (Rural Burns Lake).
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2020, the Regional District adopted "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" (the Zoning Bylaw). Planning staff have discovered that the new Zoning Bylaw has had unintended consequences for two properties.

The Motor Vehicles Rental use was removed from the Light Industrial – Contracting Zone (M1A), which impacted the vehicle rentals business at 3844 Henry Road, Electoral Area A and the Veterinary Clinic use was removed from the Small Holdings Zone (H1), which impacted the existing veterinary clinic at 2450 Fountain Frontage Road, Electoral Area B. Bylaw No. 2033 adds Motor Vehicle Rental as a use at 3844 Henry Road, and Bylaw 2035 adds Veterinary Clinic as a use at 2450 Fountain Frontage Road.

Bylaw 2034 proposes to amend the P1 Zone to remove Multi-Family Dwelling as a permitted use at the Hospital Point Park at 2411 Hospital Point Road, Electoral Area E. This use, and the housing agreement on title, are no longer needed now that the land is a Regional District Park.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

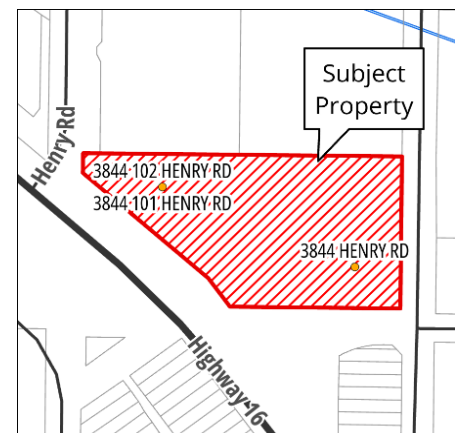
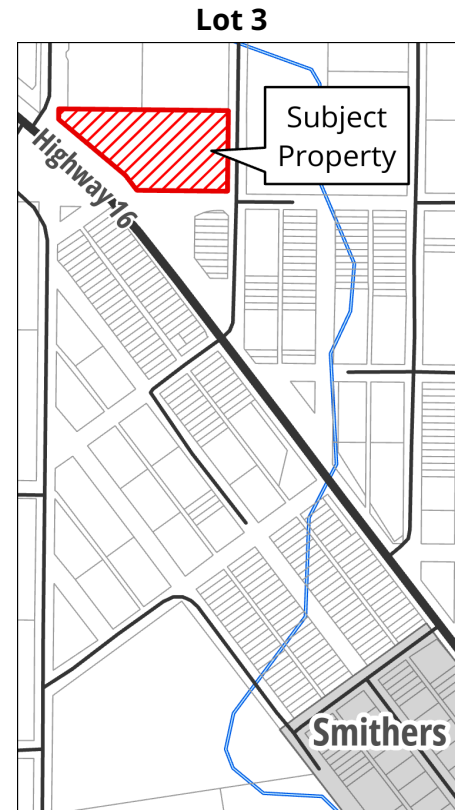
Bylaw 2033 – Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)

Subject Property:	3844 Henry Road located approximately 580 m northwest of the Town of Smithers Lot 3, Section 2, Township 1A, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 4733 (PID 006-776-973)
Property Area:	1.35 ha (3.33 ac)
OCP Designation:	Commercial (C) in the Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1704, 2014
Zoning:	M1A in the Zoning Bylaw
ALR Status:	Not in the ALR
Existing Land Use:	Motor Vehicle Rentals
Proposed Amendment:	Motor Vehicle Rentals in the M1A Zone at 3844 Henry Road

The Special Light Industrial – Agricultural Zone (M1A) and the Light Industrial – Contracting Service Zone (M1B) from repealed Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993 were combined into a single zone named the Light Industrial – Contracting Zone (M1A Zone) in the new Zoning Bylaw. The Motor Vehicle Rentals use was removed from M1A Zone in error, making the use at 3844 Henry Road non-conforming to zoning.

There are two parcels in the RDBN zoned M1A. Only 3844 Henry Road has a Motor Vehicle Rentals use. Staff propose that Bylaw 2033 add Motor Vehicle Rentals to the Permitted Uses in the M1A zone only for this particular property. Motor Vehicle Rentals use is defined as follows.

MOTOR VEHICLE RENTALS means the use of land, Building or other Structure for the rental or lease of new or used motor vehicles, trailers, Camping Vehicles, boats, all terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, and motorcycles, and may include as an incidental and subordinate use, the service and repair of only those items being rented or leased provided that the service and repair of vehicles occurs inside of a Building. This use does not include Service Station.



Bylaw 2035 – Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)

Subject Property: 2450 Fountain Frontage Road, approximately 800 m north of the Village of Burns Lake.

Lot 2, District Lot 2511, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 3885 (PID 005-731-241)

Property Area: 0.43 ha (1.07 ac)

OCP Designation: Rural Residential (RR) Designation in the Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1704

Zoning: H1 in the Zoning Bylaw

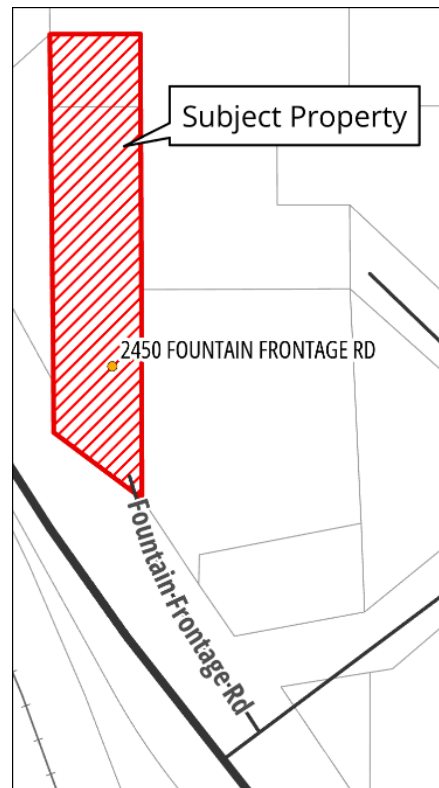
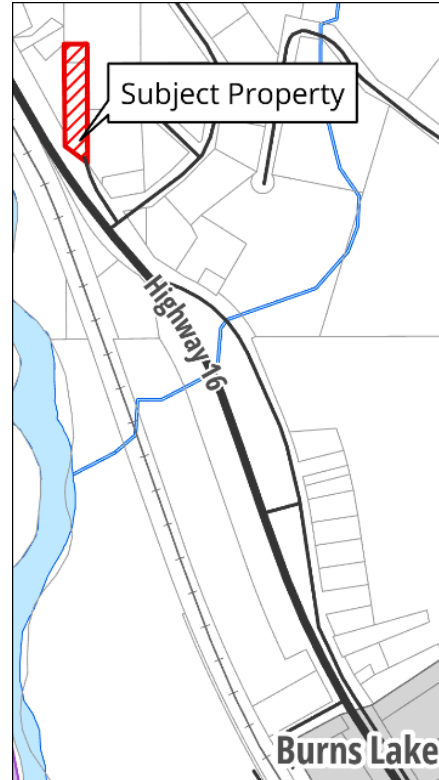
ALR Status: Not in the ALR

Existing Land Use: Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic

Proposed Amendment: **Veterinary Clinic in H1 Zone at 2450 Fountain Road**

The Zoning Bylaw removed Veterinary Clinic from the Permitted Uses of the H1 Zone, making the use at 3844 Henry Road non-conforming to zoning. Planning staff propose that Bylaw 2035 add Veterinary Clinic to the Permitted Uses in the H1 Zone only for this particular property. Veterinary Clinic use is defined as follows.

VETERINARY CLINIC means the use of land, Building or other Structure for the medical, surgical, dental, diagnostic, and therapeutic treatment of non-human animals, and the overnight stay of animals receiving treatment.



Bylaw 2034 – Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Rural)

Subject Property: 2411 Hospital Road, approximately 800 m northwest of the southside Francois Lake ferry landing.

Lot B, District Lot 716,
Range 4, Coast District, Plan
1379 (PID 004-868-471)

Property Area: 4.44 ha (10.97 ac)

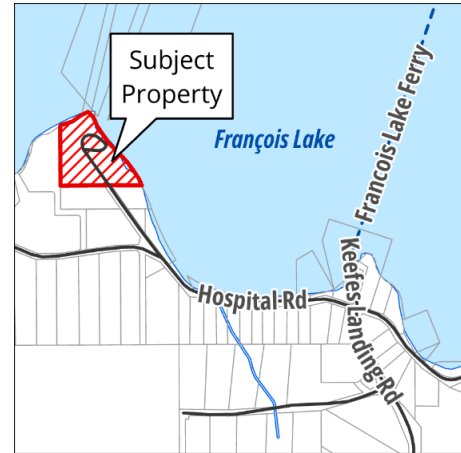
OCP Designation: Not applicable

Zoning: P1 in the Zoning Bylaw

ALR Status: Not in the ALR

Existing Land Use: Park

Proposed Amendment: **Remove Multiple Family Dwelling at 2411 Hospital Road in P1 Zone**



The Zoning Bylaw permits a 12-unit Multi-Family Dwelling in the P1 Zone only at 2411 Hospital Road. This use, and the housing agreement registered on title, was introduced by the former property owner in a 2014 Zoning Bylaw amendment for a seniors housing development. This use, and the housing agreement, are no longer necessary given the use of the property as a regional park, which is owned by the Regional District. As such, Bylaw No. 2034 proposes to remove the 12-unit Multi-Family Dwelling use from the P1 Zone.

REFERRAL RESPONSES

Bylaws No. 2033 and 2035 were referred to the **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)**. MoTI provided a Preliminary Approval letter (see Attachments).

Bylaw No. 2034 (2450 Fountain Frontage Road – H1) was referred to the **Regional District Agriculture Coordinator** who provided the following referral response:

“I am not very familiar with the process for establishing or changing property zoning, but veterinary services are critical for both agriculture producers and other community members, so the proposed action in bylaw amendment 2035 makes sense to me.”

Given the housekeeping nature of these Bylaws they were not referred to the Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bylaw No. 2033, 2024; Bylaw No. 2034, 2024; & Bylaw No. 2035, 2024
- [M1A, P1, and H1 Zones from RDBN Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 \(link\)](#)
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure referral response letter



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
BYLAW NO. 2033

A Bylaw to Amend "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020"

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" be amended by adding the following to the Section 22.1.1.1. Permitted Uses of the Light Industrial – Contracting Zone (M1A):

"f) Motor Vehicle Rentals only on the Parcel legally described as Lot 3, Section 2, Township 1A, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 4733."

This bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2033, 2024".

READ A FIRST TIME this ___ day of _____.

READ A SECOND TIME this ___ day of _____.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this ___ day of _____.

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of _____.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2033, 2024".

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this ___ day of _____.

Corporate Administrator

Approved pursuant to section 52(3)(a) of the *Transportation Act*
this _____ day of _____, 2024

for Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____.

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
BYLAW NO. 2034

A Bylaw to Amend "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020"

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" be amended by repealing Section 25.0.1.1.g) of the Civic/Institutional Zone (P1).

This bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2034, 2024".

READ A FIRST TIME this ___ day of _____.

READ A SECOND TIME this ___ day of _____.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this ___ day of _____.

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of _____.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2034, 2024".

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this ___ day of _____.

Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____.

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
BYLAW NO. 2035

A Bylaw to Amend "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020"

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting enacts as follows:

That "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" be amended by adding the following to Section 14.0.1.1. Permitted Uses of the Small Holdings Zone (H1):

"f) Veterinary Clinic only on the Parcel legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 2511, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 3885, Except Any Portion of the Right of Way of the Dominion Telegraph Line Having a Width of 100 Feet Which May Lie Within the Boundaries of This Land and Except Plan 8676."

This bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2035, 2024".

READ A FIRST TIME this ___ day of _____.

READ A SECOND TIME this ___ day of _____.

PUBLIC HEARING HELD this ___ day of _____.

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of _____.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2035, 2024".

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this ___ day of _____.

Corporate Administrator

Approved pursuant to section 52(3)(a) of the *Transportation Act*
this ___ day of _____, 2024

for Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____.

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator



Your File #: RDBN 02-21
eDAS File #: 2024-00822
Date: Feb/20/2024

c/o Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Deneve Vanderwolf
37 3rd Avenue
Burns Lake, British Columbia V0J 1E0
Canada

Attention: Deneve Vanderwolf Planner 1 /Regional Transit Coordinator

Re: Proposed Bylaw 2033 and 2035 for:
3844 Henry Road, Smithers
2450 Frontage Road, Burns Lake

Preliminary Approval is granted for the rezoning for one year pursuant to section 52(3)(a) of the Transportation Act. Please provide a copy of the bylaw after 3rd reading for approval.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Connie Hardy at (250) 876-6812.

Yours truly,

Connie Hardy
Development Officer

Table with 1 column and 2 rows. Row 1: Local District Address. Row 2: Bulkley-Stikine District, Bag 5000, 3726 Alfred Avenue, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0, Canada, Phone: (250) 847-7403 Fax: (250) 847-7219



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Public Notice Bylaw No. 2032, 2024 – Third Reading and Adoption and Public Notice Policy**

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

1. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Public Notice Bylaw No. 2032, 2024 be given third reading and adoption.
2. That the Board approve the attached “Public Notice Policy”.

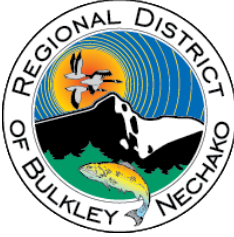
DISCUSSION

At the February 22, 2024 Board meeting, staff presented a report for the Board’s consideration for the first and second reading of Public Notice Bylaw No. 2032, 2024 (see [link](#) for February 22, 2024 Board report. Additionally, the report presented a draft public notice policy for receipt in association with Bylaw No. 2032, 2024).

Staff recommend Bylaw 2032, 2024 receive third reading and adoption and that the Board approve the attached Public Notice Policy in association with the Bylaw.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bylaw No. 2032, 2024
- Public Notice Policy
- [February 22, 2024 Board Report \(link\)](#).



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
BYLAW NO. 2032

A Bylaw to provide for an
 Alternative Means of Publishing a Notice

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter*, the Regional Board may adopt a Bylaw to provide an alternative means of publishing a public notice;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 94.2(3) of the *Community Charter* and Section 2 of the *Public Notice Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 52/2022, the Regional Board considers the means of publication set by this Bylaw to be reliable, suitable for providing notices, and accessible;

NOW THEREFORE, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Public Notice Bylaw No. 2032, 2024.”

2. Public Notice

Notice required to be given or published in accordance with Section 94 of the *Community Charter* must be published by the means specified in this bylaw as follows:

- a. electronically by posting the notice on the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako website; and
- b. electronically by distributing the notice on the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Official Facebook page.

3. Inconsistencies between means of publication

In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the means of publication specified in this Bylaw and the means of publication specified in another Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Bylaw, as they relate to the notice requirements of Section 94 of the *Community Charter*, the requirements of this Bylaw shall prevail.

READ A FIRST TIME this 22nd day of February 2024.

READ A SECOND TIME this 22nd day of February 2024.

READ A THIRD TIME this _____ day of _____ 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Public Notice Bylaw No. 2032, 2024".

DATED AT BURNS LAKE this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board Policy

SUBJECT: Public Notice Policy

CATEGORY: Public Notification

APPROVED:

1. PURPOSE

To establish a requirement for print notifications to supplement the notice requirements provided in Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Public Notice Bylaw No. 2032, 2024.

2. BACKGROUND

This policy has been developed in consideration of Section 94.2 of the *Community Charter* which authorizes local governments to adopt alternative means of publication of public notice for those notices effected by Section 94 of the *Community Charter* and the *Community Charter Public Notice Regulation BC Regulation 52/2022*.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

Where public notice is required in accordance with Section 94 of the *Community Charter*, except for public notice requirements under Section 208 (parcel tax notice) of the *Community Charter*, the Regional District shall post a notice as follows:

- A notice shall be posted in a single edition of a print newspaper that is distributed on a regular basis at least weekly in a community within 50 km of the area which is the subject of the notice.
- If there is no such print newspaper, the Regional District shall post a notice in a single edition of a print periodical that is distributed on a regular basis at least weekly in a community within 50 km of the area which is the subject of the notice. Where no such print newspaper or print periodical exists, no notice is required under this policy.
- Where more than one print newspaper or print periodical meets the above noted requirement, notice shall be provided in the print newspaper or print periodical which is distributed closest to the area which is the subject of the notice.
- The print newspaper or print periodical notice must be published at least seven days before the date of the matter for which notice is required.

Notification under this policy is intended to only supplement legislated requirements. Notification under this policy is not mandated and can be waived or expanded to include additional notification methods at the discretion of the Regional District.



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Cameron Kral, Planning Technician
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Development Variance Permit Application No. A-01-24**

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

That the Board approve Development Variance Permit A-01-24 for the property located at 327 Prairie Road to vary Section 12.0.5.1.b) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 by reducing the setback for a structure from a side parcel line which does not abut a Highway from 2 m to 0.31 m for the proposed cabin addition.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

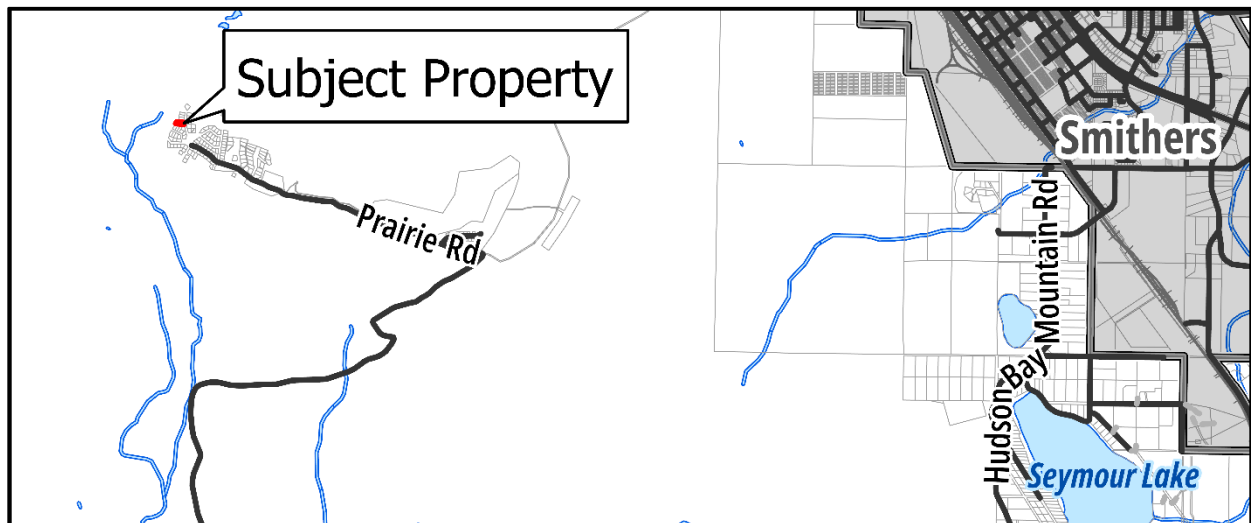
This application proposes to reduce the setback requirement for a structure from a side parcel line which does not abut a Highway from 2.0 m to 0.31 m. This variance is being requested for the south side parcel line to allow the construction of an addition to an existing cabin, which will also be renovated. The applicants indicate that the existing cabin's A-frame roof makes it challenging to expand the cabin without exceeding the south side setback.

The proposed addition is very close to the parcel boundary. However, the applicants have submitted a letter of support from their neighbour. The proposed variance is not anticipated to have any negative impact on other residents.

Staff have no objections and recommend the permit be approved.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

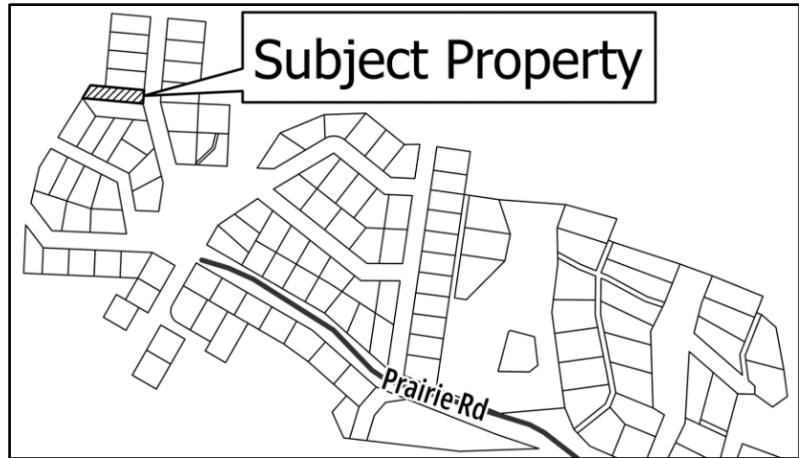
Name of Applicants	Kayhan Ghatavi (agent) and Sarah Harvie
Electoral Area:	A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)
Subject Property:	Block E, District Lot 1589, Range 5, Coast District
Property Size:	0.105 ha (0.260 ac)
OCP Designation:	Ski Smithers Development Area (SSDA) under Smithers/Telkwa Rural OCP Bylaw No. 1704, 2014.
Zoning:	Hudson Bay Mountain Recreational Residential Zone (R8) under Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020.
ALR Status:	Not in the ALR
Existing Land Use:	Cabin
Location:	327 Prairie Road, within the Hudson Bay Mountain Prairie Village, located approximately 5.5 km west of the Town of Smithers (see Location Map below).

Location Map:**PROPOSAL**

The applicants are requesting a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to facilitate building an addition and renovating an existing cabin 0.31 m from the south side parcel line. Section 12.0.5.1b) of the Hudson Bay Mountain Recreational Residential Zone (R8) states that no structure or part thereof shall be located within 2.0 m (6.56 ft) from each side parcel line

which does not abut a highway. Therefore, the applicants propose to vary this regulation by reducing the south side setback from 2.0 m to 0.31 m.

The proposed addition and renovation meet the Total Floor Area and Height requirements for a Cabin in the R8 Zone.



The applicants provided the following reasons for requesting a DVP:

The existing cabin 'A' frame rooflines makes it very challenging to expand the building footprint forcing an addition past the existing setbacks towards the South/West. The cabin addition façade design will follow all BCBC regulations in regards to window placements and combustible projections in order to ensure adequate protection against fire spread between buildings.

DISCUSSION

BC Assessment indicates that the existing cabin was constructed in 1971 prior to the requirement for building permits from the RDBN. The applicants and their designer have had preliminary discussions with the Building Inspectors and are aware of building code requirements. The Building Inspectors have no outstanding concerns.

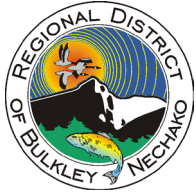
The applicants have submitted a letter of support from their neighbour and the proposed variance is not anticipated to have any negative impact on other residents. Staff have no objections and recommend the permit be approved.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

All property owners within 100 m of the subject property were provided written notice of the application and were advised of their opportunity to provide written comment on this application. Any written submissions received will be made available at the Board Meeting on March 21, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Development Variance Permit A-01-24
- Applicant submission



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT NO. A-01-24

ISSUED TO: Kayhan Ghatavi and Sarah Harvie
PO Box 4228
Smithers BC, V0J 2N0

WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING LANDS:

327 Prairie Road, legally described as Block E, District Lot 1589, Range 5, Coast District (the "Lands")

1. This Development Variance Permit varies Section 12.0.5.1.b) of Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020 by reducing the minimum setback of a structure from a Side Parcel Line which does not abut a Highway from 2.0 metres to 0.31 metres.
2. This variance applies only to the addition to the existing Cabin, as shown on the site plan attached hereto as Schedule A, which forms part of this permit.
3. Projections such as eaves, cornices, leaders, gutters, and/or antennae may not intrude into this 0.31 metre setback.
4. The lands shall be developed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this permit and in general compliance to the plan attached as Schedule A, which forms part of this permit.
5. If the Building Permit for the development that is the subject of this permit has not been issued (if required), and the construction substantially started within two (2) years after the date of this permit's issuance, the permit shall lapse.
6. This permit is not a building permit, nor does it relieve the owner or occupier from compliance with all other bylaws of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this permit.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION passed by the Regional District Board

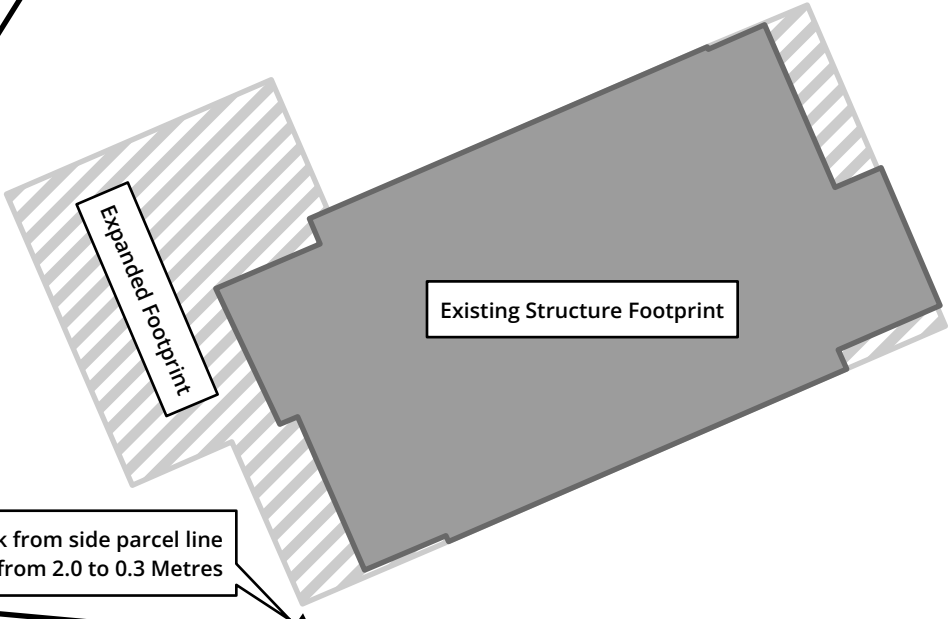
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PERMIT ISSUED on this ___ day of _____, 2024.

Corporate Administrator

Property Subject to
DVP No. A-01-24

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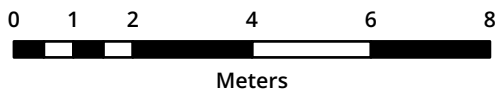


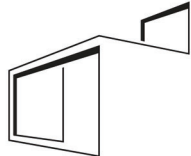
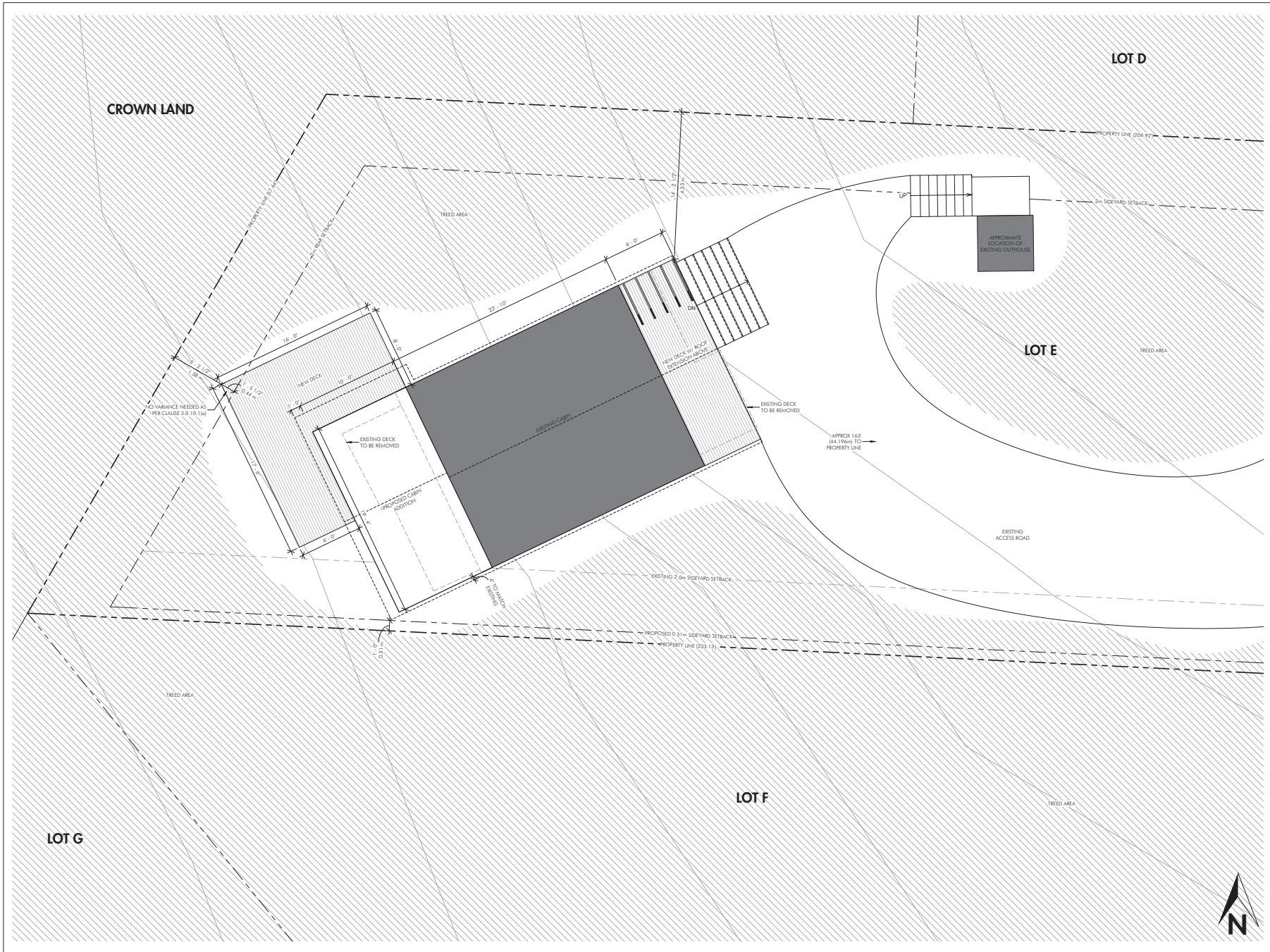
Expanded Footprint

Existing Structure Footprint

Setback from side parcel line
varied from 2.0 to 0.3 Metres

Southern Parcel Line





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**NOT FOR
CONSTRUCTION**

Kayhan Ghatavi & Sally Harvey

**GHATAVI CABIN
RENOVATION**

327 Prairie Road (HBM), Smithers BC

PROJECT NUMBER **23.246GCR**

DATE **24.02.20**

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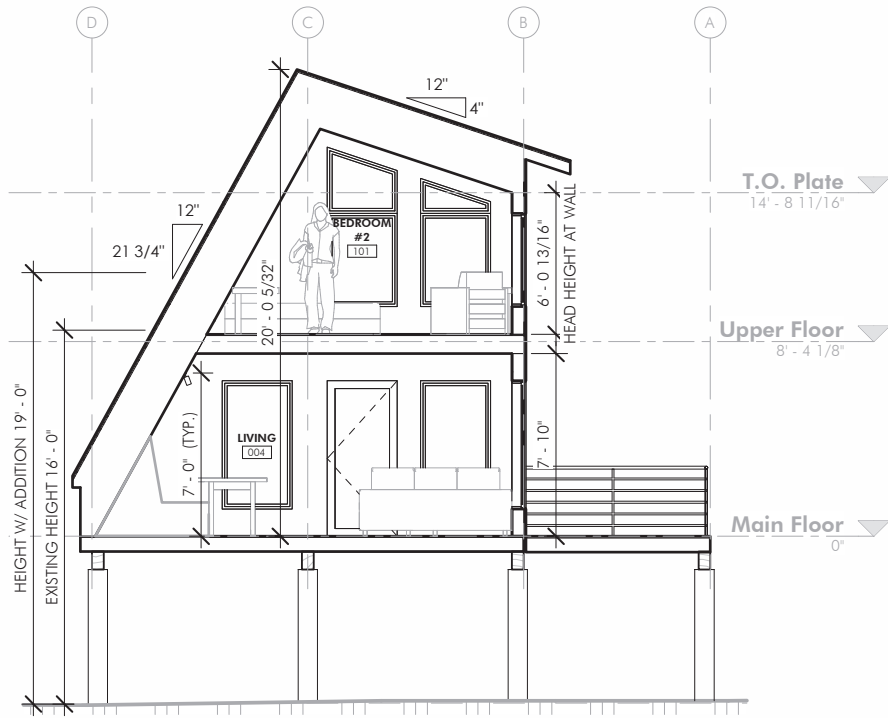
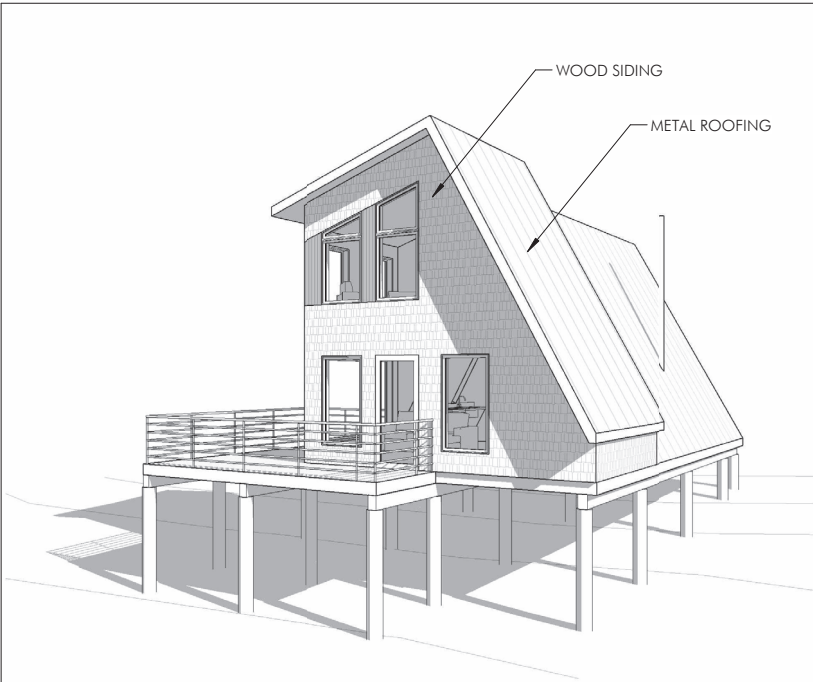
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R2	Design Development - For Client Review	23.09.22
R3	Issue for Variance Application	23.12.28
R4	DD - for DWP Review	24.02.15
R5	Issue for Variance Application	24.02.20

SITE PLAN

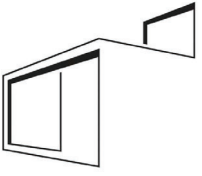
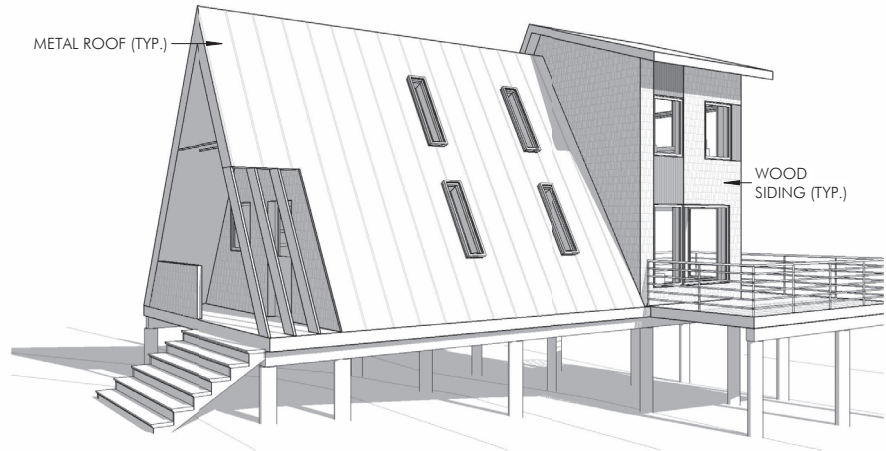
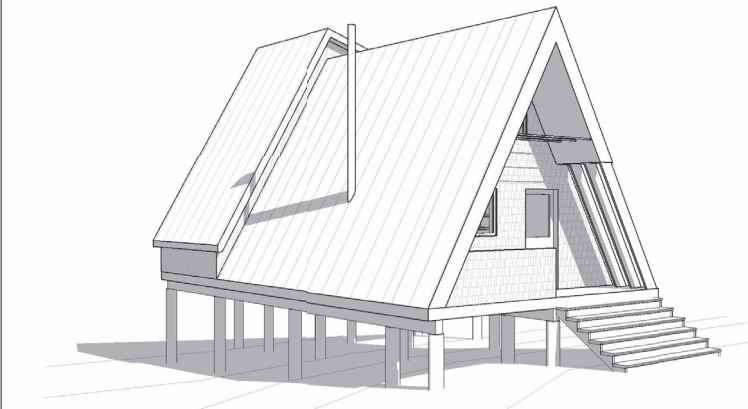
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Project Information

Kayhan & Sally Ghatavi

GHATAVI CABIN RENOVATION

327 Prairie Road (HBM), Smithers BC

PROJECT NUMBER **23.246GCR**

DATE **24.02.20**

DRAWN BY **Calvin**

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
R1	Schematic - For Client Review	23.09.08
R2	Design Development - For Client Review	23.09.22
R3	Issue for Variance Application	23.12.08
R4	DD - for DVP Review	24.02.15
R5	Issue for Variance Application	24.02.20

Sheet Name

PERSPECTIVES / SECTION

SCALE **3/16" = 1'-0"**

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Hans and Sandra Smit



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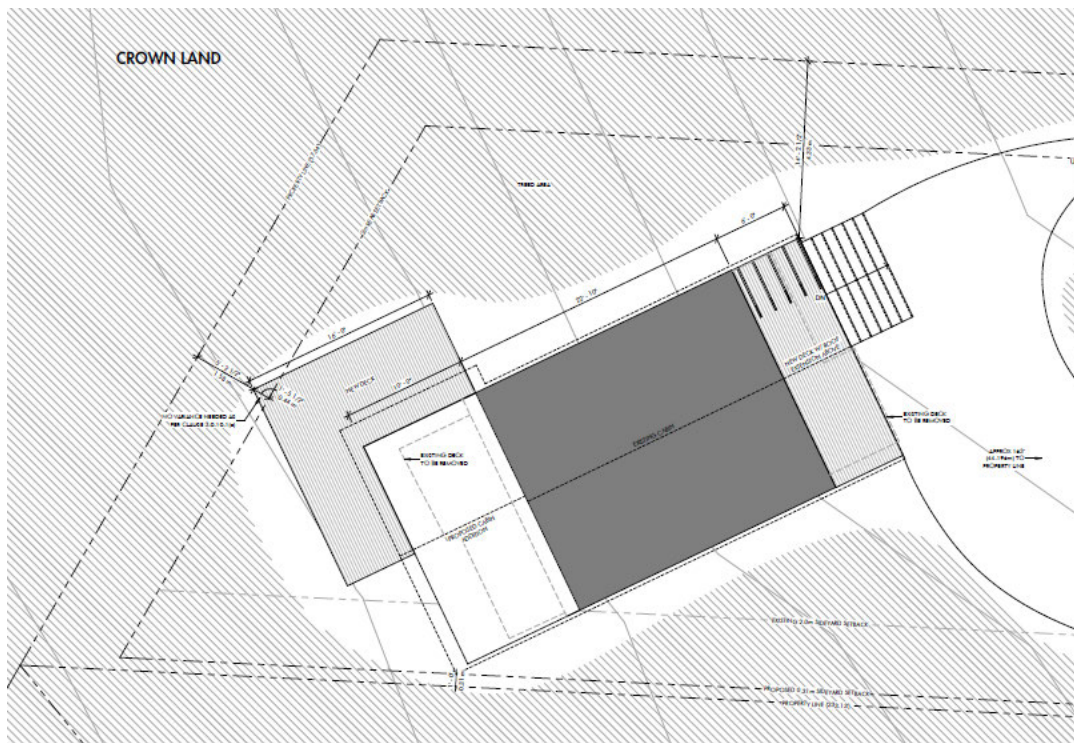
February 6, 2024

Re: Variance request by Kayhan Ghatavi and Sarah Harvie

To whom it may concern,

We are the owners of a property on Hudson Bay Mountain, namely BLOCK F DISTRICT LOT 1589 RANGE 5 COAST DISTRICT. It borders a property owned by Kayhan Ghatavi and Sarah Harvie on the south side. This letter is to confirm that we have no issue with the request by Kayhan and Sarah for a variance from the 2.0 metre setback requirement to a 0.31 metre setback which would allow a cabin addition to come closer than 2.0 metres to our common boundary as per the figure below.

On behalf of Sandra and Hans Smit



Applicant Submitted Site Photos

Photo 1: Existing cabin (front/south side) from the east.



Photo 2: Existing cabin (front/north side) from the north:



Photo 3: Existing cabin (south side/front corner) from the southeast:



Photo 4: Existing cabin (rear/north side) from the west:



**Advisory Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Electoral Area F	Meeting Date: February 21, 2024 7:00 pm	Meeting Location: District of Vanderhoof Office		
Attendance				
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Chairperson: <u>Henry Klassen</u>		Secretary: <u>Barb Ephrom</u>		
Call to Order: <u>7:00 p.m.</u>				
Agenda: 7:00-7:30 ALR 1265 7:20-7:40 ALR 1266				
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ALR 1266

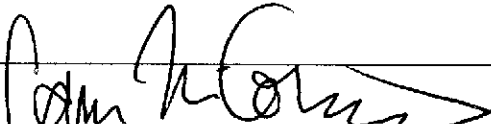
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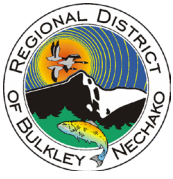
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Unanimously approved

Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm Secretary Signature Barb Ephrom

Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Electoral Area C	Meeting Date: Feb 27, 2024 5:30pm	Meeting Location: Library at Fort St James Secondary School, 450 Douglas Avenue, Fort St James
Attendance		
APC Members		Electoral Area Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cam McCormick		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Judy Greenaway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Constantine		<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Director Lionel Conant
<input type="checkbox"/> Morgan Davis		Other Attendees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Ouellette		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dalphena Snively		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Sandberg, Planning and Parks Coordinator (note-taker), attended via Zoom
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Grill		
Chairperson: Dalphena Snively		Secretary: Cam McCormick
Call to Order: 5:45 pm		
Update on the Area C Official Community Plan Review		
<p>Jason Llewellyn gave a brief overview of the purpose of Official Community Plans followed by an outline of the OCP review process to date. The APC was provided with copies of the OCP draft, the consultation list, and the work plan.</p> <p>The proposed text changes in the draft OCP were reviewed and discussed. Further discussion took place regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the changes to minimum parcel size in the Rural Residential and Lakeshore designation, about the subdivision process, bare land stratas and sewage systems on smaller lots; • in the Transportation section, the APC noted the lack of lights on the highway between the bridge on Nak'azdli Reserve 1 and the Stuart River bridge; and • in the Recreation section, the need to explore options for installing basic outhouses, so called thunderboxes, in the backcountry was expressed. <p>Schedule B Land Use Designation Maps 1 and 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The changes to the map designations were reviewed and discussed. <p>Schedule C Ecological and Wildlife Values Map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason explained the additional data layers that have been added to the map. <p>Schedule D Recreation Values Map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussion of the many opportunities for recreation in the area. • Staff will check locations of some of the caves featured on the map. <p>The next steps in the process were outlined. APC members were asked to review the OCP draft and connect with staff with comments or proposed changes. Once the APC is satisfied with the draft, it will be taken to the Board, prior to initiation of referrals and public review.</p>		
Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm	Secretary Signature 	



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Cameron Kral, Planning Technician
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **ALR Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil) Application No. 1265**

RECOMMENDATION:

(all/directors/majority)

1. That Agricultural Land Commission Application 1265 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval with the further recommendation that the ALC ensure appropriate remediation throughout the life of the gravel quarry.
 2. That the Agricultural Land Commission and Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation be requested to ensure that an adequate dust mitigation plan is in place to address concerns regarding the impact of dust on adjacent residents and farms.
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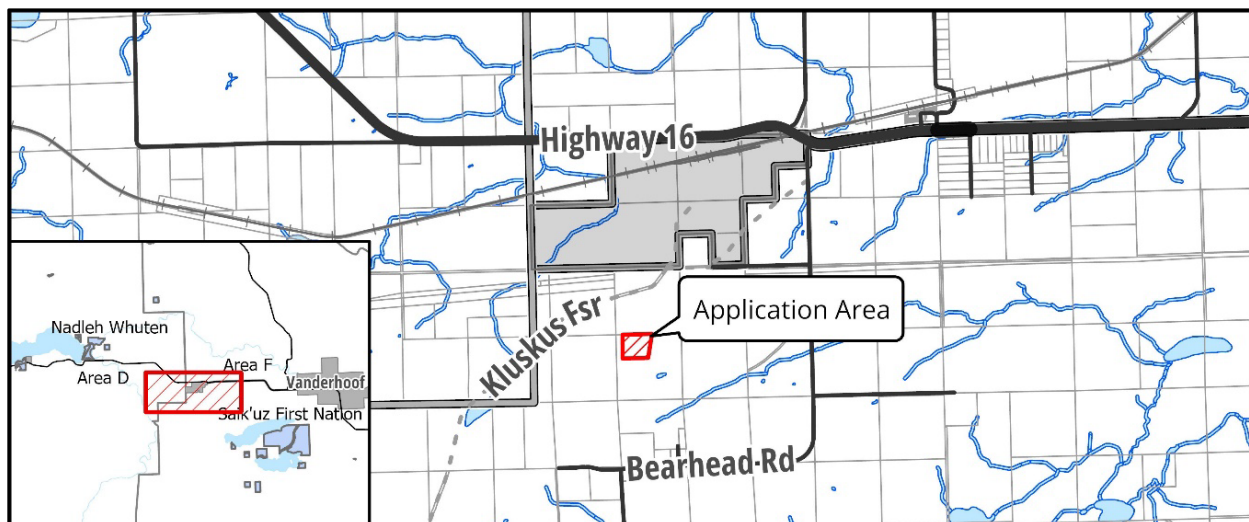
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval for a Non-Farm Use – Removal of Soil (NFU) application to develop and operate a sand and gravel quarry for an estimated 100-year period. The applicant proposes to extract and process approximately 1,235,000 m³ of material at approximately 12,000 m³ annually from a 9.86 ha (24.36 ac) portion of the subject property. The application states the site has been previously logged and has not been used for agriculture. The reclamation plan states that the end land use objective for the site is forestry and wildlife habitat.

Staff recommend the application be forwarded to the ALC with a recommendation that the application be supported, and that the ALC ensure appropriate remediation throughout the life of the gravel quarry. Staff also recommend that the Regional District request the ALC and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (MEMLCI) ensure that an adequate dust mitigation plan is in place to address concerns regarding the impact of dust on residents and farming operations.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Name of Agent/Owner:	Holmes Mining Consulting Ltd, agent for Omineca Aggregate Ltd.
Electoral Area:	Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)
Subject Property:	The SE ¼ of Section 6, Township 13, Range 5, Coast District (PIN 11497291)
Property size:	64.89 ha (160.35 ac)
OCP Designation:	Agriculture (AG) in "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Vanderhoof Rural OCP Bylaw No. 1963, 2021" (the OCP)
Zoning:	Agricultural (Ag1) in "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" (the Zoning Bylaw)
Existing Land Use:	Forestry and wildlife habitat
Location:	Accessed off Kluskus FSR, south of Highway 16 and the Canfor Plateau Sawmill, approximately 12 km northwest of Stony Creek IR 1, 16 km west of the District of Vanderhoof townsite, and 17 km east of Nautley IR 1. To the north is a gravel quarry; to the northeast is forest and a farm with a residence; to the southwest is forest and a residence; the remaining adjacent lands are forest (see location map below).
Non-Farm Use Area:	9.86 ha (24.36 ac)

Location Map:

PROPOSAL

The applicant is requesting Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval for a Non-Farm Use – Removal of Soil (NFU) to develop and operate a sand and gravel quarry on the subject property for an estimated 100-year period (see [link](#) for ALC Application and [link](#) for Agricultural Capability Assessment and Reclamation Plan).

The applicant is proposing to extract and process approximately 1,235,000 m³ of material, at an annual rate of approximately 12,000 m³. The proposed NFU area is 9.86 ha (24.36 ac) (see NFU Area Map below). The application states the quarry would be developed in multiple phases. The initial five years would involve developing a 0.31 ha (0.77 ac) processing and stockpiling area and 1.26 ha (3.1 ac) mining area. Information regarding future mining areas is provided in the Mine Development Plan in the Agricultural Capability Assessment and Reclamation Plan Appendix B.

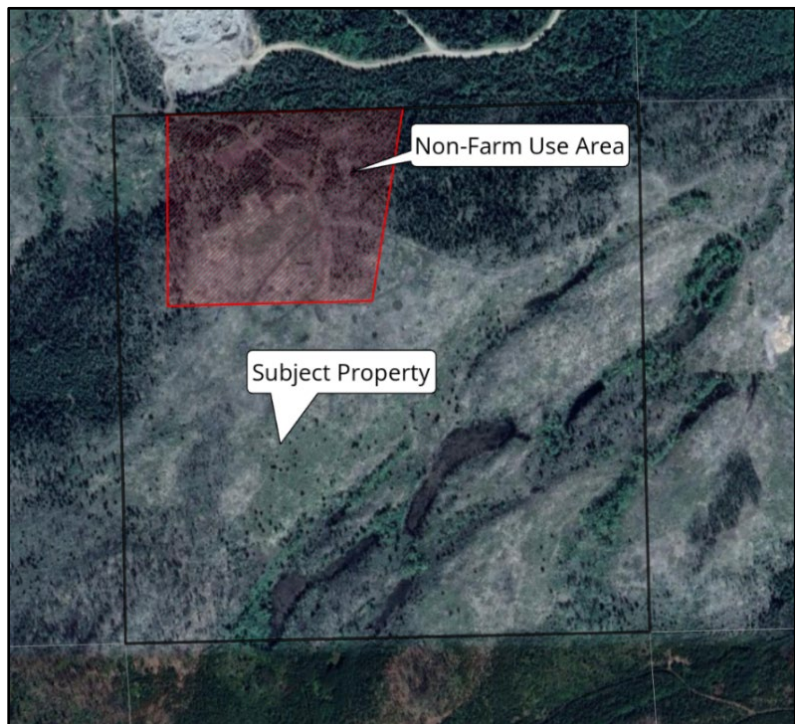
The application states that operations would include blasting and drilling to a maximum depth of 30 m and crushing and screening using portable plants. Additional mining equipment includes excavators and loaders. The applicant stated to staff that blasting would average approximately three times per year and the quarry would operate Monday to Friday during daylight hours, on a seasonal basis depending on demand.

DISCUSSION

Site and Location Details

The application states that the proposed NFU area has been previously logged and has not been used for agriculture. The mine would utilize existing access roads through the adjacent quarry to the north.

The application states that visibility from the surrounding area will be minimal as the site is located on a slope behind the existing quarry to the north (See Site Photos in Agricultural Capability Assessment and Reclamation Plan Appendix C). The nearest residence is located approximately 1.1 km from the application area.



Staff note that the RDBN has processed both ALR and Temporary Use Permit applications for the adjacent quarry to the north but neither application mentioned providing road access for this proposed quarry.

Official Community Plan (OCP)

The subject property is designated Agriculture (AG) under the OCP. The intent of this designation is to preserve the land for the purposes of farming and other related activities. Section 3.1.2 contains the following OCP policies relevant to the application:

“(2) The responsible Provincial Ministry should ensure that agricultural lands used for aggregate extraction and silviculture practices are adequately restored for agricultural purposes.”

“(6) Severances for small lot residential (other than home site severances approved by the Agricultural Land Commission), institutional, commercial or industrial development shall be avoided. However, applications for subdivisions, non-farm uses and non-adhering residential uses within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) may be supported if the proposed subdivision or use will not have a net negative impact on the agricultural use of the subject lands or surrounding agricultural lands.”

“(14) The Regional District encourages the planting of native tree species that enhance biodiversity on non-arable land within the Agriculture Designation.”

Zoning

The subject property is zoned Agricultural (Ag1) pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw. The Zoning Bylaw cannot regulate the removal or deposit of soil. However, aggregate processing, which includes screening and crushing, is not a permitted use in the Ag1 Zone.

Staff have informed the applicant that crushing and screening cannot legally occur on the subject property prior to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) from the Regional District.

Reclamation and Agricultural Capability

The applicant has provided a reclamation plan prepared by a Professional Agrologist to reclaim the proposed NFU area to land with an expected land use of forestry and wildlife habitat (see Agricultural Capability Assessment and Reclamation Plan). The reclamation plan also contains details regarding site grading, soil management, backfilling, drainage and erosion control, invasive plant management and revegetation.

The reclamation plan states that no progressive reclamation will occur until the final elevation of the quarry is reached and final benches are fully developed. It estimates it will take approximately 15 years to reach the final elevation of the quarry. The reclamation plan

notes that up to 4.0 ha (9.9 ac) may remain un-reclaimed, but the applicant clarified to staff that this represents the maximum un-reclaimed area at any given time during progressive reclamation up until final reclamation is completed at the end of the project.

Canada Land Inventory mapping identifies the subject property's agricultural capability as Class 6TR (see Appendix A for more details). However, the applicant's agricultural capability assessment indicates that the site has an agricultural capability of Class 7R limited by shallow soil over bedrock.

Staff Comments

On April 6, 2023 the RDBN's Rural/Agriculture Committee considered the applicant's Crown Land Application No. 7410295 for the proposed quarry and raised concerns regarding the negative impacts on residents from dust and smoke from potential slash and burn as the site is in a high sensitivity smoke area. These comments were included in the RDBN's referral response to the Province.

The reclamation plan states that the site will be reclaimed for an end land use of forestry and wildlife. The applicant stated to staff that the proposed end land uses were chosen as these are the current uses of the site. Staff directed the applicant to the ALC's reclamation plan requirements and to contact the ALC for clarification on whether the proposed end land uses should be changed.

Staff recommend that the application be forwarded to the ALC for approval and that the ALC ensure appropriate remediation throughout the life of the gravel quarry. Due to the Committee's previous concerns and referral responses, staff recommend the ALC and MEMLCI be requested to ensure an adequate dust mitigation plan be in place to address potential negative impacts on residents and farming operations.

Referral Comments

The **Area F Advisory Planning Commission** supports the application if all permitting and reclamation work is done as required and noted that dust management is a concern.

The **Ministry of Agriculture and Food's** provided the attached letter noting the proximity of the proposal to existing farms, potential impacts to agriculture and weed control.

The **District of Vanderhoof Council** at their February 29, 2024 meeting passed the following resolution:

That staff be directed to inform the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako that the District of Vanderhoof Council has no concerns with the issuance of ALR 1265.

The **RDBN Agriculture Coordinator** commented:

Reading through the ALR 1265 referral report and the associated reclamation plan, it doesn't seem that, at present, the eventual end-use of the land parcel is intended to be for agriculture. Although the current agricultural land capability may be quite limited due to the proximity of the bedrock to the surface, the fact that the applicant indicated that the proposed non-farm use area is part of an old cut-block makes me wonder why the site couldn't potentially be used for grazing as if it was logged then I would have assumed the area must have some capability to grow and sustain natural vegetation. My understanding is that reclamation plans for this type of non-farm use are living documents; as the project progresses there may be increased opportunities to amend the site to increase its agricultural potential.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A – Agricultural Capability
- Appendix B – Surrounding ALR Applications
- [Applicant ALC Submission \(See Link\)](#)
- [Applicant Agricultural Capability Assessment and Reclamation Plan \(See Link\)](#)
- MoAF referral response letter

Appendix A

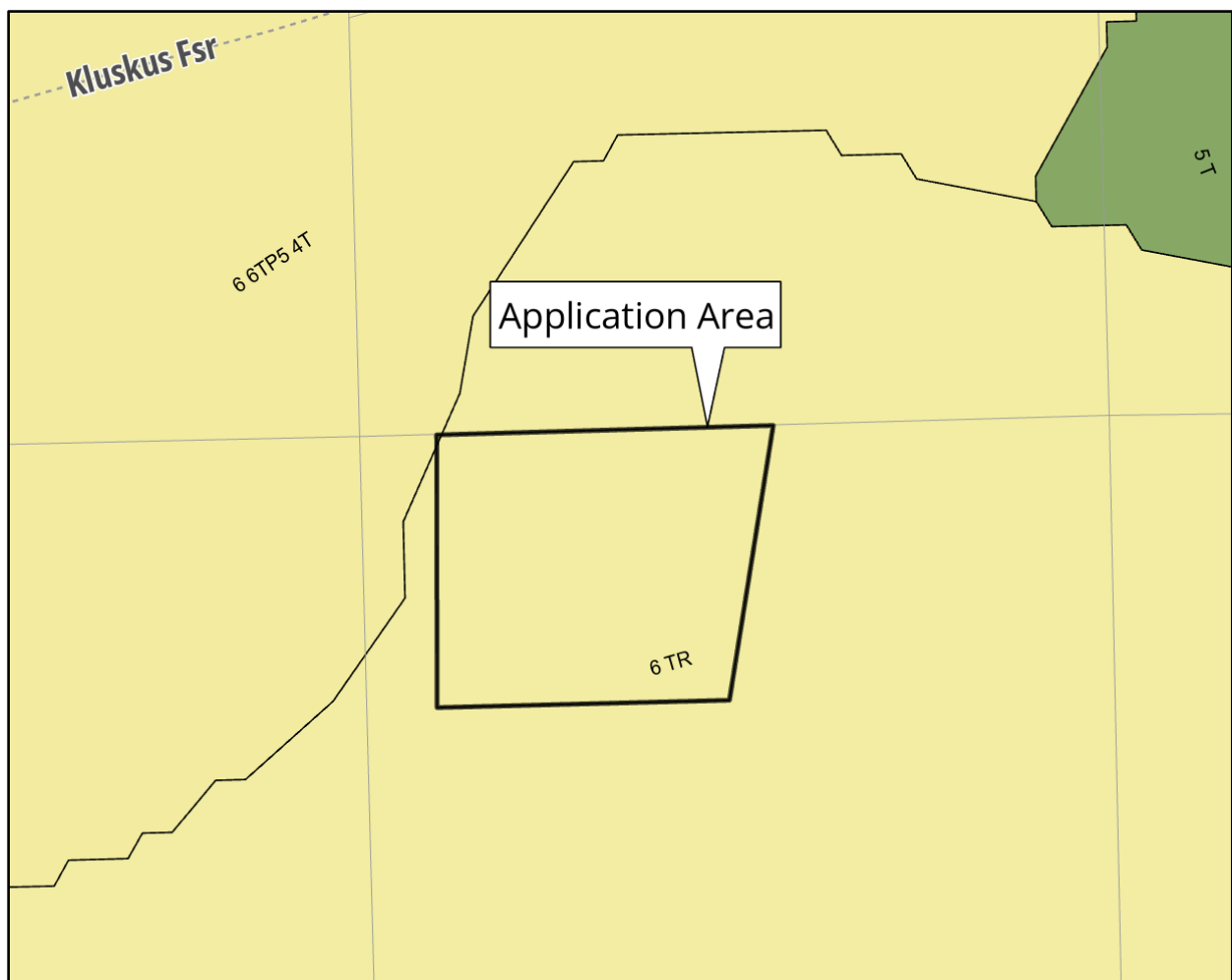
Agricultural Capability based on Canada Land Inventory Mapping

100% of the subject lands are:

Class 6TR (limited by topography and shallow soil over bedrock and/or bedrock outcroppings).

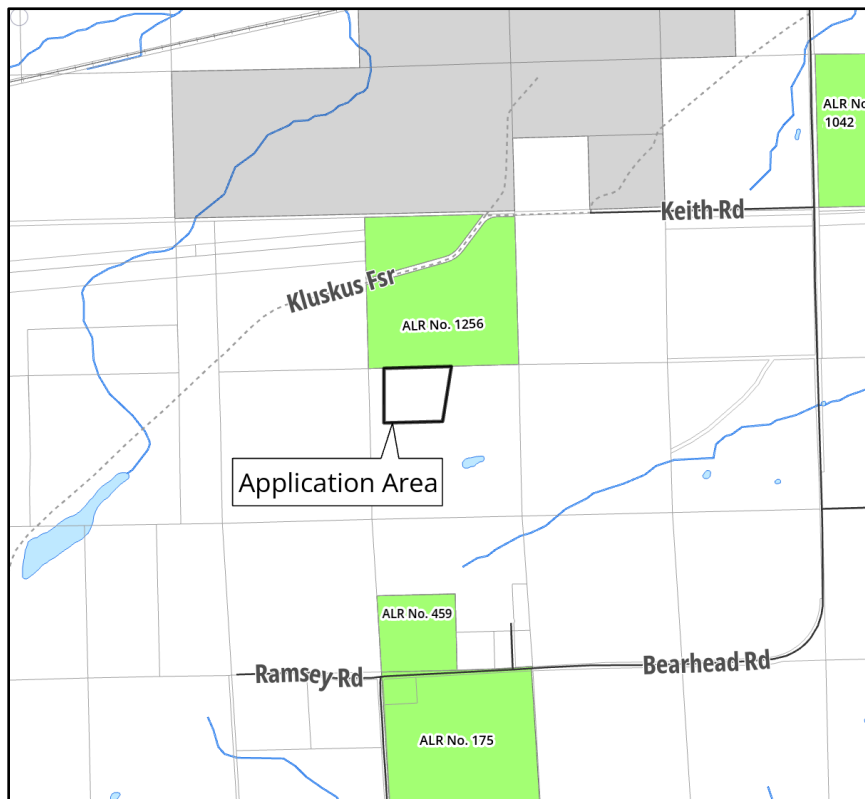
Class 6 Land in this class is nonarable but is capable of producing native and or uncultivated perennial forage crops.

Agricultural Capability Map



APPENDIX B:**Surrounding Applications**

ALR Application	Legal Description	Summary	Recommendation
175	SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 4, Range 4, Coast District	Application to subdivide a ± 6 ac parcel from the 160 ac subject property.	Staff: Approval
			Board: Approval
			ALC: Approved
459	Block A, NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 4, Range 4, Coast District	Application to convert a 216 by 30 ft hog barn into eight apartments.	Staff: Denial
			Board: Denial
			ALC: Denied
1042	SW 1/4 of Sec 9, Tp 13, R 5, CD, except thereout a strip of land being the most westerly 66 ft in parallel width.	Application to subdivide subject property into two parcels of ± 31.5 ha each.	Staff: Denial
			Board: Denial
			ALC: Denied
1256	NE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 13, Range 5, Coast District	Non-farm use application to operate a mine for aggregate extraction.	Staff: Approval
			Board: Approval
			ALC: TBD

Surrounding Applications Map



March 5, 2024

Local government file: ALR 1265
ALC ID: 69852

Deneve Vanderwolf
Planner Technician /Regional Transit Coordinator
Planning Department
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
VIA EMAIL: Deneve.Vanderwolf@rdbn.bc.ca

Re: ALC Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil) referral – Omineca Aggregate Ltd. – sand and gravel operation (PIN 11497291)

Dear Deneve Vanderwolf,

Thank you for providing Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Ministry) staff with the opportunity to comment on a proposed Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) application to operate a sand and gravel operation within a 9.86-hectare portion of the subject 64.89-hectare parcel on Crown land located ~16 km west of Vanderhoof, south of Highway 16 and within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

Ministry staff offer the following comments:

- The proposed operation is situated adjacent to the Bearhead, a small farming community. As stated within the application, the subject parcel has been recently logged, and no agricultural activity currently takes place on the site.
- Ministry staff note that the proposal makes reference to blasting operations that would occur approximately three times per year on average and that the mine is expected to operate on a seasonal basis. The Regional District may want to clarify the proposal's procedures with the applicant to mitigate these activities, given the adjacent farming operations and any potential impacts that could arise from the blasting and/or dust and noise generated.

- Ministry staff note that the provided Agricultural Capability Assessment and Reclamation Plan (DWB Consulting Services Ltd., August 9, 2023) states the proposal will employ best management practices (page 10) as recommended in [ALC Policy P-13 \(Reclamation Plans for Aggregate Extraction\)](#) (adopted April 2021 and including Appendix A 'Best Management Practices for Aggregate Extraction Activities Occurring in the Agricultural Land Reserve').
- Page 18 of the Plan however states that the end land use objective for the Site is identified as Forestry and Wildlife Habitat. Given both the OCP designation and Zoning for the subject ALR parcel are Agriculture, the Regional District may want to seek further clarification regarding this proposed end land use.
- The provided Plan also includes an organized Invasive Plant Management component (Section 4.5, page 15) and notes that the site is currently free of invasive plants. Weeds can greatly reduce the productivity of agricultural areas and under the provincial [Weed Control Act](#) the land occupier has a legal obligation to control noxious weeds on the site. Gravel operations are continually disturbed sites, perfect for the establishment of invasive plants.
- As stated in the application package, the project's estimated timeframe for completion is 100 years. It does not appear that the subject operation will directly contribute to agriculture production, on the parcel or in the surrounding area in the long-term.
- It is worth noting however, that nearby sources of gravel are important for most farm operations. Farm operations may utilize gravel in many aspects of their operations, reducing mud, improving ease of machinery movement, and improving access points for livestock, particularly at watering sites or high traffic areas. Hauling gravel long distances adds cost to delivery.

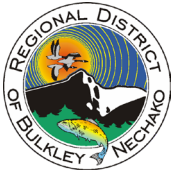
If you have any questions or concerns about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ministry staff.

Sincerely,

Gregory Bartle, Land Use Planner
Ministry of Agriculture and Food
Phone: (778) 974-3836
Email: Gregory.Bartle@gov.bc.ca

Karen Tabe, Regional Agrologist
Ministry of Agriculture and Food
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Email copy: Agricultural Land Commission, ALC.Referrals@gov.bc.ca



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Deneve Vanderwolf, Planning Technician
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **ALR 1266 Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil)**

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

That Agricultural Land Reserve Application No. 1266 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission for approval, with a further recommendation that the ALC ensure appropriate phased remediation throughout the life of the gravel pit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval of a Non-Farm Use - Removal of Soil (NFU) application to remove 107,000 m³ of gravel annually from a 22 ha portion of the subject property. The subject property has operated as a sand and gravel pit for over 40 years. The reclamation plan states the lands will be restored for livestock grazing.

Staff recommend the application be forwarded to the ALC with a recommendation to support, with the request that the ALC ensure appropriate remediation throughout the life of the gravel pit.

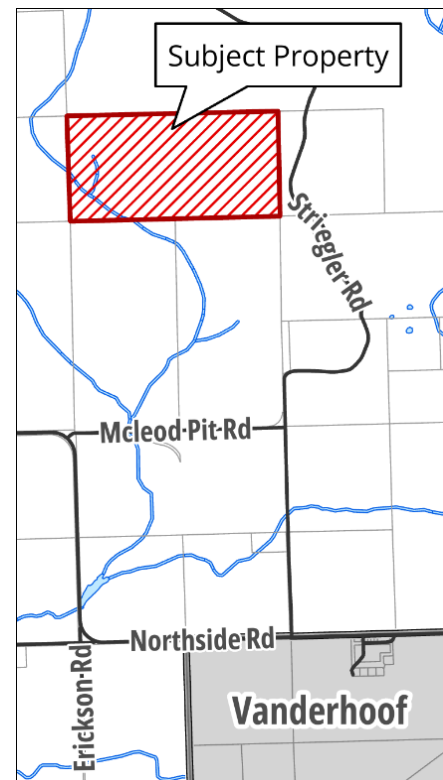
APPLICATION SUMMARY

Name of Agent/Owner:	M4 Enterprises LTD
Electoral Area:	F (Vanderhoof Rural)
Subject Property:	The South 1/2 Of Section 5, Township 20, Range 5, Coast District (PID 012-013-013)
Property Size:	129.9 ha (321 ac)
OCP Designation:	Agriculture (AG) in “Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan” (the OCP)
Zoning:	Agricultural (Ag1) Zone in the “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020” (the Zoning Bylaw)
Existing Land Uses:	Sand and gravel quarry
Location:	The subject property is located approximately 3 km north of the District of Vanderhoof.
Non-Farm Use Area:	± 22 ha (54.36 ac)

PROPOSAL

The applicant is requesting Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval for a non-farm use (NFU) application to continue operations of the existing sand and gravel pit on the subject property. The existing quarry has been operating since the early 1970s. The applicant has managed and operated the gravel pit on this property since 1991. Mining permits for this property expired March of 2022.

The applicant is proposing to extract and process approximately 707,921m³ of material at an annual rate of 107,000 m³ per year. The proposed NFU area is approximately 22 ha.

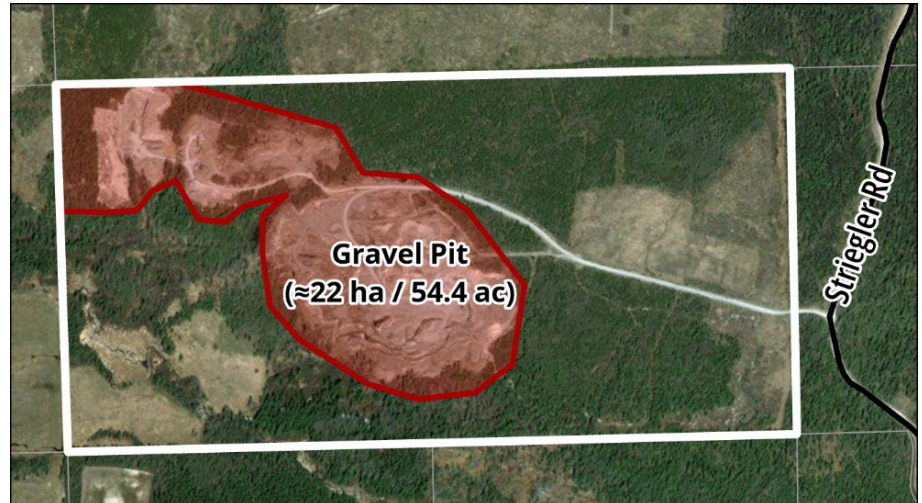


The quarry's proposed operating period is March through November. Operations include screening and crushing gravel. Staff have informed the applicant that screening and crushing cannot occur without the Regional District's issuance of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP). The applicant is in the process of applying for a TUP.

DISCUSSION

Site and Location Details

The gravel pit is 1 km from the access gate and livestock guard located on the access road off Striegler Road. The nearest residence is approximately 1 km from the application area.



Official Community Plan (OCP)

The subject property is designated Agriculture (AG) under the OCP. The intent of the designation is to preserve these lands for the purposes of farming and other related activities. Section 3.1.2 contains the following OCP policies relevant to the application:

"(2) The responsible Provincial Ministry should ensure that agricultural lands used for aggregate extraction and silviculture practices are adequately restored for agricultural purposes."

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"(14) The Regional District encourages the planting of native tree species that enhance biodiversity on non-arable land within the Agriculture Designation."

Zoning

The property is zoned Agricultural (Ag1) pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw. The Zoning Bylaw cannot regulate the removal or deposit of soil; however, zoning can regulate screening and crushing which is not permitted use in the Ag1 Zone.

Reclamation Plan and Mines Permit Application

The applicant has provided a management plan that includes ongoing as well as future reclamation work on the subject property (see Notice of Work and Management Plan link). The management plan indicates that the property is fenced and used for grazing livestock as well as gravel extraction and that the proposed land use after reclamation is to reseed with pasture grass and a potential reforestation program.

Staff Comments

The applicant has provided a management plan that includes intent to reclaim the site for livestock. There has been some progressive reclamation work undertaken within the gravel pit and the applicant indicates mitigation of invasive plant infestation by ensuring equipment and vehicles are inspected regularly and cleaned before and after travel to the site.

Referral Comments

The **Area F APC** is in support of the application.

The **Ministry of Agriculture and Food** comments are attached.

The **RDBN Agriculture Coordinator** comment are as follows: It would appear from the referral report and the Notice of Work and Management Plan that some consideration has been given to the water quality of the surface watercourses that exist and/or run through the property, and to the management of invasive plant species. The Invasive Plant Management Plan needs to be updated with the correct Northwest Invasive Plant Council contact information.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A – Agriculture Capability
- Appendix B – Surrounding ALR Applications
- Applicant ALC Submission
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food Referral Comments
- [Notice of Work and Management Plan \(link\)](#)

Appendix A

Agricultural Capability based on Canada Land Inventory Mapping

72% of the subject lands are:

50% Class 5T (limited by topography).

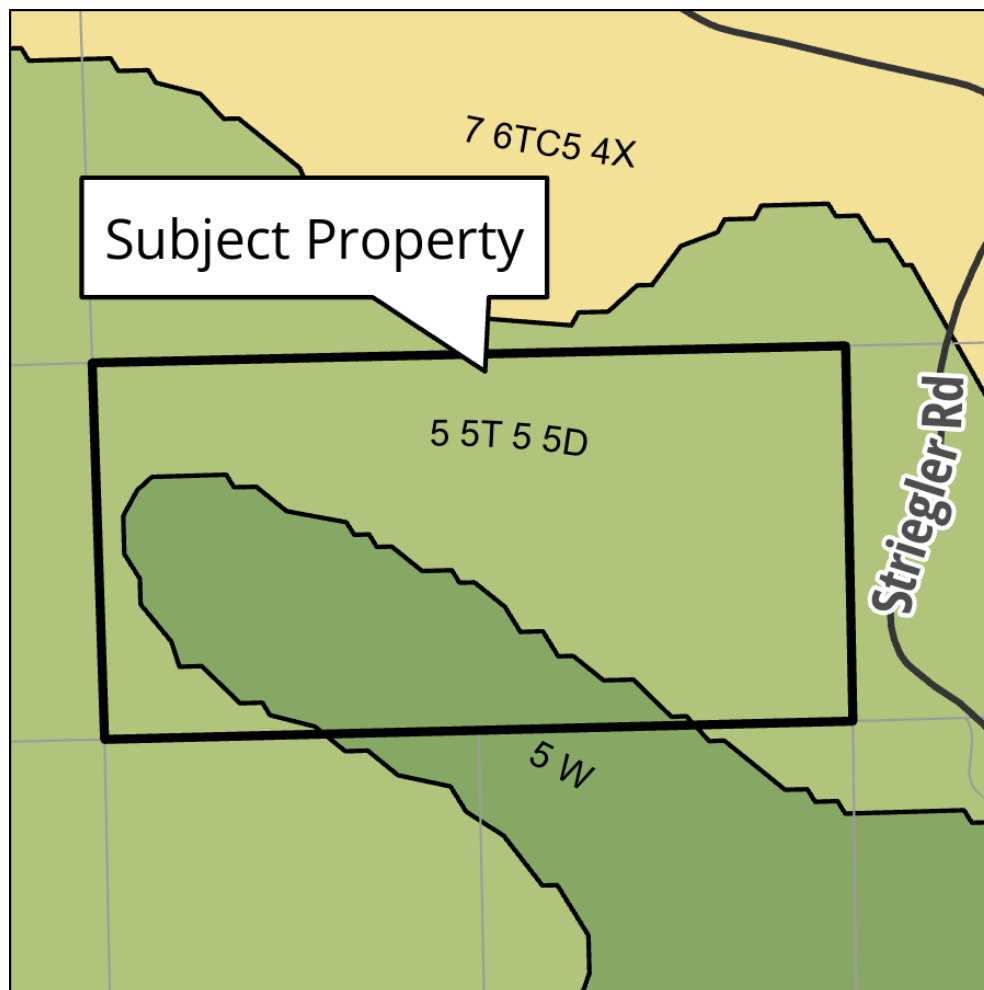
50% Class 5D (undesirable soil structure).

28% of the subject lands are:

Class 5W (excess water)

Class 5 Land in this class has limitations that restrict its capability to producing perennial forage crops or other specially adapted crops.

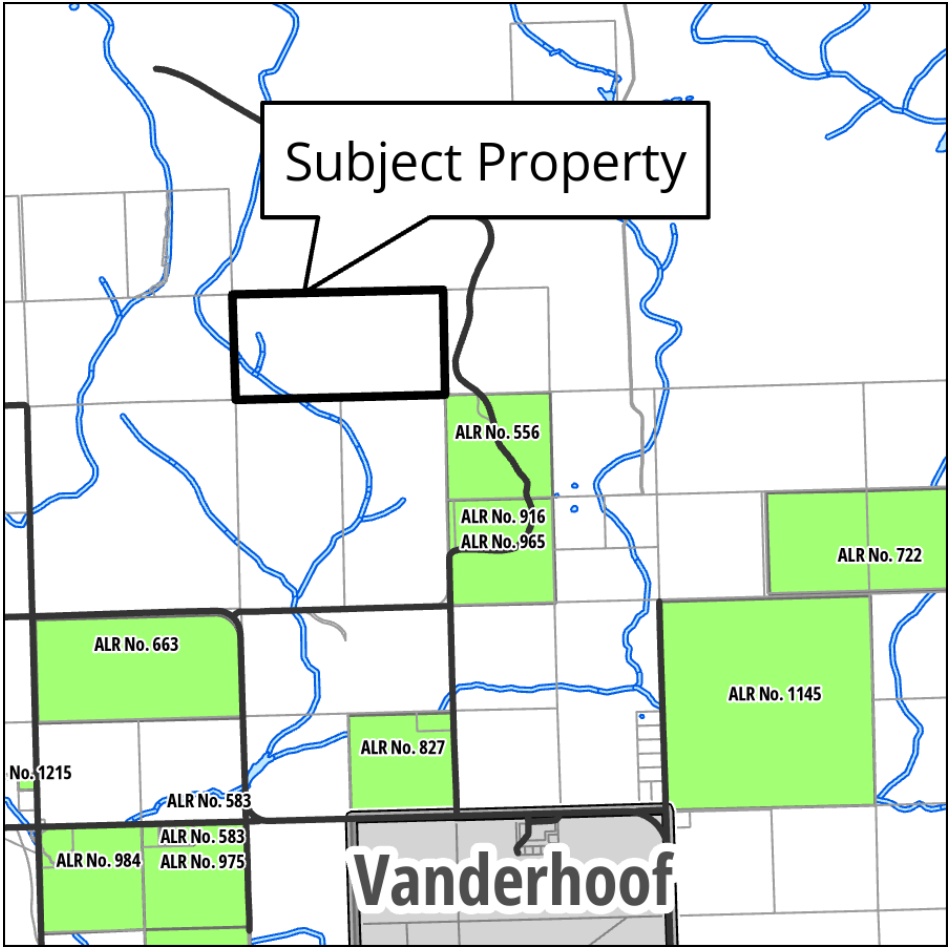
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APPENDIX B:

Surrounding Applications

ALR Application	Legal Description	Summary	Recommendation Staff/Board/ALC
556	NW ¼ Section 33, Township 11, Range 5	Application for an agricultural lease	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
583	Lot 3, Plan 12237, Section 19, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District.	Application to subdivide two 2 hectare parcels from the 64.77 hectare subject property	Approval
			Denial
			Approved with conditions
663	N ½ of Section 30, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District, except Hwy r/w Plan 8392 and 8504	Application to subdivide ±12.15 ha from the ±122.65 ha property for a homesite	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
722	Section 34, Township 11, Range 5	Application for inclusion in the Agricultural Land Reserve	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
827	SE ¼ , Section 29, Township 11, Range 5	Application for a homesite severance of 4.0 hectares from the SE ¼ , Section 29, Township 11, Range	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
916	Part SW ¼, Section 33, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District except Highway R/W Plan 28086.	Application to subdivide a 2.35 ha lot containing their son's residence off of the 63 ha property	Approval
			Approval
			Denied
965	Part SW ¼, Section 33, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District except Highway R/W Plan 28086.	Application to subdivide the ± 62.76 ha (155.08 acres) property into two pieces	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
975	Lot 3, Plan 12237, Section 19, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District.	Application to subdivide a ±2.1 hectare (±5.2 acre) parcel from the subject property.	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
984	Part NW ¼, Section 19, Township 11, Range 5, Coast District, Except Plan 8395, PRP13341, and PRP13501.	Application to subdivide a ±7.5 ha (±18.5 acre) parcel from the ±54.5 ha (±134.7 acre) parent property.	Approval
			Approval
			Approved
1145	Application Withdrawn		
1215	Lot A Section 25 Township 12 Range 5 Coast District Plan 5066	Application to repurpose the existng elementary school on the property to be used as a church	Approval
			Approval
			Approved





Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Applicant Submission

Application ID: 70149

Application Status: Under LG Review

Applicant: Ruth Birky

Agent: M4 Enterprises LTD

Local Government: Bulkley-Nechako Regional District

Local Government Date of Receipt: 01/12/2024

ALC Date of Receipt: This application has not been submitted to ALC yet.

Proposal Type: Non-Farm Use

Proposal: To renew Notice of Work Mining Permit with Ministry of Energy and Mines and continue to extract Aggregate from the existing gravel pit to support the community of Vanderhoof, surrounding area and our business operations on the proposed property. Paul Manwaring (M4 Enterprises LTD) has Managed and operated the gravel pit on this property in compliance with Ministry of Mines and current property owner since 1991. Mining permits have been approved up to March of 2022. It has come to our attention that we need approval from the ALC in order to re permit with the Ministry of Mines.

Agent Information

Agent : M4 Enterprises LTD

Mailing Address :

[REDACTED]

Canada

Primary Phone : [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Parcel Information

Parcel(s) Under Application

1. **Ownership Type :** Fee Simple

Parcel Identifier : 012-013-013

Legal Description : THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP 20 RANGE 5 COAST DISTRICT

Parcel Area : 129.9 ha

Civic Address : Striegler Road, Vanderhoof Latitude 54.0518170 Longitude -124.0207870.

Date of Purchase : 01/01/1968

Farm Classification : No

Owners

1. **Name :** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address :



Current Use of Parcels Under Application

1. Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s).

None

2. Quantify and describe in detail all agricultural improvements made to the parcel(s).

Partial pasture land clearing to 5 percent of total parcel area and 10 percent of pit area had been reclaimed to useable pasture land, or to be re-forested. Please see map for detail.

3. Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s).

Seasonal Active Open Gravel/ sand pit with processed stockpiles. Crushing, aggregate processing , removal and reclamation. Pit has been in operation since the early 1970's . Mining permit number 1102138. (please see map and attached notice of work for details)

Adjacent Land Uses

North

Land Use Type: Unused

Specify Activity : crown land

East

Land Use Type: Unused

Specify Activity : crown land

South

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm

Specify Activity : private farm land

West

Land Use Type: Industrial

Specify Activity : operating gravel pit/ farm land

Proposal

1. How many hectares are proposed for non-farm use?



22 ha

2. What is the purpose of the proposal?

To renew Notice of Work Mining Permit with Ministry of Energy and Mines and continue to extract Aggregate from the existing gravel pit to support the community of Vanderhoof, surrounding area and our business operations on the proposed property. Paul Manwaring (M4 Enterprises LTD) has Managed and operated the gravel pit on this property in compliance with Ministry of Mines and current property owner since 1991. Mining permits have been approved up to March of 2022. It has come to our attention that we need approval from the ALC in order to re permit with the Ministry of Mines.

3. Could this proposal be accommodated on lands outside of the ALR? Please justify why the proposal cannot be carried out on lands outside the ALR.

This could not be accommodated on lands outside the ALR due to the existing gravel source being located on this particular property.

4. Does the proposal support agriculture in the short or long term? Please explain.

This proposal does support long term agriculture in that when the gravel pit is reclaimed the land will be useable as farm pasture land. The development of the gravel pit will improve the land for farm use by achieving the tree clearing and soil distribution needed to make the land farmable in the gravel pit area.

5. Do you need to import any fill to construct or conduct the proposed Non-farm use?

No

Applicant Attachments

- Agent Agreement - M4 enterprises LTD
- Professional Report - mining permit (2017-2022)
- Proposal Sketch - 70149
- Other correspondence or file information - operating authorization.
- Certificate of Title - 012-013-013

ALC Attachments

None.

Decisions

None.





March 5, 2024

Local government file: ALR 1266
ALC ID: 70149

Deneve Vanderwolf
Planner Technician /Regional Transit Coordinator
Planning Department
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
VIA EMAIL: Deneve.Vanderwolf@rdbn.bc.ca

Re: ALC Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil) referral – M4 Enterprises LTD – sand and gravel operation (PID: 012-013-013)

Dear Deneve Vanderwolf,

Thank you for providing Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Ministry) staff with the opportunity to comment on a proposed Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) application to continue operating a sand and gravel operation within a ~22-hectare portion of the subject 129.9-hectare parcel, located ~3 km north of Vanderhoof, west of Striegler Road, and within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

Ministry staff offer the following comments:

- The referral's application summary notes that the provided 2017 Management Plan states the property is fenced and used for grazing livestock, in addition to gravel extraction. The provided ALC NFU application however states there is currently no agricultural activity taking place on the parcel. The Regional District may want to clarify this status with the applicant and make any necessary revisions to the Management Plan, if not done so already.
- The proposal's 2017 Management Plan includes a Reclamation Program. Regional District staff may want to review, with the applicant, [ALC Policy P-13 \(Reclamation Plans for Aggregate Extraction\)](#) (adopted April 2021 and includes Appendix A 'Best Management Practices for Aggregate Extraction Activities Occurring in the Agricultural Land Reserve'), to confirm alignment with their proposal, and identify any outstanding gaps if not done so already.

- As an appendix, the 2017 Management Plan also includes an Invasive Plant Management Plan. Weeds can greatly reduce the productivity of agricultural areas and under the provincial [Weed Control Act](#) the land occupier has a legal obligation to control noxious weeds on the site. Gravel operations are continually disturbed sites, perfect for the establishment of invasive plants. To help reduce the spread of weeds Ministry staff encourage site-specific weed prevention and control plans that place a special emphasis on clean equipment.
- It does not appear that the subject operation will directly contribute to agricultural production on the parcel, or in the surrounding area, in the long term. It is worth noting however, that nearby sources of gravel are important to most farm operations. Farm operations can utilize gravel in many aspects of their operations, reducing mud, improving ease of machinery movement, and improving access points for livestock, particularly at watering sites or high traffic areas. Hauling gravel long distances adds cost to delivery.
- Ministry staff are available to discuss viable agricultural opportunities with the landowners considering pursuing farming activities on ALR land. For more information on [B.C.'s Land Matching Program](#), please visit the [Agrarians Foundation](#) organization website.

If you have any questions or concerns about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ministry staff.

Sincerely,

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410325**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410325.

BACKGROUND

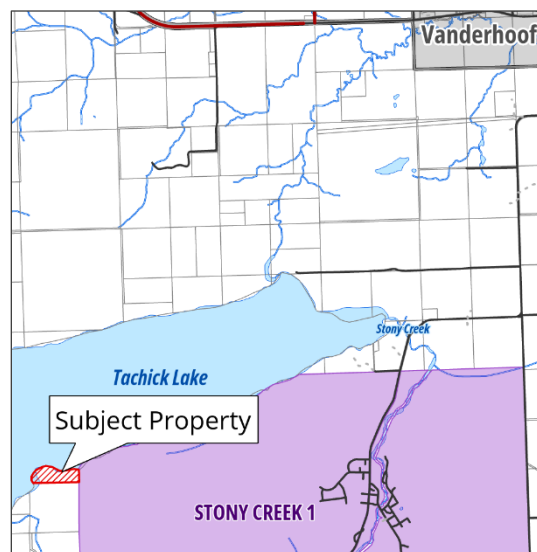
The Saik'uz First Nation has submitted a Community Institutional application to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (MWLRS) for a Section 17 conditional withdrawal of Crownland. The request is for a thirty year exclusive use lease. The application area is approximately 16.57 ha (40.95 ac), abutting Tachick Lake and Stony Creek 1 Reserve.

The Saik'uz First Nation proposes a Clan House, care facilities, and housing on the land for children and youth at risk or "in care". Final construction is scheduled for 2025. No site plans were provided.

Carrier Sekani Family Services propose providing wrap around services in a holistic and culturally appropriate setting to children, youth, young adults, and families as well as a safe refuge in the event a child requires support or prevention services. Proposed services include classes, workshops, outreach, and an Elder in Residence program (see Attachments for details).

The Saik'uz First Nation has the intention of adding the parcel to the Stony Creek 1 Reserve. The RDBN has not received a referral for this proposed addition to reserve to date. The MWLRS notes the Community Institutional lease would be cancelled if the parcel becomes part of Stony Creek 1 Reserve.

The parcel is in the Agricultural Land Reserve, zoned Rural Resource (RR1), and designated for Parks and Recreation. Given the proposal does not align with ALC permitted non-farm uses or the Regional District's OCP designation or zoning, the proposal appears to require an Agricultural Land Commission



Non-Farm Use (NFU) approval and does require Board approval of a combined official community plan/zoning amendment application, as discussed in the attached comment sheet.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Comment sheet
- Application submission



Electoral Area:	F (Vanderhoof Rural)
Applicant:	Saik`uz First Nation
Existing Land Use:	Treed/Vacant
Zoning:	Rural Resource (RR1)
OCP Designation:	Parks and Recreation (P)
Proposed Use Comply with Zoning:	No
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Yes
Access:	Details note provided. Existing access is water access only.
Building Inspection:	No
Fire Protection:	No

Other comments:

Given that the parcel is in the Agricultural Land Reserve, the proposed uses may require ALC Non-Farm Use (NFU) approval. The proposed uses require RDBN Board approval of a combined Official Community Plan/Rezoning application.

A concurrent application process is outlined below and for simplicity assumes the necessary approvals for an NFU and combined Official Community Plan/Rezoning are received to move the process forward.

1. The applicant submits an ALC NFU application and a RDBN combined OCP/Rezoning application for the proposed uses outlined in the NFU application.
2. The RDBN Board considers first and second reading of the OCP and Rezoning bylaws.
3. The RDBN Board considers the NFU and makes a recommendation to the ALC.
4. A Public Hearing is held and the RDBN Board considers third reading of the OCP and Rezoning bylaws.
5. The ALC considers the NFU.
6. The RDBN board considers adoption of the OCP and Rezoning bylaws.

If a concurrent process is not preferred, the ALC application process can be completed prior to submitting a combined OCP/Rezoning application to the RDBN. The RDBN recommends the Saik`uz First Nation confirms with the ALC that a Non-Farm Use application is the appropriate application for the proposed uses.



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**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SAIK'UZ FIRST NATION
 IN SUPPORT OF THE LAND LEASE BETWEEN SAIK'UZ FIRST NATION & THE
 MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP OVER SECTION 17
 – CONTIGUOUS TO STONY CREEK I.R. 1**

WHEREAS the Saik'uz First Nation requires land for a Clan House and future housing for children and youth at risk or "in care";

AND WHEREAS the future establishment of the Clan House (scheduled for construction in 2025), children and families living in urban areas, will be returning to Saik'uz;

AND WHEREAS with the existing shortage of lands and homes, the leased lands will be a much-needed refuge for those both presently requiring shelter on reserve and for those who will return home;

AND WHEREAS having the Clan House in the community is symbolic of the traditional and healthy practices that the Nation exercised before contact and before Provinces took over child welfare services in 1951. Re-assuming services under Carrier/Sekani laws will not only heal children and families but the whole of the Saik'uz First Nation and all the member nations of the Carrier-Sekani Family Services;


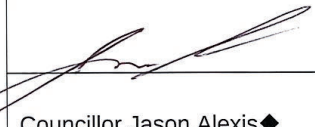

AND WHEREAS the All Clan's House will provide a holistic and cultural environment for children and families. It will also provide the much-needed space to deliver services that seek to address and ameliorate the root causes of over-representation of First Nations children and youth encountering the child welfare system, namely: poverty, substance misuse, multi-generational trauma, and/or family violence.

AND WHEREAS the All Clan's House is also symbolic of the traditional wise practices of the Carrier and Sekani people. Today, it represents a symbol of past wise practices/laws which included "ensuring" the future protection of children. The paying off debt in Bah'lats (potlatch) which was traditionally done publicly (transparency) and with much ceremony was viewed as a means of "ensuring the well-being of the Clan children, if they are left as orphans when they are young." It was customarily observed as a "notarial" act.

AND THAT in the spirit of reconciliation, the Province has agreed to the lease for a nominal rent in recognition of keeping our children and families home because many families have been harmed by colonization and its impact of alienation, separation and disconnection. The lands may also be used for cultural purposes and practices for children and families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Saik'uz First Nation enter into a lease for a nominal rent of \$1.00 over the said traditional lands located contiguous to I.R. 1 with a view to adding them to reserve status to the existing Stony Creek I.R. 1.

A quorum for the Saik'uz First Nation Council is three (3) Councillors.	Saik'uz First Nation COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT:		135 Joseph Street, Vanderhoof, B.C.	
	DATED:		December 12 2023	
	MOVED BY:	Cllr Alison Johnny	SECONDED BY:	Cllr Jason Alexis

		
Chief Priscilla Mueller ♦	Councillor Alison Johnny ♦	
		
Councillor Jason Alexis ♦	Councillor Jasmine Thomas ♦	Councillor Rodney Teed ♦

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CLAN HOUSE AND CHILD SAFETY

Children, youth, young adults and families will be provided wrap around services and safe refuge in the event of a child requiring support/prevention services. The CSFS Director of Child Safety intervenes in the event of a potential apprehension and brings the child or youth to the All Clans House under prevention services. Services include protection and guardianship in a culturally appropriate environment which is also in accordance with National Standards of the Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families (the Act).

The national standards ensure in the case of a child requiring intervention, that it is not solely on the basis of their socio-economic conditions, "including poverty, lack of adequate housing or infrastructure or the state of health of his or her parent or the care provider". The All Clans House is being constructed with all these descriptors in mind. In this instance, the primary purpose of the All Clan House is to provide housing infrastructure with cultural continuity being the main driver.

In addition to Indigenous children suffering racial and funding discrimination from Indigenous Services Canada, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal confirmed that by reallocating money from housing and infrastructure on reserve to provincial child welfare services, the federal government negatively impacted on reserve social programs. Transferring funds from housing, water and sanitation to fill shortfalls in child welfare services heightens the risk of children needing these services in the first place, as poor housing is one of the key factors leading to First Nations children being removed from their families.

The Clan House and the CSFS services will also extend to families if services are required beyond the "child's" needs. This is also consistent with Section 14(1) of the national standards which prioritizes services that promote preventative care to support the child's family over apprehension. The national minimum standards of the Act have been law since 2019 so it is incumbent that Saik'uz First Nation take these important steps in the interim until CSFS's passes its own laws to re-assume jurisdiction in child and families services.

In addition to the wrap around services and preventative care requirements, the All Clans House will also include family support in a cultural and holistic manner whenever mitigation or an intervention is necessary. This not only complies with national standards but prepares and builds capacity for when Saik'uz ultimately re-assumes jurisdiction in child and family services. Having the Clan House in the community is symbolic of the traditional and healthy practices that the Nation exercised before contact and before Provinces took over child welfare services in 1951. Re-assuming services with Carrier/Sekani laws will not only heal the children and families but the whole of the Saik'uz First Nation and all the member nations of the Carrier-Sekani Family Services. The All Clans House was to be located centrally within the main community, however, it was determined that the footprint may not be large enough owing to the high number of children in care or at risk within the Saik'uz Nation. Hence this application to accommodate the existing children and families which require services including those who will return home once the Clan House is established. Final construction is scheduled for 2025.

The All Clans House will be representative of the Saik'uz Nation members and will provide a holistic and cultural environment for children and families. It will also provide the much needed space to deliver services that seek to address and ameliorate the root causes of the over-representation of First Nations children and youth encountering the child welfare system, namely: poverty, substance misuse, multi

generational trauma, and/or family violence. The Clan House is also symbolic of traditional wise practices of the Carrier and Sekani people. Today, it represents a symbol of past wise practices/laws which included "insuring" the future protection of children. The paying off of debt in Bah'lats (potlatch) which was traditionally done publicly (transparency) and with much ceremony was viewed as a means of "ensuring the well-being of the Clan children, if they are left as orphans when they are young." It was customarily observed as a "notarial" act.

With respect to operational support, prevention services will be provided to Saik'uz by CSFS under a service contract arrangement. One of the more unique approaches that the member Nations take with regard to the education and public awareness on healthy families and child maltreatment is the training opportunities for post secondary advancement for community members interested in working in the All Clan Houses.

Specific Management Plans

Primary Prevention

Under primary prevention, services are aimed at the community as a whole and include the ongoing promotion of public awareness and education on healthy families and child maltreatment. Primary prevention activities typically target the whole community.

Projects supporting primary prevention activities include:

- Classes, workshops and outreach to improve family preservation and well-being for 1) domestic violence and anger management; 2) nutrition classes for parents / teen parents; 3) parent education programs to enhance family preservation and well being
- Community outreach and awareness campaigns on prevention of child maltreatment, children's rights and how and where to report suspected child maltreatment
- Initiatives focused on child, family and community well-being within the context of Indigenous culture and language
- Well being services that target children and families at risk in the home and community
- Coordination of efforts with other relevant federal or provincial sectors or programs including addictions and mental health, income support, housing and domestic violence to support community wide information / awareness sessions

Secondary Prevention

Secondary prevention services are activated when a child may be at risk of child maltreatment and where intervention can enhance protective factors and remediate the risk.

Projects supporting secondary prevention activities include:

- group interventions or supports
- home visits programs for new parent(s) / teen parent(s)

- parent mentoring, parenting skills programs, in-home supports, respite care family counseling, guidance and assessment
- mediation and alternative dispute resolution
- addiction treatment for youth as part of a plan for family remediation
- repatriation and reunification of children and youth with families on reserve including maintaining and enhancing community connection
- coordination and reference services with other providers related to wrap-around services and interventions to ensure a coordinated approach based on identified needs including domestic violence, income support, housing, addictions and mental health.

Of note too, under secondary prevention is CSFS' development (with direct input from Elders) of a traditional parenting program, "Bringing Tradition Home". Parent education topics include, but are not limited to: positive parenting strategies, understanding child development, anger/stress management, coping strategies, age appropriate strategies and discipline, community resources and so on. Other programs to be offered will focus on healthy relationships and communication, grief and loss, financial literacy, and food skills. CSFS Member Nation Elders will be also available from the Elder-in-Residence Program being developed to support families in reclaiming identity, belonging, and balance, all necessary factors that will address concerns for children and their well-being.

Tertiary Prevention

When otherwise provided by delegated First Nation Child and Family Services agency (FNCFS) or provincial / territorial agencies, tertiary prevention services target specific families when a crisis and safety risks to a child have been identified. Tertiary prevention attempts to mitigate the risks of separating a child from his or her family and end the crisis. Targeted, least disruptive interventions and measures refer to the most appropriate level of service needed by a family whose child(ren) is/are at risk of maltreatment or where maltreatment has taken place. CWJI recipients should ensure they engage with the appropriate delegated service provider and that activities do not interfere with the safety of a child or federal, provincial and territorial child welfare legislation.

Projects supporting tertiary prevention include:

- child maltreatment risk intervention
- domestic violence intervention supports
- intensive family preservation services
- restorative intervention services
- mental health and addictions treatment for parents as an alternative to taking children into care or as part of a plan for family reunification
- mental health and addiction treatment for youth as part of a plan to re-mediate risks and promote family wellness.

In summary, operational support services will be provided by CSFS under a contract for services which will be carried out in the All Clans House physical structure and accommodation (the building will be owned by Saik'uz) but provides prevention services at all levels including primary, tertiary and secondary. At present, the Director of Child Safety has completed training for C-6 level service for delegated agencies. Training for all levels of prevention are already underway in preparation for the Clan Houses. For instance, CSFS has developed a curriculum for Clan House parents to replace the existing Provincial Foster care system. The Director of Jurisdiction currently has a team going to the communities for this important training. CSFS is also at the capacity building stage and will one day enter into a Coordination Agreement with Canada and the Province to negotiate fiscal arrangements to implement their own Carrier and Sekani laws pursuant to Section 20 (2) of the Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families (the Act).

As noted above the All Clans Houses provide a multitude of direct service options that fit primary (all community access) secondary (those targeted activities and supports related to the interruption of developing concerns for children's safety) and tertiary services (those that are applied to situations where children are at 'immediate risk' of coming into care if those services did not exist).

Ultimately, the All Clan Houses will provide learning, educational, skill building and cultural program offerings under Primary Prevention. They will provide targeted skill building, mitigation of risk and child needs specific programming for children experiencing some risk of harm or likelihood under Secondary Prevention – including 1-1 family intervention supports and training. Finally, the All Clan Houses will provide Tertiary Prevention Services by providing family and child specific immediate intervention practices, safe spaces, programming and mitigation strategies to ensure children in immediate need of protection AND their families are provided intervention services without having to remove a child.

Carrier Sekani Family Services has worked collaboratively with the Nations to develop optimal social/prevention services that use evidence-based research to deliver services.



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **BC Transit Bus Service Funding**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receipt

BACKGROUND

The Board has been discussing for a number of years the need to increase the maximum requisition amount allowed pursuant to "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016." This taxation increase is necessary to ensure adequate long-term funding for the BC Transit Bus Service in the RDBN.

This discussion resulted in the Board giving first and second readings to "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaws No. 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016, 2023" to include Electoral Areas B, C, D, F, and G in the transit service area. Electoral Areas A and E were not interested in participating in the service.

First and second readings were also provided to "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2017, 2023" to increase the maximum requisition amount from \$90,000 to \$200,000; and amend the cost apportionment formulas to account for electoral area participation.

The Board deferred consideration of third reading of the above bylaws to allow for further discussions with the Ministry of Transportation regarding the Province's lack of commitment to long-term funding of the BC Transit Bus service in the RDBN. Specifically, the RDBN requested that the Province consider the following requests, which would

provide the RDBN with some financial security regarding the long term operation of the service:

- Provincial commitment to maintain Provincial funding of 66.7% of operational costs for the service for the life of the service;
- Provincial commitment to fund future capital costs for buses, bus stops, and bus shelters for the life of the service; and
- Provincial commitment to work with the RDBN to secure adequate long-term funding to cover the cost of providing transit service for on-reserve populations and provide certainty regarding responsibility for the cost of building and maintaining infrastructure on-reserve.

A letter (attached) was received from the Minister on October 13, 2023 which confirmed in writing that the Federal and Provincial contribution towards new bus purchases in 2024. However, none of the requested Provincial Government commitments were provided.

At the October 26, 2023 Board Meeting the Board amended Bylaw No. 2017, 2023 to decrease the maximum requisition amount from \$200,000 to \$115,000 and subsequently gave third reading to Bylaws No. 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, and 2017 (as amended).

Bylaws No. 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016, and 2017, 2023 were subsequently sent to the municipalities participating in the service for authorization. The Council's for the Town of Smithers, the Village of Burns Lake, the Village of Fraser Lake, and the District of Vanderhoof authorized the bylaw; however, the Councils for the Village of Telkwa and the District of Fort St. James declined to give approval. Given the refusal of Fort St. James and Telkwa Councils to authorize the bylaws the bylaws cannot proceed; therefore, the District of Houston Council did not take a final position on authorization.

CURRENT SITUATION

As noted, the taxation limit under the existing bylaw is \$90,000. Based on this taxation limit moving forward the service can continue to operate for approximately 4 years using reserve funds (intended for bus and other capital purchases). In 2028 reserve funds will be depleted and the service will not be funded.

It is noted that the below table assumes that the Province will maintain their funding of 66.7% of operational costs for the service. The Province's funding commitment expires in March 2025. Typical transit systems funding from the Province is 46.7%.

It is also noted that the above table assumes that the City of Prince George will maintain their funding of \$50,000 annually towards the operational costs for the service. The partnership agreement between the City of Prince George and the RDBN, and the commitment from the City to pay \$50,000 annually towards the service expires in December 2026.

There is no certainty that the Province and the City of Prince George will continue to contribute as they have long term,

REVENUE	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
taxation	\$87,045	\$89,856	\$89,738	\$89,045	\$90,000
reserves	\$5,000	\$63,000	\$71,000	\$80,000	0
grants	\$36,500	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
user fees	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Service agreements	\$52,500	\$52,500	\$52,500	\$52,500	\$52,500
other	\$25,232	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$231,277	\$238,356	\$246,239	\$254,545	\$175,500
EXPENDITURE	\$231,277	\$238,356	\$246,239	\$254,545	\$263,039
DEFICIT					-\$87,539

VILLAGE OF TELKWA

The Village of Telkwa has requested that the RDBN Board amend “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1790, 2016” by removing Telkwa from the list of participating areas and boundaries of the service area. It is up to the Board to direct staff how to proceed with the requested bylaw amendment.

NDIT NORTHERN BC INTER-COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The Province of BC provided funding for Northern Development (NDIT) to conduct the “Northern BC Inter-Community Transportation Study” within the NDIT’s region. The stated purpose of the study was to do the following:

- Increase use of existing bus and other inter-community transportation services in Northern B.C.
- Identify challenges and opportunities with existing rural, regional and inter-community passenger transportation.

- Identify possible roles that local, regional and Indigenous governments could play in supporting inter-urban passenger transportation options.
- Fill in transportation gaps.

The document titled “Northern BC Inter-Community Transportation Study” dated August, 2023 is attached.

The challenges identified in the study (in regard to public ground transportation) are summarized below:

- Geographic gaps: There is an uncoordinated mosaic of transit services throughout the region with geographic gaps and areas of overlapping services.
- Level of service: There are multiple single-purpose operators with less flexibility to serve users outside of their target group and service frequency is limited due to cost.
- Access to Medical Services: There is inadequate service and the service available is disjointed.
- Tourism: There is a lack of service connecting smaller communities to airports, ferries and activity centres.
- Economic Development: Services are infrequent and operate on schedules that are not appropriate for commuting to employment.
- Governance and Communication: There are many service providers operating similar but different services in the region (BC Transit, BC Bus North and Northern Health Connections), and it is logistically challenging to transition from one service to another when travelling longer distances across the region.

The recommendations proposed in the study are summarized below:

Communication and Coordination:

- Sponsor an overarching technology at the provincial level to better enable citizens to view and book trips with the many transportation options that already exist.
- Seek an opportunity for critical partners to collaborate and determine the inter-regional and regional priority corridors.
- Consider further tangible and grassroots opportunities to communicate about and promote the services.

Funding

- Confirm, continue and further improve the Northern Passenger Transportation Services Fund for community shuttle programs.

- Confirm and continue BC Bus North, including leveraging long-distance operators and other services where possible to provide more trips and better coordinate services.
- Continue to expand funding for BC Transit-led regional and inter-regional services.
- Consider opportunities for shared procurement across transportation providers.

Regulatory

- Consider amendments to Passenger Transportation Board regulatory requirements to improve flexibility for intercity services.
- Amend the *BC Transit Act* to enable Indigenous communities to be sponsoring partners, modernize the suite of transportation options it delivers.
- Review the existing BC Rail agreement with CN to determine if there is any opportunity to prioritize passenger rail without materially impacting the movement of freight and goods.

Technical

- Undertake a comparative study of Northern Health Connections' and Interior Health Connections' passenger eligibility policies and outcomes.
- Undertake a study to determine options for how to make airport taxi service viable to support residents and visitors.

Moving Forward

- The study includes the following comment with regard to moving forward to address the challenges identified in the study.

“The logical next step resulting from this work would be the dissemination of this report to various levels of government, funding partners and other possible partners to seek alignment on how to continue improving mobility and connection in Northern B.C. This study has identified opportunities to increase the coordination, availability and integration of inter-community transportation services in the north. However, it also highlights Northern B.C. as an existing inter-community transportation success story and one that can serve as a model for other areas of the province. When thinking of next steps, the priority should be on increasing awareness of and access to the many existing transportation options.

Following this, other priorities involve considering processes that can improve how transportation services are coordinated and planned. Concurrent to this would be identifying funding and partnership opportunities to improve and strengthen existing connections. Lastly, it is critical to create new connections where none currently exist.”

RDBN SERVICE MOVING FORWARD

The NDIT study clearly identifies that the key challenges in providing public transit service to the north are associated with the number of different organizations providing transportation services to different use groups. This is certainly the case in the RDBN

where there are several independent community-based shuttle services, BC Bus North, the Northern Health Connections Bus, and 2 separate BC Transit services. In staff's opinion the recommendations in the "Northern BC Inter-Community Transportation Study" are unlikely to result in any notable improvement to the efficiency and effectiveness of public transit in the RDBN without the Province playing the lead role in designing and operating a regional transportation service to replace the multitude of uncoordinated existing services provided by multiple service providers.

In staff's opinion the RDBN Board's challenges funding the BC Transit Bus Service in the RDBN relate to the fact that the BC Transit service delivery, partnership, and funding model is not designed to work in the context of intra-community travel in northern BC and the RDBN. Given the limited efficiency and effectiveness of the existing public transportation services in the RDBN there is a reluctance to amend "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Public Transit and Para-Transit (Highway 16) Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1790, 2016" to increase taxation in support of the existing service model.

Ideally the Province needs to consider the need for a regional transportation service model which better meets the needs of RDBN residents. Alternatively, staff can continue to work with the Board to identify a bylaw amendment which includes Electoral Area participation and an increased taxation requisition as necessary to pay for the service in the long term. Or, staff can also work with the Ministry of Transportation and BC Transit to identify the level of service that may be supported by available RDBN taxation and amend the Annual Operating Agreement accordingly.

Following the Board's receipt of this report, and subsequent Board discussion, staff will further evaluate the situation and report back to the Board with recommendations for moving forward.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure dated October 13, 2023
- [Staff Report dated October, 26, 2023 \(link\)](#)
- [Northern BC Inter-Community Transportation Study \(link\)](#)



October 13, 2023

Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
PO Box 820
37 3rd Avenue
Burns Lake BC V0J 1E0

Reference: 321211

Dear Curtis Helgesen:

Re: Regional Transit Service Funding

I am pleased to follow up on our meeting of October 5, 2023, regarding regional transit service funding. I am glad you also had the opportunity to discuss this matter with ministry staff at the recent Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in Vancouver.

Support for better access to affordable and reliable transit, including in rural areas of B.C., is a high priority for our government, and the ministry remains committed to working with the Regional District to meet the transportation needs of people living in the North. As indicated during our recent meeting, the Province and Government of Canada is funding the six light-duty replacement buses for service along Highway 16. These buses are expected to be ready for delivery in 2025/26.

The Province has also previously committed to funding transit services along Highway 16, with current funding identified until March 31, 2025. This funding model is unique to BC Transit services, with the provincial government paying 66.67 per cent of operating costs, or up to \$520,000 annually. We recognize the importance of these services in ensuring safety for travellers along the Highway 16 corridor, and we are continuing to work closely with BC Transit and local partners like the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako towards developing the long-term policy and funding strategy prior to March 31, 2025, to support the ongoing delivery of these services within the transportation ecosystem in Northern B.C.

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An important input to this work is the regional engagement recently conducted by Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) on rural, regional, and intercity passenger transportation in the North. [NDIT published the results of their engagement in August](#), and the ministry is reviewing this report along with others conducted by two additional regional trusts. NDIT continues to administer the Northern Community Shuttle Program, which provides connections to the Highway 16 transit service. NDIT will also be launching a short-term funding program this fall, which will include capacity funding for transportation planning.

I hope that this letter provides the certainty that you are looking for in the short term. Thank you for bringing this important topic to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rob" being more prominent than the last name "Fleming".

Rob Fleming
Minister



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Committee Meeting Recommendation – March 7, 2024**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Recommendation 1 as written.

BACKGROUND

The following is the recommendation from the March 7, 2024 Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting for the Regional Board's consideration and approval.

Rural/Agriculture Committee – March 7, 2024

Recommendation 1:

Re: Agricultural Plastics (3-year) Pilot Project

“That the Board direct staff to explore a one-year renewal of the Agricultural Plastics (3-year) Pilot Project focusing on on-farm collection; and further, that staff bring forward funding options to the Board prior to the end of the current pilot in June 2024.”

ATTACHMENTS: None



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Keeping It Rural Conference – May 21-23, 2024 – Kelowna, BC**

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

That the Board authorize attendance of Rural Directors wishing to attend the Keeping it Rural Conference from May 21-23, 2024 in Kelowna, B.C.

BACKGROUND

The Keeping it Rural Conference is taking place in Kelowna from May 21-23, 2024. The conference program is attached.

Registration is \$400 and all associated costs will come from each director's rural legislative budget.

ATTACHMENT:

Conference Agenda



THE BC RURAL CENTRE

KEEPING IT RURAL 2024

SOWING SEEDS OF SUCCESS:
CULTIVATING RURAL ECONOMIES

Venue Four Points by Sheraton at the Kelowna Airport

Date:

May 21 - 23, 2024

Hosted by: The BC Rural Centre

AGENDA

****The schedule has not been finalized yet - some panels times may shift****

Agenda: Day 1
Tuesday, May 21
Starts at 1PM

- Welcome & Opening Ceremony
- Meet The BC Rural Centre Society
- Rural Innovation Panel
- Opening KeyNote Speaker
- Social Mixer



Agenda: Day 2
Wednesday, May 22
9am - 6PM

- Agriculture Panel - Food Sovereignty Rooted in Progress
- What's Rurally Happening - A Reality Check Presentation
- Workforce & Housing Panel - What comes first?
- Water Stewardship Panel - Riverscapes, riparian, and watershed health check
- Keynote Doug Griffiths - 13 Ways



Agenda: Day 3

Thursday, May 23

9am - 12noon

OCP - Where does equity fit?

Forestry & Emergency Preparedness

Closing



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **2024 Budget**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/weighted)

That Bylaw No. 2036, being a bylaw to adopt the annual budget for 2024, be adopted this 21st day of March 2024.

BACKGROUND and SUMMARY

Major Services:

The taxation for major services is described in Table 1 and remains unchanged since third reading on March 7, 2024.

Currently the major service budget reduces the tax rate per \$1,000 by 0.6% for Rural property owners and 1.0% for municipal property owners. Adjusting for the increase in property values the “average” rural property owner will see a 1.7% increase in the amount of taxes that they have paid compared to the amount that they paid in 2023 and similarly the average municipal taxpayer will see a 1.4% increase. Residential property owners should see a relatively stable tax bill as compared to 2023.

Minor Services:

All of the minor services budgets have now been reviewed by the board.

Requisitions:

Requisitions are provided for all jurisdictions. Municipal requisitions may be used as a draft in determining municipal tax rates; however, it is important to note that the final municipal tax requisitions are adjusted every year based on the “final assessments” as compared to the “revised assessments”.

The figures for Electoral Areas include an estimate of the requisition on a per \$1,000 of hospital assessments.

Grants Provided by The Regional District (by Bylaw)

Grants to Municipalities:

Village of Telkwa

Telkwa Rural Fire	\$131,500
Round Lake Fire	\$ 7,355

Town of Smithers

Smithers Rural Fire	\$338,623
Smithers Arenas, Parks, etc.	\$413,601

District of Houston

Houston Rural Fire	\$ 22,885
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District of Fort St. James

Fort St. James Arena	\$ 37,500
Seniors Transport Services	\$ 43,000
Fort St. James Rural Fire	\$191,472
Luck Bay Fire Protection	\$ 36,728

District of Vanderhoof

Swimming Pool	\$560,338
Vanderhoof Rural Fire	\$ 40,827
Vanderhoof Area and Culture	\$100,000

Village of Burns Lake

Burns Lake Rural Fire	\$148,415
Burns Lake Arena	\$230,000
Burns Lake Ec Dev Officer	\$ 57,500
Burns Lake Tourism	\$ 45,000
Burns Lake Medical Attraction	\$ 30,000
Burns Lake Victim Services	\$ 20,000

Grants to Societies (to support the mandate of their society)

Lake Kathlyn Protection Society	\$ 8,800
Fort Fraser Fire	\$ 20,000
Southside Fire	\$ 27,600
Topley Fire	\$ 40,000 of which \$5,000 is a one time capital grant
Cluculz Lake Fire	\$ 16,500
Northern Soc for Domestic Peace	\$ 44,916

Lakes District Airport Society	\$160,000
Smithers Public Library	\$125,336
BV Museum	\$ 26,124
BV Arts Council	\$ 1,786
Smithers Art Gallery	\$ 11,774
Burns Lake Museum	\$ 79,000 of which \$15,000 is a one time capital grant
Burns Lake Library	\$282,000
Lakes District Festival Society	\$ 3,000
Lakes District Arts Council	\$ 8,500
Lakes District Fall Fair Society	\$ 16,650
Fort Fraser Cemetery	\$ 2,000
Topley Cemetery	\$ 1,500
Smithers-Houston TV	\$ 60,000
Fraser Lake TV	\$ 83,750
Fort St. James TV	\$164,500
Burns Lake TV	\$ 32,500
Fraser Lake Library	\$ 39,191
Fort St. James Library	\$ 16,737
Fort Fraser Community Hall	\$ 2,500
Braeside Community Hall	\$ 4,750

Attachments:

TABLE 1 – Major Services Tax Summary

Requisition Summary

Bylaw Information

Bylaw 2036 – Five Year Financial Plan 2024-2028

Bylaw 2036 – Year 2024 Bylaw Detail

RDBN - 2024 Budget
Projected Tax Rates for Regional Services
TABLE 1

Dept	Service	Tax on a \$100,000 Residential Property								
		Taxation			Rural Taxpayers			Municipal Taxpayers		
		2024 Tax	2023 Tax	Increase (Decrease)	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Region-Wide Services										
1201	General Government	1,842,276	985,290	856,987	17.92	11.06	6.86	17.92	11.06	6.86
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2500	Regional Economic Development	365,339	329,050	36,289	3.55	3.69	(0.14)	3.55	3.69	(0.14)
4101	Electoral Area Planning	343,846	288,694	55,151	3.89	3.83	0.06	2.60	2.56	0.04
4301	Development Services	281,100	281,989	(889)	2.73	3.16	(0.43)	2.73	3.16	(0.43)
5101	Environmental Services	4,375,000	4,349,787	25,213	42.56	48.82	(6.26)	42.56	48.82	(6.26)
7501	9-1-1 Service	369,043	388,849	(19,806)	3.59	4.36	(0.77)	3.59	4.36	(0.77)
Total Region-Wide Services		7,576,604	6,623,658	952,946	74.25	74.93	(0.68)	72.95	73.65	(0.70)
Regional Rural Services										
1101	Rural Government	368,031	356,092	11,939	6.20	7.46	(1.26)			
5901	Weed Control	29,932	31,002	(1,070)	0.50	0.65	(0.15)			
7601	Emergency Preparedness	613,121	421,381	191,740	10.33	8.83	1.50			
Total Rural-Wide Services		1,011,084	808,475	202,609	17.04	16.94	0.10			
TOTAL		8,587,688	7,432,133	1,155,554	91.29	91.87	(0.58)	72.95	73.65	(0.70)

Major Services Requisition Change

		Tax Rate \$/\$1000 Assessment	0.913	0.919	(0.006)	0.730	0.736	(0.007)
		Tax amount increase for a \$250,000 Assessment		-\$ 1.46	-0.6%		-\$ 1.75	-1.0%
THIS IS THE AVERAGE RD PROPERTY	2.36% MARKET INCREASE	Tax amount increase for a NOW \$255,900 Assessment		\$ 3.93	1.7%		\$ 2.55	1.4%
THIS IS THE AVERAGE RD RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY	0.69% MARKET INCREASE	Tax amount increase for a NOW \$251,725 Assessment		\$ 0.11	0.0%		-\$ 0.49	-0.3%

**REQUISITION AMOUNTS SUMMARY
ALL SERVICES**

	2024 Requisition Amount	2023 Requisition Invoiced	Increase in Requisition
Municipalities			
District of Houston	445,279	428,266	4.0%
Town of Smithers	2,025,758	1,938,627	4.5%
Village of Burns Lake	391,347	395,485	-1.0%
District of Fort St. James	426,520	407,965	4.5%
Village of Fraser Lake	182,871	176,344	3.7%
Village of Granisle	25,956	20,389	27.3%
Village of Telkwa	254,500	261,570	-2.7%
District of Vanderhoof	728,692	711,536	2.4%
	4,480,923	4,340,182	3%
Electoral Areas			
Electoral Area "A"	1,776,874	1,733,535	2.5%
Electoral Area "B"	817,485	764,462	6.9%
Electoral Area "C"	788,036	708,690	11.2%
Electoral Area "D"	749,724	496,000	51.2%
Electoral Area "E"	1,085,130	543,419	99.7%
Electoral Area "F"	1,606,065	1,373,438	16.9%
Electoral Area "G"	653,871	339,171	92.8%
	7,477,185	5,958,715	25%
Other Taxes			
Specified Areas	20,145	18,006	11.9%
Service Areas -Taxation on Land & Improvements	1,753,928	1,758,223	-0.2%
Service Areas -Taxation on Improvements Only	304,882	285,456	6.8%
Defined Areas	250,601	219,276	14.3%
	2,329,556	2,280,961	2.1%
Parcel Taxes			
Parcel	34,255	33,385	2.6%
Frontage	112,138	106,602	5.2%
	146,394	139,987	4.6%
TOTAL REQUISITION	14,434,058	12,719,845	13.5%

District of Houston**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	98,169	58,265
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	19,479	19,458
Development Services	General Government	14,988	16,675
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	232,627	257,226
Television Rebroadcasting	Bylaw, 630, 1990	6,985	6,871
Regional Recreation	Bylaw 1979, 2022	21,936	14,736

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	14,227	13,466
		<u>408,411</u>	<u>386,697</u>

Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	21,425	25,699
Regional Parks & Trails	Bylaw 1928, 2021	0	0
		<u>21,425</u>	<u>25,699</u>

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	15,443	15,870
		<u>15,443</u>	<u>15,870</u>

Total

445,279	428,266
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Town of Smithers**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	296,810	173,475
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	58,897	57,936
Development Services	General Government	45,315	49,648
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	703,343	765,847
Smithers Victim Services	Bylaw 1776, 2016	22,455	21,895
Bulkley Valley Regional Pool	Bylaw 1350,2005	667,193	633,959
Television Rebroadcasting	Bylaw, 630, 1990	21,121	20,457
Regional Recreation	Bylaw 1976, 2022	27,772	26,785

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	43,016	40,094
		<u>1,885,922</u>	<u>1,790,096</u>

Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	50,752	62,934
Regional Parks & Trails	Bylaw 1927, 2021	61,874	57,634
		<u>112,626</u>	<u>120,568</u>

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	27,210	27,963
		<u>27,210</u>	<u>27,963</u>

Total

2,025,758	1,938,627
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Village of Burns Lake**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	48,814	28,717
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council	General Government	237	99
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	9,686	9,590
Development Services	General Government	7,453	8,219
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	115,673	126,778
Gowan Loop Street Lighting	Bylaw 1983, 2022	1,774	1,772
Regional Recreation	Bylaw 1977, 2022	13,060	4,304

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	7,074	6,637
		<u>203,771</u>	<u>186,116</u>

Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	10,595	12,890
Burns Lake & Area Victim Services	Bylaw 1682, 2013	10,672	7,397
Lakes District Airport	Bylaw 1751, 2015	9,164	19,521
Burns Lake Tom Forsyth Arena Grant	Bylaw 1609, 2012	79,007	81,392
Lakes District Arts & Culture	Bylaw 1831, 2018	60,381	61,300
Burns Lake & Area TV Rebroadcast	Bylaw 982, 1997	3,918	6,563
Regional Parks & Trails	Bylaw 1929, 2021	5,445	11,680
		<u>179,182</u>	<u>200,743</u>

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	8,394	8,626
		<u>8,394</u>	<u>8,626</u>

Total

391,347	395,485
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District of Fort St. James**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	70,883	40,100
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council	General Government	344	138
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	14,065	13,392
Development Services	General Government	10,822	11,476
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	167,970	177,029
Fort St. James Seniors Helping Seniors	Bylaw 1750, 2016	22,894	23,589
Television Rebroadcasting	Bylaw 1765, 2016	94,076	95,744
Regional Recreation	Bylaw 1978, 2022	17,294	17,154

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	10,273	9,268
		<u>408,621</u>	<u>387,890</u>

Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	16,497	18,634
Regional Parks & Trails	Bylaw 1930, 2021	0	0
		<u>16,497</u>	<u>18,634</u>

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	1,402	1,441
		<u>1,402</u>	<u>1,441</u>

Total

426,520	407,965
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Village of Fraser Lake**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	39,960	23,331
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council	General Government	194	80
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	7,929	7,792
Development Services	General Government	6,101	6,677
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	94,692	102,998
Television Rebroadcasting	Bylaw 1855, 2019	13,399	13,501

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	5,791	5,392
		<u>168,066</u>	<u>159,771</u>

Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	9,923	11,555
		<u>9,923</u>	<u>11,555</u>

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	4,882	5,018
		<u>4,882</u>	<u>5,018</u>

Total

182,871	176,344
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Village of Granisle**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	6,044	2,918
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	1,199	974
Development Services	General Government	923	835
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	14,322	12,882
Regional Recreation		1,351	738

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	876	674
		<u>24,715</u>	<u>19,021</u>

Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	900	1,018
Regional Parks & Trails	Bylaw 1928, 2021	0	0
		<u>900</u>	<u>1,018</u>

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	341	350
		<u>341</u>	<u>350</u>

Total

25,956	20,389
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Village of Telkwa**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	44,472	27,850
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	8,824	9,301
Development Services	General Government	6,790	7,971
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	105,384	122,951
Smithers Victim Services	Bylaw 1776,2016	3,365	3,515
Bulkley Valley Regional Pool	Bylaw 1350,2005	59,981	61,067
Houston/Smithers TV Rebroadcasting	Bylaw 1818,2018	3,164	3,284

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	6,445	6,437
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Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	8,618	11,530
		8,618	11,530

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	7,458	7,664
		7,458	7,664

Total

254,500	261,570
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District of Vanderhoof**Taxation on Land & Improvements:****Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

		2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
General Government	General Government	173,303	103,030
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council	General Government	840	355
Regional Economic Development	Bylaw 1652, 2012	34,388	34,408
Development Services	General Government	26,459	29,487
Waste Disposal	Bylaw 1726, 2015	410,671	454,850

Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 66%

Planning and Zoning	SLP - No. 1	25,116	23,813
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Taxation on Improvements only:**Revised 2024 Hospital Converted Total - 100%**

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Response	Bylaw 1483, 2009	35,926	42,996
		35,926	42,996

Taxation on Population

Regional Public Transit	Bylaw 1790, 2017	21,989	22,597
		21,989	22,597

Total

728,692	711,536
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ELECTORAL AREAS

	2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
Electoral Area "A"	1.2552	1.2350
Taxation on Land & Improvements:		
Rural Government Services (1101)	87,799	104,759
Area A Grant in Aid (1131)	40,000	0
General Government (1201)	253,529	155,216
Regional Economic Development (2500)	50,307	51,836
Planning and Zoning (4101)	55,117	53,813
Development Services (4301)	38,708	44,424
Building Numbering (4401)	2,350	2,271
Unightly Premises Regulatory Control (4501)	9,328	8,916
Waste Disposal (5101)	600,780	685,238
Weed Control (5901)	7,140	9,120
Emergency Preparedness Planning (7601)	146,269	123,966
Smithers Victim Services	19,181	19,590
Bulkley Valley Regional Pool and Rec Centre (10101)	341,941	340,339
Regional Recreation (10912)	23,722	23,965
	<u>1,676,171</u>	<u>1,623,453</u>
Taxation on Improvements Only:		
Area "A" Economic Development (2401)	0	0
9-1-1 Emergency Telephone. Response (7501)	47,851	58,514
Smithers Para-Transit (8201)	0	0
Regional Parks & Trails (10902)	52,852	51,568
	<u>100,703</u>	<u>110,082</u>
	<u>1,776,874</u>	<u>1,733,535</u>

ELECTORAL AREAS

	2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
Electoral Area "B"	1.776	1.795
Taxation on Land & Improvements:		
Rural Government Services (1101)	28,555	31,776
Area B Grant In Aid (1132)	14,499	5,000
General Government (1201)	82,455	47,081
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council (1206)	400	162
Regional Economic Development (2500)	16,361	15,723
Planning and Zoning (4101)	17,925	16,322
Development Services (4301)	12,589	13,474
Building Numbering (4401)	765	689
Unightly Premises Regulatory Control (4501)	3,033	2,704
Waste Disposal (5101)	195,391	207,848
Weed Control (5901)	2,322	2,766
Emergency Preparedness Planning (7601)	47,571	37,602
Regional Recreation (10914)	22,060	7,055
	<u>443,926</u>	<u>388,202</u>
Taxation on Improvements Only:		
Electoral Area 'B' Economic Development (2402)	98,566	81,200
9-1-1 Service (7501)	16,535	18,521
Burns Lake & Area Victim Services (7701)	3,557	2,465
Lakes District Airport (8101)	14,301	28,049
Burns Lake Tom Forsyth Arena Grant (10202)	123,296	116,948
Lakes District Arts & Culture (10303)	101,993	100,500
Burns Lake & Area TV Rebroadcast (10504)	6,114	9,428
Regional Parks & Trails (10904)	9,197	19,149
	<u>373,559</u>	<u>376,260</u>
	<u>817,485</u>	<u>764,462</u>

ELECTORAL AREAS

	2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
Electoral Area "C" Complete	1.030	0.998
Taxation on Land & Improvements:		
Rural Government Services (1101)	47,433	53,003
Area C Grant in Aid (1133)	35,851	0
General Government (1201)	136,967	78,532
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council (1206)	664	271
Regional Economic Development (2500)	27,178	26,227
Planning and Zoning (4101)	29,775	27,226
Development Services (4301)	20,911	22,476
Building Numbering (4401)	1,270	1,150
Unsightly Premises Regulatory Control (4501)	5,038	4,511
Waste Disposal (5101)	324,565	346,699
Weed Control (5901)	3,857	4,615
Emergency Preparedness Planning (7601)	79,021	62,721
Fort Saint James Library (10603)	17,120	17,156
Regional Recreation (10915)	33,417	33,596
	<u>763,067</u>	<u>678,184</u>
Taxation on Improvements Only:		
Area "C" Economic Development (2403)		
9-1-1 Emergency Telephone. Response (7501)	24,970	30,507
Regional Parks & Trails (10905)	0	0
	<u>24,969</u>	<u>30,506</u>
	<u>788,036</u>	<u>708,690</u>
	2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
Electoral Area "D" Complete	0.980	1.037
Taxation on Land & Improvements:		
Rural Government Services (1101)	43,018	35,709
Area D Grant in Aid (1134)	10,473	4,620
General Government (1201)	124,218	52,908
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council (1206)	603	183
Regional Economic Development (2500)	24,649	17,669
Planning and Zoning (4101)	27,004	18,342
Development Services (4301)	18,965	15,142
Building Numbering (4401)	1,153	774
Unsightly Premises Regulatory Control (4501)	4,570	3,039
Waste Disposal (5101)	294,355	233,574
Weed Control (5901)	3,499	3,109
Emergency Preparedness Planning (7601)	71,666	42,256
Television Rebroadcasting (10502)	41,652	30,618
	<u>665,825</u>	<u>457,943</u>
Taxation on Improvements Only:		
Area "D" Economic Development (2404)	29,527	0
9-1-1 Emergency Telephone. Response (7501)	25,124	19,479
Fraser Lake Library (10602) 755	29,249	18,578
	<u>83,900</u>	<u>38,057</u>
	<u>749,724</u>	<u>496,000</u>

ELECTORAL AREAS**Electoral Area "E"****Taxation on Land & Improvements:**

	2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
	1.305	1.340
Rural Government Services (1101)	51,582	30,262
Area E Grant in Aid (1135)	15,038	6,869
General Government Services (1201)	148,947	44,837
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council (1206)	722	155
Regional Economic Development (2500)	29,555	14,974
Planning and Zoning (4101)	32,380	15,544
Development Services (4301)	22,740	12,832
Building Numbering (4401)	1,381	656
Waste Disposal (5101)	352,955	197,945
Weed Control (5901)	4,195	2,635
Emergency Prep Planning (7601)	85,933	35,810
Regional Recreation (10914)	39,851	6,720

	785,278	369,239
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Taxation on Improvements Only:

Area "E" Economic Development (2405)	21,571	9,861
9-1-1 Emergency Telephone. Response (7501)	33,055	15,844
Burns Lake & Area Victim Services (7701)	3,557	2,465
Lakes District Airport (8101)	28,589	23,995
Lakes District Arts & Culture (10303)	184,241	95,711
Burns Lake & Area TV Rebroadcast (10504)	12,224	8,067
Regional Parks & Trails (10904)	16,614	18,237

	299,851	174,180
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	1,085,130	543,419
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ELECTORAL AREAS**Electoral Area "F"****Taxation on Land & Improvements:**

	2024 Requisition Draft	2023 Requisition Invoiced
	1.447	1.382
Rural Government Services (1101)	68,853	74,163
Area F Grant in Aid (1136)	16,000	0
General Government (1201)	198,818	109,884
Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council (1206)	964	379
Regional Economic Development (2500)	39,451	36,697
Planning and Zoning (4101)	43,221	38,095
Development Services (4301)	30,354	31,449
Building Numbering (4401)	1,844	1,608
Unightly Premises Regulatory Control (4501)	7,314	6,311
Waste Disposal (5101)	471,133	485,108
Weed Control (5901)	5,600	6,457
Emergency Preparedness Planning (7601)	114,705	87,761

	998,257	877,912
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Taxation on Improvements Only:

Area "F" Economic Development (2406)	0	0
9-1-1 Emergency Telephone. Response (7501)	39,065	42,075
Vanderhoof Pool (10102)	568,743	453,451

	607,808	495,526
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	1,606,065	1,373,438
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	2024	2023
	Requisition	Requisition
	Draft	Invoiced
Electoral Area "G" Complete	0.994	0.958
Taxation on Land & Improvements:		
Rural Government Services (1101)	40,791	26,420
Area G Grant in Aid (1137)	18,385	0
General Government (1201)	117,788	39,146
Regional Economic Development (2500)	23,373	13,073
Planning and Zoning (4101)	25,606	13,571
Development Services (4301)	17,983	11,204
Building Numbering (4401)	1,092	573
Unsightly Premises Regulatory Control (4501)	4,333	2,248
Waste Disposal (5101)	279,119	172,818
Weed Control (5901)	3,317	2,300
Emergency Preparedness Planning (7601)	67,956	31,265
Regional Recreation (10913)	26,320	9,901
	<u>626,064</u>	<u>322,518</u>
Taxation on Improvements Only:		
Area "G" Economic Development (2407)		
9-1-1 Emergency Telephone. Response (7501)	27,807	16,653
Regional Parks & Trails (10901)	0	0
	<u>27,807</u>	<u>16,653</u>
	<u><u>653,871</u></u>	<u><u>339,171</u></u>

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

BYLAW NO. 2036

**Being a bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan
for the years 2024 to 2028**

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting assembled
ENACTED as follows:

1. Schedule "A", attached hereto and made part of this bylaw, is the Financial Plan for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the years 2024 through 2028.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2036, 2024".

READ A FIRST TIME this 22nd day of February 2024

READ A SECOND TIME this 22nd day of February 2024

READ A THIRD TIME this 7th day of March 2024

ADOPTED this day of _____, 2024

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Bylaw No. 2036 as adopted.

Corporate Administrator

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
2024 to 2028 Financial Plan - Bylaw No. 2036 Schedule A
Five Year Plan

Service	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	FUNDING										2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2024	2025							
	Taxes	Taxes	Taxes	Taxes	Taxes	Parcel Taxes	Parcel Taxes	Parcel Taxes	Parcel Taxes	Parcel Taxes	Parcel Taxes	Fees and Charges	Fees and Charges	Fees and Charges	Fees and Charges	Fees and Charges	Fees and Charges	Proceeds of Borrowing	Proceeds of Borrowing	Proceeds of Borrowing	Proceeds of Borrowing	Proceeds of Borrowing	Proceeds of Borrowing	Other Revenue	Other Revenue	Other Revenue	Other Revenue	Other Revenue	Other Revenue	Total Funding	Total Funding	Total Funding	Total Funding	Total Funding	Reserve Funds	Reserve Funds			
1101 Rural Government Services	368,031	369,499	376,999	407,560	370,996																		127,449	127,449	127,449	127,449	127,449	495,480	496,948	504,448	535,009	498,445	590,000	590,000					
1131 Area "A" Grant in Aid	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000																							40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000							
1132 Area "B" Grant in Aid	14,499	14,499	14,499	14,499	14,499																							14,499	14,499	14,499	14,499	14,499							
1133 Area "C" Grant in Aid	35,851	35,851	35,851	35,851	35,851																							35,851	35,851	35,851	35,851	35,851							
1134 Area "D" Grant in Aid	10,473	10,473	10,473	10,473	10,473																							17,409	17,409	17,409	17,409	17,409							
1135 Area "E" Grant in Aid	15,038	15,038	15,038	15,038	15,038																							24,996	24,996	24,996	24,996	24,996							
1136 Area "F" Grant in Aid	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000																							16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000							
1137 Area "G" Grant in Aid	18,385	18,385	18,385	18,385	18,385																							18,385	18,385	18,385	18,385	18,385							
1200 General Government Services	1,841,178	1,350,897	1,378,507	1,479,670	1,435,396																						493,694	423,194	423,194	423,194	423,194	2,334,872	1,774,091	1,801,701	1,902,864	1,858,590	-318,000	-592,082	
1206 Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council	4,967	8,423	8,423	8,423	8,423																						877	877	877	877	877	5,844	9,300	9,300	9,300	9,300			
1301 Feasibility Studies	0	0	0	0	0																						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
1501 Local Community of Fort Fraser	4,050	7,872	8,008	11,646	8,287																						5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	9,050	12,872	13,008	16,646	13,287			
1701 Chinook Community Forest																											50,000	20,799	20,799	20,799	20,799	50,000	20,799	20,799	20,799	20,799			
2401 Area "A" Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0																						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
2402 Area "B" Economic Development	98,566	86,463	86,463	86,463	86,463																						100	0	0	0	0	98,666	86,463	86,463	86,463	86,463			
2403 Area "C" Economic Development																											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
2404 Area "D" Economic Development	29,527	0	0	0	0																						19,560	0	0	0	0	49,087	0	0	0	0			
2405 Area "E" Economic Development	21,571	15,198	15,198	15,198	13,948																						14,290	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	35,861	30,198	30,198	30,198	28,948			
2406 Area "F" Economic Development																											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
2407 Area "G" Economic Development																											0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
2500 Regional Economic Development	365,339	399,289	388,789	405,933	395,433																						103,645	103,645	103,645	103,645	103,645	468,985	502,934	492,434	509,578	499,078	50,000		
3101 Member Fiscal Services																											749,800	712,011	732,011	712,011	714,011	749,800	712,011	732,011	712,011	714,011			
4101 Planning	343,846	349,640	355,307	361,088	366,985						20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000												40,825	40,825	40,825	40,825	40,825	404,671	410,465	416,133	421,913	427,810			
4201 Building Inspection	250,601	256,968	266,012	275,237	284,647						120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000												237,415	237,415	237,415	237,415	237,415	608,016	614,383	623,427	632,652	642,062	-10,000	40,000	
4301 Development Services	281,100	236,556	246,628	349,997	359,483						2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500												26,914	45,038	45,038	45,038	45,038	310,514	284,094	294,166	397,536	407,021	133,000	133,000	
4401 Building Numbering Extended Service	9,856	10,217	10,400	10,586	10,776																						1,677	1,551	1,551	1,551	1,551	11,534	11,768	11,950	12,137	12,326			
4501 Unsanitary Premises Regulatory Control	33,615	34,517	35,050	35,593	36,147																						3,026	3,026	3,026	3,026	3,026	36,641	37,544	38,076	38,620	39,174			
4601 Bylaw Enforcement																											74,044	75,088	76,153	77,239	78,347	74,044	75,088	76,153	77,239	78,347	-10,500	-10,500	
5101 Environmental Services	4,362,973	4,358,003	5,420,352	5,401,075	5,377,194																						1,455,674	1,404,174	1,129,174	1,149,064	1,169,551	5,818,648	5,762,177	6,549,526	6,550,140	6,546,745	781,838	0	
5901 Invasive Plant Control	29,932	30,355	30,355	30,355	30,355																						5,170	5,170	5,170	5,170	5,170	5,170	5,170	5,170	5,170				
5902 Lake Kathryn Aquatic Weed Harvesting						8,550	8,765	8,765	8,765	8,765																	0	0	0	0	0	9,300	9,515	9,515	9,515	9,515			
5903 Glacier Gulch Water Diversion						3,060	3,228	3,228	3,228	3,228																	0	0	0	0	0	3,265	3,433	3,433	3,433	3,433			
6101 Ft. Fraser Sewer System						49,791	49,084	48,451	47,804	47,145																	0	0	0	0	0	80,854	80,768	80,768	80,768	80,768	29,900	-35,100	
6201 Ft. Fraser Water System						62,347	57,107	56,056	55,485	54,392																	0	0	0	0	0	113,845	109,635	109,635	110,135	110,135	-65,150	-65,150	
6301 Cluculz Lake - Somerset Estates Sewer						11,250	11,250	11,250	14,063	14,063																	0	0	0	0	0	11,250	11,250	11,250	14,063	14,063	-79,930	0	
6401 Pump & Haul Sewer Disposal											0	0	0	0	0												0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
6402 Liquid Waste Disposal											6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000													6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000							
7101 Ft. Fraser Fire Protection	61,020	62,550	62,601	62,653	62,706																						7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	68,520	70,050	70,101	70,153	70,206	-30,000	-20,000	
7102 Southside Rural Fire Protection	67,588	70,002	71,502	71,502	71,502																						0	0	0	0	0	67,588	70,002	71,502	71,502	71,502	-10,000	-10,000	
7103 Topley Rural Fire Protection	89,656	90,816	90,816	90,816	90,816																																		
7104 Cluculz Lake Emergency Response	23,319	30,512	30,512	30,512	30,512																						0	0	0	0	0	23,319	30,512	30,512	30,512	30,512	0	0	
7201 Burns Lake Rural Fire Protection	151,273	152,681	155,636	158,649	151,830																																		
7202 Ft.St.James Rural Fire Protection	195,344	256,738	260,192	263,715	267,308																																		
7203 Houston Rural Fire Protection	24,385	24,401	25,978	24,401	24,401																																		
7204 Luck Bay Rural Fire Protection	62,228	74,932	75,630	71,644	82,370																																		
7205 Smithers Rural Fire Protection	324,702	351,384	358,200	365,153	372,244																																		
7206 Telkwa Rural Fire Protection	112,316	138,967	109,338	120,425	133,546																																		
7207 Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection	42,439	43,256	44,089	44,938	45,805																																		

Schedule "A"

2025	2026	2027	2028	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Other Expenses	Other Expenses	Other Expenses	Other Expenses	Deficit of Prior Year	Deficit of Prior Year	Deficit of Prior Year	Deficit of Prior Year	Deficit of Prior Year	Total Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Total Expenditures
1,086,948	1,154,448	1,125,009	1,088,445						1,085,480	1,086,948	1,154,448	1,125,009	1,088,445
40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000						81,486	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
14,499	14,499	14,499	14,499						32,492	14,499	14,499	14,499	14,499
35,851	35,851	35,851	35,851						44,175	35,851	35,851	35,851	35,851
17,409	17,409	17,409	17,409						40,026	17,409	17,409	17,409	17,409
24,996	24,996	24,996	24,996						45,014	24,996	24,996	24,996	24,996
16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000						44,336	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
18,385	18,385	18,385	18,385						30,805	18,385	18,385	18,385	18,385
1,182,009	1,609,619	1,660,782	1,641,508						2,508,398	1,327,009	1,754,619	1,855,782	1,786,508
9,300	9,300	9,300	9,300						9,300	9,300	9,300	9,300	9,300
0	0	0	0	0					37,079	0	0	0	0
17,872	18,508	16,646	14,787						17,087	17,872	18,508	16,646	14,787
20,799	20,799	20,799	20,799	0					54,052	20,799	20,799	20,799	20,799
0	0	0	0						8,500	0	0	0	0
86,463	86,463	86,463	86,463	0					98,963	86,463	86,463	86,463	86,463
0	0	0	0						878	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0						50,000	0	0	0	0
30,198	30,198	30,198	28,948						45,198	30,198	30,198	30,198	28,948
0	0	0	0						2,274	0	0	0	0
									0	0	0	0	0
502,934	492,434	509,578	499,078						570,171	502,934	492,434	509,578	499,078
									749,800	712,011	732,011	712,011	714,011
410,465	416,133	421,913	427,810						404,671	410,465	416,133	421,913	427,810
604,383	613,427	622,652	632,062						603,516	659,883	618,927	628,152	637,562
417,094	427,166	397,536	407,021						443,514	417,094	427,166	397,536	407,021
11,768	11,950	12,137	12,326						11,589	11,768	11,950	12,137	12,326
37,544	38,076	38,620	39,174						36,784	37,544	38,076	38,620	39,174
64,588	65,653	66,739	67,847						70,018	70,588	126,653	72,739	73,847
5,862,177	5,999,526	6,100,140	6,196,745						8,870,486	9,232,177	9,369,526	9,470,140	9,566,745
35,525	35,525	35,525	35,525	0					35,525	35,525	35,525	35,525	35,525
9,515	9,515	9,515	9,515						9,515	9,515	9,515	9,515	9,515
3,433	3,433	3,433	3,433						6,333	3,433	3,433	3,433	3,433
35,668	35,668	35,668	35,668						134,318	59,318	59,318	59,318	59,318
44,485	44,485	44,485	44,485						159,985	139,485	139,485	139,985	139,985
11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250	0					11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250
0	0	0	0						0	0	0	0	0
6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000						21,959	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
50,050	50,101	50,153	50,206	0					70,850	71,050	71,101	71,153	71,206
60,002	61,502	61,502	61,502	0					93,021	95,402	96,902	96,902	96,902
65,575	65,575	65,575	65,575						120,486	115,486	115,486	115,486	115,486
30,512	30,512	30,512	30,512						79,012	70,512	70,512	70,512	70,512
152,681	155,636	158,649	151,830	0					152,641	152,681	155,636	158,649	151,830
256,738	260,192	263,715	267,308	0					195,344	256,738	260,192	263,715	267,308
24,401	25,978	24,401	24,401						24,385	24,401	25,978	24,401	24,401
65,234	65,932	66,644	67,370	4,107					74,892	82,596	83,294	75,644	76,370
351,384	358,200	365,153	372,244						344,702	351,384	358,200	365,153	372,244
138,967	109,338	120,425	133,546	0					136,472	138,967	109,338	120,425	133,546
43,256	44,089	44,938	45,805	0					42,439	43,256	44,089	44,938	45,805
8,344	6,687	7,307	8,041	0					9,068	9,458	7,801	8,421	9,155
547,243	550,640	554,105	557,639						566,070	551,743	555,140	558,605	562,139
990,448	999,110	1,009,475	1,020,047						1,622,150	1,025,178	1,033,840	1,044,205	1,054,777
20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500						20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500
45,500	45,500	45,500	45,500						45,595	45,500	45,500	45,500	45,500
87,588	87,588	87,588	87,588						175,088	87,588	87,588	87,588	87,588
43,645	43,645	43,645	43,645	0					43,645	43,645	43,645	43,645	43,645
238,428	246,311	254,617	263,111						231,350	238,428	246,311	254,617	263,111
12,065	12,065	12,065	12,065	0					12,065	12,065	12,065	12,065	12,065
4,291	4,291	4,291	4,291	20					4,311	4,291	4,291	4,291	4,291
12,143	12,143	12,143	12,143	245					12,388	12,143	12,143	12,143	12,143
4,690	4,690	4,690	4,690	0					4,690	4,690	4,690	4,690	4,690
3,785	3,785	3,785	3,785	101					3,886	3,785	3,785	3,785	3,785
1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0					1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
1,830	1,830	1,830	1,830	0					1,830	1,830	1,830	1,830	1,830
869,471	885,914	902,747	919,979						1,410,514	1,179,471	1,195,914	1,212,747	1,229,979
557,238	565,871	574,677	583,658						568,743	557,238	565,871	574,677	583,658
38,063	38,063	38,063	38,063						38,063	38,063	38,063	38,063	38,063
233,450	233,450	233,450	233,450	0					233,450	233,450	233,450	233,450	233,450
589,650	589,650	589,650	589,650	0					587,300	589,650	589,650	589,650	589,650
101,500	101,500	101,500	101,500						101,500	101,500	101,500	101,500	101,500
457,601	465,620	473,819	482,202						516,409	457,601	465,620	473,819	482,202
2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	0					2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	0					1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
60,900	60,900	60,900	60,900	684					61,584	60,900	60,900	60,900	60,900
91,350	91,350	91,350	91,350	0					91,350	91,350	91,350	91,350	91,350
166,968	166,968	166,968	166,968	85					167,053	166,968	166,968	166,968	166,968
33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	0					33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
50,750	50,750	50,750	50,750	0					50,750	50,750	50,750	50,750	50,750
21,495	21,495	21,495	21,495	0					17,237	21,495	21,495	21,495	21,495
2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	0					2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750
5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000						5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
182,727	182,728	182,729	182,730	24,196					683,726	1,717,727	217,728	217,729	217,730
3,292	3,292	3,292	3,292						17,564	3,292	3,292	3,292	3,292
74,614	74,614	74,614	74,614						172,714	77,614	77,614	77,614	77,614
3,879	3,879	3,879	3,879						19,158	3,879	3,879	3,879	3,879
51,500	51,500	51,500	51,500						101,500	51,500	51,500	51,500	51,500
26,125	26,125	26,125	26,125						76,125	26,125	26,125	26,125	26,125
25,375	25,375												

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

2024 to 2028 Financial Plan Year One (2024) Summary

Schedule "A"

Bylaw 2036

2024 Financial Plan:

Service	FUNDING						TRANSFERS From/(To)					EXPENDITURES:					
	Prop. Value	Parcel	Fees and	Proceeds of	Other	Total	Transfer to	Transfer from	Surplus of	Equity in	Total	Debt Pmts.	Capital	Amortization	Other	Deficit from	Total
Taxes	Taxes	Charges	Borrowing	Revenue	Funding	Reserve	Reserve	Prior Yr.	TCA's	Transfers	Int. & P'pal.	Expenditures	of TCA's	Expenses	Prior Year	Expenditures	
1101 Rural Government Services	368,031				127,449	495,480	-10,000	600,000		590,000						1,085,480	1,085,480
1131 Area "A" Grant in Aid	40,000				40,000				41,486	41,486						81,486	81,486
1132 Area "B" Grant in Aid	14,499				14,499				17,993	17,993						32,492	32,492
1133 Area "C" Grant in Aid	35,851				35,851				8,324	8,324						44,175	44,175
1134 Area "D" Grant in Aid	10,473			6,936	17,409				22,617	22,617						40,026	40,026
1135 Area "E" Grant in Aid	15,038			9,959	24,996				20,017	20,017						45,014	45,014
1136 Area "F" Grant in Aid	16,000				16,000				28,336	28,336						44,336	44,336
1137 Area "G" Grant in Aid	18,385				18,385				12,419	12,419						30,805	30,805
1200 General Government Services	1,841,178				493,694	2,334,872	-500,000	182,000	346,526	145,000	0	300,000	145,000			2,063,398	2,508,398
1206 Nechako Watershed/Fraser Basin Council	4,967				877	5,844			3,456	3,456						9,300	9,300
1301 Feasibility Studies	0				0	0			37,079	37,079						37,079	0
1501 Local Community of Fort Fraser	4,050				5,000	9,050			8,037	8,037						17,087	17,087
1701 Chinook Community Forest					50,000	50,000			4,052	4,052						54,052	0
2401 Area "A" Economic Development	0					0			8,500	8,500						8,500	8,500
2402 Area "B" Economic Development	98,566				100	98,666			297	297						98,963	0
2403 Area "C" Economic Development						0			878	878						878	878
2404 Area "D" Economic Development	29,527				19,560	49,087			913	913						50,000	50,000
2405 Area "E" Economic Development	21,571				14,290	35,861			9,337	9,337						45,198	45,198
2406 Area "F" Economic Development						0			2,274	2,274						2,274	2,274
2407 Area "G" Economic Development						0				0						0	0
2500 Regional Economic Development	365,339				103,645	468,985		50,000	51,186							570,171	570,171
3101 Member Fiscal Services					749,800	749,800						749,800				749,800	749,800
4101 Planning	343,846		20,000		40,825	404,671										404,671	404,671
4201 Building Inspection	250,601		120,000		237,415	608,016	-10,000		0	5,500	-4,500		5,500		598,016	603,516	603,516
4301 Development Services	281,100		2,500		26,914	310,514		133,000		133,000					443,514	443,514	443,514
4401 Building Numbering Extended Service	9,856				1,677	11,534		0		56						11,589	11,589
4501 Unightly Premises Regulatory Control	33,615				3,026	36,641				143						36,784	36,784
4601 Bylaw Enforcement	0				74,044	74,044	-10,500		475	6,000	-4,025		6,000		64,018	70,018	70,018
5101 Environmental Services	4,362,973				1,455,674	5,818,648		781,838	1,400,000	870,000	3,051,838	0	2,260,000	870,000	5,740,486	8,870,486	8,870,486
5901 Invasive Plant Control	29,932				5,170	35,102		0		423						35,525	0
5902 Lake Kathryn Aquatic Weed Harvesting		8,550	750		0	9,300				215						9,515	9,515
5903 Glacier Gulch Water Diversion		3,060	205		0	3,265				3,068						6,333	6,333
6101 Ft. Fraser Sewer System		49,791	31,062		0	80,854	-100	30,000	9,914	13,650	53,464		75,000	13,650	45,668	134,318	134,318
6201 Ft. Fraser Water System		62,347	51,498		0	113,845	-65,150		16,290	95,000	46,140	0	20,000	95,000	44,985	159,985	159,985
6301 Cluculz Lake - Somerset Estates Sewer		11,250			0	11,250	-79,930		79,930		-0				11,250	0	11,250
6401 Pump & Haul Sewer Disposal					0	0					0				0	0	0
6402 Liquid Waste Disposal			6,000			6,000			15,959		15,959				21,959	21,959	21,959
7101 Ft. Fraser Fire Protection	61,020				7,500	68,520	-30,000	0	11,330	21,000	2,330	0	0	21,000	49,850	0	70,850
7102 Southside Rural Fire Protection	67,588				0	67,588	-10,000		33	35,400	25,433	0	0	35,400	57,621	0	93,021
7103 Topley Rural Fire Protection	89,656					89,656	-8,500	5,000	2,160	32,170	30,830	17,741	0	32,170	70,575	0	120,486
7201 Burns Lake Rural Fire Protection	151,273				687	151,960			681	40,000	40,681	0		40,000	152,641	0	192,641
7202 Ft.St.James Rural Fire Protection	195,344			0		195,344		0	0	0	0				195,344	0	195,344
7203 Houston Rural Fire Protection	24,385					24,385			0	0	0				24,385	0	24,385
7204 Luck Bay Rural fire Protection	62,228				3,665	65,892	0	0	0	9,000	9,000	8,362	0	9,000	53,423	4,107	74,892
7205 Smithers Rural Fire Protection	324,702					324,702		20,000	0	20,000					344,702	0	344,702
7206 Telkwa Rural Fire Protection	112,316					112,316	0	24,156	0	24,156					136,472	0	136,472
7207 Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection	42,439					42,439	0		0	0					42,439	0	42,439
7208 Round Lake Fire Protection	10,380				88	10,468	-1,500		100	0	-1,400	1,113	0	0	7,955	0	9,068
7104 Cluculz Lake Emergency Response	23,319				0	23,319	0		15,693		15,693		0		39,012	0	39,012
7501 9-1-1 Service	369,043		107,000		63,028	539,070	0		22,500	4,500	27,000		0	4,500	561,570	0	566,070
7601 Emergency Preparedness Planning	613,121				894,300	1,507,420	0	80,000	0	34,730	114,730		80,000	34,730	1,507,420	0	1,622,150
7701 Burns Lake & Area Victim Services	17,784				2,356	20,140			360		360				20,500	0	20,500
7702 Smithers Victim Services	45,000				500	45,500			95		95				45,595	0	45,595
8101 Lakes District Airport	52,055				28,033	80,088	-75,000		170,000		95,000				175,088	0	175,088
8202 FSJ Seniors Helping Seniors Transportation Se	42,810				722	43,532			113		113				43,645	0	43,645
8203 Regional Transit Service	87,118		25,000		90,000	202,118	0	5,000	24,232		29,232				231,350	0	231,350
9101 Decker Lake Street Lighting		11,395	350			11,745			320		320				12,065	0	12,065
9102 Endako Street Lighting	3,904		407			4,311			0		0				4,291	20	4,311
9103 Ft. Fraser Street Lighting	12,038		350			12,388			0		0				12,143	245	12,388
9104 Gerow Island Street Lighting	4,204					4,204		0	486		486				4,690	0	4,690
9106 Colony Point Street Lighting	3,886					3,886			0		0				3,785	101	3,886
9107 Laidlaw Street Lighting	1,198					1,198			2		2				1,200	0	1,200
9108 Gowan Loop Street Lighting	1,774				0	1,774			56		56				1,830	0	1,830
10101 Bulkley Valley Regional Pool and Rec. Centre	1,069,114				17,000	1,086,114	-600	165,000	0	160,000	324,400		380,000	160,000	870,514	0	1,410,514

10102 Vanderhoof Pool	568,743		568,743	0	0	0		568,743	568,743								
10201 Ft.St.James Arena Grant	38,062		38,062		1	1		38,063	38,063								
10202 Burns Lake Arena	230,614	2,500	233,114		336	336		233,450	233,450								
10301 Smithers Rural Recreation/Culture	587,300		587,300		0	0		587,300	587,300								
10302 Vanderhoof Recreation & Culture	101,500		101,500		0	0		101,500	101,500								
10303 Lakes District Recreation and Culture	346,615	122,772	469,387	-200	47,222	47,022		516,409	516,409								
10401 Ft Fraser Cemetary Grant	1,934	40	1,974		276	276		2,250	2,250								
10402 Topley Cemetary Grant	1,746		1,746		4	4		1,750	1,750								
10501 Smithers, Telkwa, Houston TV Rebroadcast	60,884	700	61,584		0	0		60,900	61,584								
10502 Fraser Lake and Area TV Rebroadcasting	55,051	35,854	90,905		445	445		91,350	91,350								
10503 Ft. St. James and Area TV Rebroadcasting	163,357	3,000	166,357		696	696		166,968	167,053								
10504 Burns Lake and Area TV Rebroadcasting	22,257	8,286	30,543	0	2,457	2,457		33,000	33,000								
10602 Fraser Lake Rural Library Grant	29,249	18,520	47,768		2,982	2,982		50,750	50,750								
10603 Fort St. James Library	17,120	50	17,170		67	67		17,237	17,237								
10801 Fort Fraser Community Hall	2,365	93	2,458		292	292		2,750	2,750								
10802 Braeside Community Hall	5,000		5,000			0		5,000	5,000								
10902 Bulkley Valley Trails	114,726	9,000	123,726		525,000	0	35,000	560,000	683,726								
10903 Houston Trails	0		0		0	17,564		17,564	17,564								
10904 Lakes Trails	31,256	41,000	72,256		50,000	47,458	3,000	100,458	172,714								
10905 Fort St. James Trails	0		0		0	19,158		19,158	19,158								
10912 Bulkley Valley Recreation	51,495	0	51,495		50,005	50,005		101,500	101,500								
10913 Houston Recreation	49,606	0	49,606		26,519	26,519		76,125	76,125								
10914 Lakes Recreation	74,972	26,393	101,365		25,510	25,510		126,875	126,875								
10915 Fort St. James Recreation	50,711	0	50,711		50,789	50,789		101,500	101,500								
Total for all Departments	14,287,660	146,394	374,123	0	4,793,142	19,601,318	-801,480	2,650,994	2,690,142	1,509,950	6,049,606	777,017	3,495,000	1,509,950	19,839,520	29,438	25,650,925



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional Stream Participation**

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

That the Board approve continued participation in the BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration - Regional stream.

BACKGROUND

The British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional Pilot enabled participating communities to have an active role in the attraction and retention of foreign entrepreneurs to support local economic development. The 2-year pilot was launched in 2019 and extended for a further 3 years to March 31, 2024.

The pilot will now transition to a permanent Entrepreneur Immigration - Regional stream.

Communities currently participating in the Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional Pilot may choose to continue their participation by completing the attached acknowledgement. This will allow communities to continue to make entrepreneur referrals to the Entrepreneur Immigration Regional stream.

RDBN Electoral Areas are currently enrolled in the Regional Pilot Program for the Nechako Region, and [our community page can be found here](#).

Staff estimate the monthly time commitment for program participation to be <6 hours. This includes an optional 3-hour monthly call with program participants to share learnings and successes, as well as <3 hours per month to respond to inquiries. Participation in the program has resulted in strong working relationships with program staff and opportunities to explore collaboration in other immigration programs.

Since joining the program in 2019, the RDBN has made two referrals to the Province. Neither proposal remains in operation after the pandemic.



**BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Stream
Community Participation**

Acknowledgement of Continuation

Declaration

I _____ (*full name/title*) acknowledge that _____ (*legal name of community*) is continuing to participate in the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional stream. I declare that I have the legal authority to act on behalf of the community, and that I am authorized to act as the Local Government Signatory.

Local Government Signatory - Signature	
Local Government Signatory - Name	Title
Community Name	Date Signed (dd-mmm-yyyy)

BC Provincial Nominee Program

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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Grant in Aid for Areas B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) - Lakes District Family Enhancement Society**

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

That the Board approve allocating \$7,100 in Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grant in Aid monies (split 50/50) to the Lakes Family Enhancement Society for computers and a vacuum for the Link center.

BACKGROUND

Please see the attached application for further detail.

The Grant in Aid Balance for Area B is \$16,732.

The Grant in Aid Balance for Area E is \$18,771.

Directors Lambert and Riis-Christianson are supportive of the application in the amount of \$7,100.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Grant in Aid Application Form
- 2) Project Budget



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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Grant in Aid Policy and Application**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE FORM PROVIDED

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
37-3rd Avenue
Burns Lake, B.C. V0J 1E0**

or via email to: info@rdbn.bc.ca

NOTE TO APPLICANTS:

- Industrial, commercial, individuals, and business undertakings ARE NOT eligible for assistance under this program;
- Please use the attached RDBN Board policies and Application Completion instructions as a guideline and be advised that the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako reserves the right to amend the said policies from time to time as it deems appropriate;
- Please make sure that your application is clearly legible and will photocopy with good results.
- Personal information requested on this form is collected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act section 26(c) and will be used for the purpose of processing your application. Any information submitted with the application or provided to the RDBN for consideration and in support of the application may be made available for review by any member of the public. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the RDBN Information and Privacy Coordinator at 1-800-320-3339.
- If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Economic Development Department of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at the above address, or:
Phone: (250) 692-3195 or toll free at 1-800-320-3339
Fax: (250) 692-3305 email: economic.development@rdbn.bc.ca

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID ASSISTANCE POLICY**

PURPOSE

To provide grants to community groups, non-profit registered societies, organizations, and Recreation Commissions, for cultural, charitable, sporting, recreational, service activities and special events for the purpose of benefiting the community.

APPLICATION

This policy shall apply to all electoral area Grant In Aid requests being considered for funding from the individual Grant In Aid budgets.

AUTHORITY

Local Government Act Sec. 263(1)(c): The Regional District may provide assistance for the purpose of benefiting the community or any aspect of the community.

Local Government Act Sec. 380(2)(g): A grant may be charged to the electoral area benefiting from the assistance.

PROCEDURE

1. Applications will be referred to the applicable Electoral Area Director to conduct a preliminary review. The RDBN has both statutory and budgetary limitations on Rural Grant in Aid and wishes to ensure that these funds are disbursed as fairly and equitably as possible. The Board delegates the authority to approve grant in aid applications of \$2,500 or less to the Chief Administrative Officer or designate in consultation with the Electoral Area Director. Applications in excess of \$2,500 will be referred to the Board.
 - a) Applications must be submitted on the form provided by the Regional District, with all supporting documentation attached. Applicants must clearly indicate the amount of assistance requested; provide evidence of how the applicant benefits the community generally and how the assistance being requested from the Regional District would benefit the community specifically; and, provide financial information sufficient to identify all other funding sources and to justify the need for financial assistance.
 - b) Applications that are not submitted on the required form will be returned to the applicant.

2. The following factors shall be used in evaluation and prioritizing the Applications for Assistance under Section 263(1)(c) of the Local Government Act.
 - a) Purpose for which the funding is required.
 - b) What funding opportunities have been considered, (ie. fundraising, grants from senior levels of government, etc.).
 - c) Benefits to the community as a whole.
 - d) Amount of grant requested.
 - e) Whether or not the applicant has previously received assistance from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.
 - f) Whether or not there is an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions.
3. If a grant in aid is approved the following will apply:
 - a) A cheque will be issued to the requesting organization. A letter documenting the grant approval will be sent under the signature of the Electoral Area Director.
 - b) If the grant exceeds \$1,000, a report must be submitted to the Regional District inclusive of satisfactory evidence that the goods or services have been obtained (ie. a report from the organization inclusive of receipts and/or a report of the expenditures).
4. The Chief Administrative Officer and/or Electoral Area Director may at the time of grant approval:
 - a) Impose additional requirements to be met by an organization prior to receipt of grant funds;
 - b) Reduce or modify the requirements to be met for an organization prior to receipt of grant funds.
5. Applications for Assistance under Section 263(1)(c) of the Local Government Act will NOT be approved for:
 - a) Purposes identified as potentially exposing the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to risk of unacceptable liability;
 - b) Purposes disallowed by the Local Government Act:
Section 273 – As a limitation on section 263(1)(c), a Board must not provide assistance to an industrial, commercial or business undertaking.
 - c) No grants shall be approved for individuals or for privately-owned businesses.

ELECTORAL AREA REQUEST FOR GRANT IN AID APPLICATION FORM

Organization Legal Name: _____

Organization Mailing Address:

Contact Person 1:

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Contact Person 2:

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Application Summary

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

Amount of Grant Requested \$ _____

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.

Name (organization signing authority)

(Title)

If yes, complete the following chart. If not, please comment.

Name of Grant or Funding Agency	\$ Amount Applied for	Status of Grant Application		
		Approved	Denied	Pending

3. Have you received assistance (grant in aid/waiving of fees, etc.), from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in previous years?

YES NO If yes, complete the following chart.

Year:	\$ Amount	Purpose for which assistance was used

4. Does your organization:

- a) Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families? YES NO
- b) Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either a senior government or a local service agency? YES NO
- c) Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions? YES NO
- d) Is your organization part of a provincial or national fundraising campaign? YES NO

Don't forget to attach the required financial report.

RDBN - Grant In Aid- Budget

Area E and B

Item		Number	Unit Price	Total	Supplier
Monitors					
	24" Sony	6	\$ 40	\$ 240	BC Technology for Learning Society
Desk top	8th gen i7	3	\$ 140	\$ 420	BC Technology for Learning Society
Lap top	8th gen i7	3	\$ 175	\$ 525	BC Technology for Learning Society
Shipping	Vancouver to Burns Lake			\$ 110	BC Technology for Learning Society
Computer set up	Ensuring computers are set up to existing buisness standards (operating system set up, security, network set up, office 365 set up, share drive access etc.)	6	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	Tech North Solutions
Server set up		1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	Tech North Solutions
Vacuum Cleaner		1	\$ 805	\$ 805	Home hardware
			TOTAL Request	\$ 7,100	



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Canada Community Building Fund Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) – Arena Mechanical System Upgrade**

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

- 1) That the Board authorize contributing up to \$62,500 of Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to the District of Vanderhoof for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the Vanderhoof Arena, and

(participants/weighted/majority)

- 2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$62,500 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund.

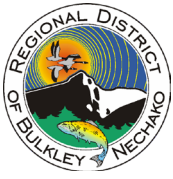
BACKGROUND

The Vanderhoof Arena is in need of upgrades to its mechanical systems. The Arena was built in 1977 and underwent renovations in 1985, 1995 and 2004. Many of the mechanical components are nearing the end of their life cycle, in particular some of the heating/cooling system (HVAC). As a result, the heating/cooling system is not energy efficient and is subject to failure at any time. The DOV must upgrade the mechanical system as soon as possible to ensure the continued operation of the arena.

Total uncommitted Canada Community-Building Fund BC funds remaining in the Electoral Area F allocation is \$502,264.

Director Shirely Moon is supportive of this project and of accessing Canada Community-Building BC funds in the amount of up to \$62,500 from Area F for this Recreation Infrastructure project.

A Board resolution is required to contribute Canada Community-Building BC Funds to this project.



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Canada Community Building Fund Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) – Telkwa Multi-Sport Outdoor Court Project**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Receive.

BACKGROUND

At the January 25 Board meeting, the Bulkley Valley Youth Sports Foundation was approved to receive \$180,000 towards a court replacement project in Telkwa.

Further discussion between the Foundation and the Village of Telkwa has determined that the best course of action will be for the Village to be the recipient of the Canada Community-Building Fund grant and manage the project contracts on behalf of the group.

The Bulkley Valley Youth Sport Foundation made a request to the Village of Telkwa to apply for the funds for the project, and the Village Council has approved the request and submitted the application.



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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief
Date: March 21, 2024
Subject: **Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Agreement Renewal**

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

That the Board approve the renewal of the Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Agreement for an additional five-year term starting January 1, 2024.

BACKGROUND

The agreement between the Regional District and the District of Vanderhoof to provide fire services to the Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Area expires on December 31, 2023. Staff have drafted a new five-year agreement from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028.

The renewal agreement is consistent with the previous agreement other than a 4% increase the first year and 2% thereafter.

The current tax maximum is \$44,375, which was established by the Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Local Service Area Bylaw No. 1793, on March 2, 2017. To meet the increase in service costs under this agreement the Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Local Service Area Bylaw will have to be increased during the term of the agreement.

Staff will bring back a Bylaw amendment for the service for the Boards approval prior to reach the maximum requisition.

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Vanderhoof Rural Fire Service Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT DATED FOR REFERENCE THE __ DAY OF _____, 2024

BETWEEN:

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
P.O. Box 820
Burns Lake, British Columbia
VOJ IE0
(the "Regional District")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

District of Vanderhoof
160 Connaught Street
Vanderhoof, British Columbia
VOJ 3A0
(the "Municipality")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS:

- A. The Regional District may by bylaw establish and operate a service under the provisions of section 332 of the Local Government Act to provide fire protection and suppression services.
- B. The Regional District has adopted "Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 755, 1993" which provides for the provision of fire protection and suppression services for a portion of Electoral Area F by way of a contractual agreement with the Municipality.
- C. Under section 23 of the Community Charter, the Municipality may make agreements with a public authority respecting the undertaking, provision and operation of activities, works and services within the powers of a party to the agreement.
- D. The District of Vanderhoof agrees to provide for the continuation and operation of the Vanderhoof Fire Department to supply firefighting services outside the Municipality's boundaries as outlined in schedule A.
- E. The Regional District and the Municipality entered into an agreement dated January 1, 2019 pursuant to which the Municipality agreed to provide fire protection and suppression services to the residents of the Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Area, which agreement expired on December 31, 2023 and the parties wish to renew the agreement for a further five years.
- F. NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises and of mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree each with the other as follows:

TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 1. The term of this Agreement is from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028 (the "Term").

SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED

2. The Municipality agrees to provide fire protection and suppression services for and to the residents of the “Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Area” shown on Schedule “A” to “Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 755, 1993” as amended from time to time (the “Rural Service Area”) in the same manner and to the same extent as such services are provided to the residents of the Municipality, except as provided otherwise in this Agreement, and taking into account that differing supplies of water may exist within the Municipality and in the Rural Service Area. Without limiting the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that the Rural Service Area is not serviced with fire hydrants and that neither party is obliged to install or make available a system of fire hydrants within the Rural Service Area. The Municipality agrees that Vanderhoof Fire Department fire fighting apparatus, equipment and personnel shall be dispatched and deployed in a manner that maximizes the effectiveness of the Services that can be provided, in light of the limitations on the availability of water for fire fighting purposes within the Rural Service Area.
3. The Municipality agrees to operate its Fire Department and provide the Services in compliance with all laws, statutes, regulations, by-laws, and orders of all authorities having jurisdiction.

ANNUAL FEE FOR SERVICE

4. On or before August 10th of each year during the Term the Regional District shall pay a service fee to the Municipality (the “Service Fee”) as follows:
 - 2024 – \$40,827;
 - 2025 – \$41,644;
 - 2026 – \$42,477;
 - 2027 – \$43,326;
 - 2028 – \$44,193.

The Service Fee is all inclusive of the operational and capital expenditures of the Municipality required in the delivery of fire protection and suppression services in the Rural Service Area.

CONSULTATION

5. The Municipality shall periodically update, advise and coordinate with the Regional District, and in particular with the Electoral Area “F” Director, on the delivery of fire protection and suppression services in the Rural Service Area.

RECORD OF FIRES

6. The Vanderhoof Fire Department shall keep a record of fires within the District of Vanderhoof and the Rural Service Area for the benefit and information of both the Municipality and the Regional District. The Regional District and the Municipality acknowledge and agree that the printed, electronic and other records produced and maintained by the Municipality for the purpose of or in connection with the provision of the Services are records for the purpose of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the parties agree to work together cooperatively and in a timely manner to ensure each party discharges its statutory duties under that Act.

INDEMNITY

7. The Municipality shall indemnify and save harmless the Regional District from any and all liability arising out of the provision by the Municipality of the fire protection and suppression service contemplated by this Agreement and that arise from or are contributed to by the negligence of the Municipality, its officers, employees, agents or contractors.
8. The Regional District shall indemnify and save harmless the Municipality from any and all liability arising from the provision by the Municipality of the fire protection and suppression service contemplated by this Agreement and that arise out of or are contributed to by the negligence of the Regional District, its officers, employees, agents or contractors.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

9. Time shall be of the essence for this Agreement.
10. This Agreement shall not be assigned by any of the parties.
11. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as creating an agency, partnership or joint venture among or between the parties.
12. This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and permitted assignees.
13. The waiver by a party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement is not to be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar. A waiver must be in writing to be effective.
14. The headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience and reference only and in no way define, limit or enlarge the scope or meaning of this Agreement or any provision of it.
15. This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia.
16. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and when the counterparts have been executed by the parties, each originally executed counterpart, whether a facsimile, photocopy or original, will be affected as if one original copy had been executed by the parties to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the said parties hereto have hereunto affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF:

Kevin Moutray, Mayor

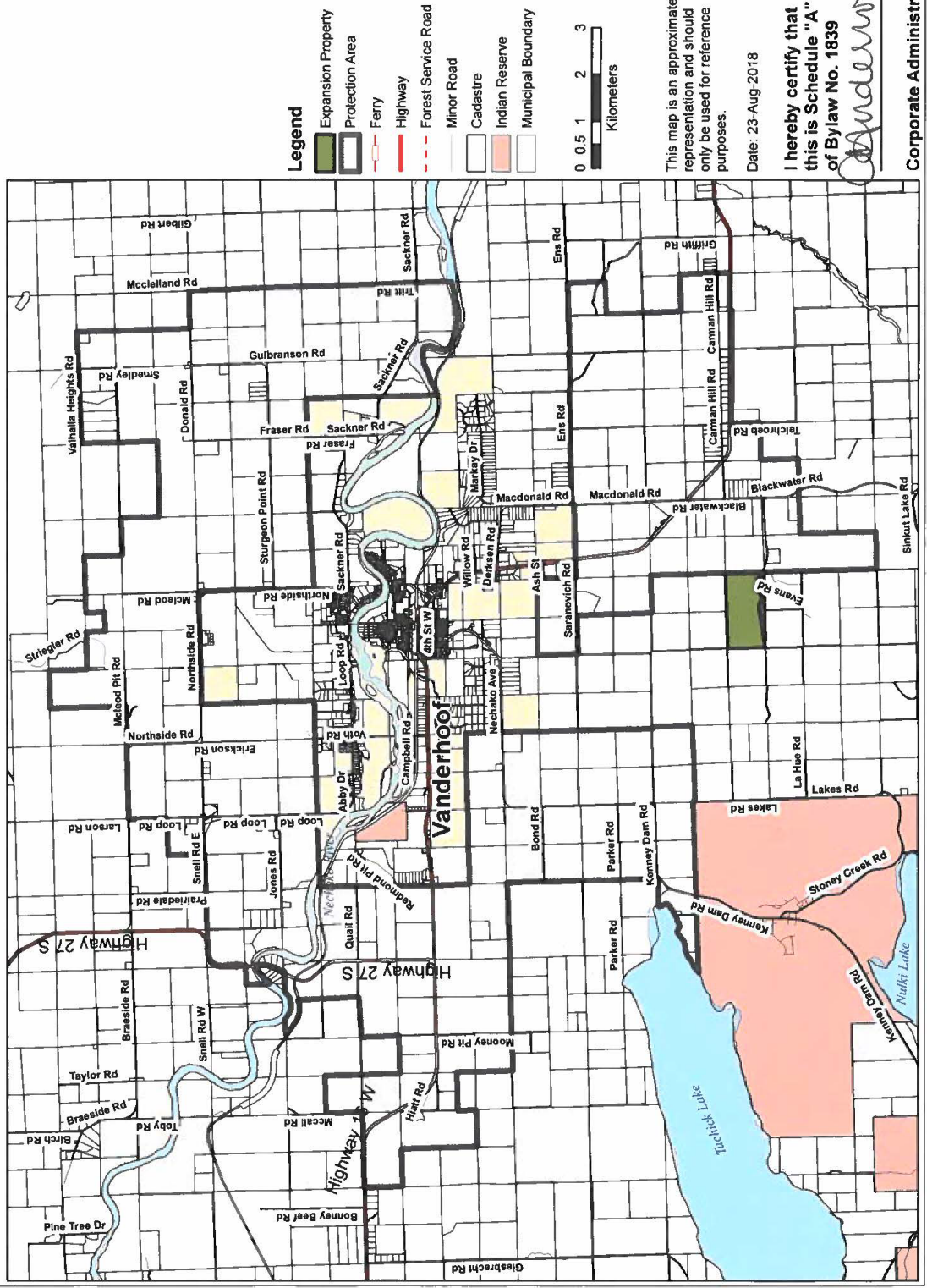
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO:

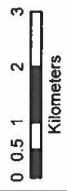
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Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer

Vanderhoof Rural Fire Protection Area Expansion - Bylaw No. 1839 Schedule "A"



- Legend**
- Expansion Property
 - Protection Area
 - Ferry
 - Highway
 - Forest Service Road
 - Minor Road
 - Cadastral
 - Indian Reserve
 - Municipal Boundary



This map is an approximate representation and should only be used for reference purposes.

Date: 23-Aug-2018

I hereby certify that this is Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 1839

[Signature]

Corporate Administrator



BRITISH COLUMBIA

March 12th, 2024

Reference: 640890

Dear Chairs:

On November 8th, 2023, the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* (EDMA) was passed, replacing the *Emergency Program Act* (EPA). Since its adoption, we have received many questions seeking clarifications on a number of aspects of the EDMA. I write to you today to offer greater clarity that I hope will respond to questions and concerns you may have about the new Act.

As you know, people and communities across British Columbia are experiencing extreme weather emergencies – such as wildfires, drought, extreme temperatures, and floods – like never before. Exacerbated by climate change, these events are having profound impacts on people across the province, and we are committed to supporting your communities as we face this new reality together. The EDMA is part of our work to ensure that we are adapting to these challenges together.

While the EDMA largely carries forward powers that were afforded to provincial and local governments through the EPA, the EDMA also enables several key shifts. It takes us from a response focus to all four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery; it acknowledges modern-day realities like climate change; and it recognizes First Nations as equal partners in emergency management.

This letter has been sent to all B.C. regional district chairs and you are welcome to share it with your directors.

Background

Regional districts are vital partners in emergency management, and I want to acknowledge with gratitude the participation by B.C. regional districts in shaping the EDMA. This work began in 2019 with broad public consultation. Through 2019 and 2020, after releasing a discussion paper and holding a series of engagements around the Province, we received over 200 distinct submissions from members of the public, local governments, First Nations, business and industry, non-profit and volunteer organizations, and emergency management practitioners. In the years that followed, provincial staff remained in contact with local governments through the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) and worked in consultation and cooperation with First Nations.

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While considerable efforts have been made to engage partners on this legislation, we recognize the need to continue sharing information about the policies included in the EDMA, as well as guidance for implementation. Specifically, the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) has heard concerns about the capacity of local authorities to implement the new legislation, funding needs and penalties under the EDMA. In light of these concerns, you may find the following information useful.

Capacity and Funding

In response to feedback about local government capacity that was received throughout the engagement and development process for the EDMA, obligations relevant to local governments will be phased in over time as regulations are developed. A key exception to this is the requirement to consult and cooperate with First Nations, which came into effect when the legislation was adopted.

To support local governments and First Nations in this work, the Province is providing \$18 million for communities to support consultation and cooperation in advance of emergency events. This funding is intended to help:

- support relationship-building across jurisdictions through consultation and cooperation with Indigenous governing bodies;
- ensure the incorporation of available Indigenous knowledge and cultural safety across emergency management practices;
- support policy improvements that reflect the lived experience of Indigenous Peoples; and
- address the disproportionate impacts on Indigenous Peoples during emergency events.

Eligible local authorities and First Nations have received a contribution agreement to be signed by **March 31st, 2024** to access these funds. Please ensure that your regional district has completed this contribution agreement.

For full program information, please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/financial/ierfp>.

In addition, we recognize that regional districts are different from municipalities. Their comparatively large jurisdictional boundaries and differences in population densities and distribution, coupled with differences between the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*, mean that the approach to emergency management in regional districts may need to take a different form from the approach taken in municipalities.

We have heard concerns that the EDMA makes regional districts responsible for emergency management on Crown land. I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that the Province will continue to manage Crown land. The EDMA allows regional districts to use emergency powers and requires regional districts to perform duties in relation to Crown land, but this does not mean that local authorities are responsible for Crown land. Rather, this clarifies that if, during a state of local emergency, a regional district wishes to issue orders that affect Crown land, it is authorized to do so. Any duties that relate to those orders—such as consulting and cooperating with Indigenous governing bodies, or making a post-event report—would have to be performed. When provincial authorities are coordinating response or recovery actions in relation to Crown land, the EDMA requires regional districts to support those provincial authorities, for instance, by providing local knowledge or by coordinating local actions with provincial actions.

For greater certainty, we intend to make regulations aimed at refining the scope of regional district risk assessments and emergency management plans. These regulations will focus on prioritizing geographic areas where planning is deemed most crucial. This commitment was made in a technical paper (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/legislation/tp_bc_modernized_em_legislation.pdf) issued by EMCR in July 2023, in response to regional district feedback received during the development of the legislation. Feedback from representatives of regional districts on the UBCM Flood and Wildfire Advisory Committee also helped to shape this policy. This commitment is echoed in the engagement paper on regulations for local authorities (<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/863/2023/09/B.C.s-Modernized-Emergency-Management-Legislation-Regulations-for-Local-Authorities.pdf>) issued by EMCR in October 2023.

As noted earlier, the remaining obligations will be phased in over time as regulations are developed. These include the risk assessment and planning requirements under the EDMA. Until risk assessments and emergency management plans are prepared for the purposes of the new legislation, existing plans prepared according to the requirements of the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation* (LAEMR) made under the former *Emergency Program Act* can continue to be used.

You will find that there is significant overlap when the requirements of the EPA and LAEMR are compared to those in the EDMA. We know that most regional districts have already built a solid emergency management foundation through their existing plans and we expect that the risk assessments and emergency management plans under the EDMA will cover familiar territory.

For example, section 2(1) of the LAEMR required local emergency plans to reflect “the local authority’s assessment of the relative risk of occurrence and the potential impact on people and property” associated with “the potential emergencies and disasters that could affect all or any part of the jurisdictional area for which the local authority has responsibility.” This parallels the EDMA’s concept of a risk assessment. Similarly, many of the other elements of section 2 of the LAEMR can be found in the EDMA provisions that outline requirements for emergency management plans.

All local authorities were invited to submit written feedback and to participate in online meetings held during the broad engagement period that ran from October 2023 through January 2024. We received many submissions from regional districts and I am sincerely thankful for this input. As part of that feedback, I received a suggestion from some regional districts of a regional districts working group as a potential way to ensure regional district concerns are fully understood. I appreciate this suggestion and am taking this into consideration as we continue regulation development. EMCR will be releasing a What We Heard report in spring 2024 and will explore further engagement opportunities with local governments. I can commit to you that EMCR will continue to work directly with municipalities and regional districts, as well as with UBCM, to ensure that local authorities continue to have a voice in the design of regulations under the EDMA.

While the government intends to move forward with some regulations under the EDMA in 2024, new regulations for local authorities will not be brought into effect this year. Our current target for completion of regulations for local authorities is mid-2025.

Penalties

Under the EDMA, local authorities remain empowered to manage emergencies within their jurisdictional boundaries. After declaring a state of local emergency, a local authority may choose to order the evacuation of persons from hazardous areas. Evacuation orders can be issued in a way that allows the local authority to permit persons to temporarily re-enter evacuated areas for reasons authorized by the local authority—for example, to relocate livestock, to maintain critical infrastructure, or to retrieve important medication.

While some stakeholders have suggested that local authorities or their staff could face penalties for managing evacuations in this manner, that is not the case. As well, persons who do temporarily re-enter evacuated areas for authorized reasons are still in compliance with the emergency order and would not face penalties.

Like the former EPA, the EDMA provides for maximum penalties that may be imposed if offences are committed. Under the former EPA, a maximum monetary penalty and a maximum term of imprisonment was also established. In general, provincial statutes establish maximum penalties for legal certainty – these maximums are not the default penalties. The EDMA maximums are consistent with several dozen other provincial statutes and the Province does not regularly seek to impose the maximum penalties established by statutes.

The inclusion of these maximum penalties is not intended to signal a change in B.C.'s approach to managing emergencies. The Province continues to prefer approaches for seeking voluntary cooperation during emergencies and lower penalties are always considered if enforcement measures are required.

Next Steps

In addition to the information above, our web page dedicated to the legislation includes some information that you may find useful, including new guidance and templates

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/local-gov-operations#sole>) for declaring a state of local emergency and reporting.

You can visit this page at gov.bc.ca/EmergencyManagementAct.

EMCR is working to develop more information to support local governments and others involved with emergency management in B.C. and will continue to make new resources available on our website.

Thank you for all of your work and leadership. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Bowinn Ma
Minister of Emergency Management
and Climate Readiness



March 1, 2024

File: WHA 6-291

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
PO Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

VIA EMAIL: info@rdbn.bc.ca

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Wildlife Habitat Area Proposal for Southern Mountain Caribou (WHA 6-291) in the Nadina Natural Resource District. Requesting a review and submission of written comments by April 30, 2024

I am writing to advise you of the commencement of the formal review and comment period for the proposed Wildlife Habitat Area (WHA) 6-291 for Southern Mountain Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*). This designation is proposed by the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS), under the authority of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and the *Energy Resource Activities Act* (ERAA). You have been identified as an agency that may be affected by the Order establishing this WHA. In particular, we recognize that this Order may affect the Village of Houston. We are hopeful that the RDBN will ensure their Board, who includes a representative of Houston, is made aware of the proposed Order.

The Tweedsmuir-Entiako caribou herd is a subpopulation of Southern Mountain Caribou, which are listed as *Threatened* both federally and provincially. This herd has declined from over 300 animals in 2007 to approximately 150-170 in 2018. In recent years, the population has increased following predator reduction, however, the underlying cause of the decline is habitat alteration. The proposed WHA encompasses 50,155.5 ha total area in the Nadina Natural Resource District and includes high- and low-elevation summer range, calving habitat, and an important migration corridor for the Tweedsmuir-Entiako caribou herd. The proposed WHA has been developed to maintain intact habitat, recover disturbed habitat, and support the long-term stability of this herd.

The proposed WHA is composed of a core area (no harvest) and management areas (North and South), which are further made up of several special management zones. The core area encompasses 5,542.7 ha of the timber harvesting land base (35,350 ha overall) and combined with management requirements, the harvest level impact to the Morice Timber Supply Area would be between 54,376 m³/yr. More details on timber supply impacts can be found in package documents listed below.

The following site has additional information regarding the WHA proposal: [BCBox Link](#). The BC Box link will be maintained for 60 days from the date of this letter. The BC Box site includes:

1. Proposed Caribou WHA Order under Government Actions Regulation (GAR)
2. Proposed Caribou WHA Order under Environmental Protection and Management Regulation (EMPR)
3. Background and rationale document for the proposed Caribou WHA Order
4. Timber Supply Impacts analysis
5. Delivered Wood Costs pre-assessment
6. Frequently Asked Questions
7. Map of the proposed Caribou WHA and associated management zones
8. Shapefile of the proposed Caribou WHA
9. KMZ file of the proposed Caribou WHA

WLRS would like your agency's feedback on the WHA. Specifically, we seek the following feedback:

- 1) If your agency has any specific interests in this area that are relevant to the WHA,
- 2) If applicable, the agency can provide specific feedback on the proposed linework and/or General Wildlife Measures (GWMs) associated with the Order. We ask that the agency ensure they clearly articulate:
 - a. what specific GWM or part of the linework is being evaluated,
 - b. the rationale for the comment/feedback,
 - c. an alternative to the GWM being proposed.
- 3) If applicable, please provide feedback on GWM 4, which seeks to apply WHA-wide seral targets, indicating whether or not your agency is supportive of these targets.
- 4) If applicable, please specifically express your agency's support for the proposal (i.e., unconditional support, conditional support, or opposed).

As part of this process, we look forward to addressing any comments, questions or concerns. We would be happy to arrange a meeting to provide you additional information at your request. Please send comments and concerns to Marta Vegas Coletas at Marta.VegasColetas@gov.bc.ca. If we do not hear from you within one month from the date of this letter, we will follow-up with one additional attempt to elicit comments. If there is no response by April 30, 2024, we will assume you have no concerns, and the proposed WHA will move forward for decision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Laura Greene, MSc RPBio
Senior Conservation Planning Biologist
Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
Skeena Region

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British Columbia News

Help on the way to B.C. veterinarian clinics that treat farm animals

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/30405>

Clinics that help B.C. farmers and ranchers care for their animals will have extra sets of skilled hands in their offices through a new program that covers summer placement costs for both veterinary and veterinary technologist students.

“Canada’s farmers and ranchers rely on the support of veterinary professionals to care for the health and welfare of their animals,” said Lawrence MacAulay, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “By offering students the experience and skills they need to treat livestock and farm animals, this investment will help ensure that B.C.’s veterinary offices can continue to meet demand for services well into the future.”

The \$300,000 pilot program offers up to \$6,000 per placement to help with wages and travel costs, and could support the placements of up to 50 students this year.

“Introducing veterinary students to rural veterinary practices and communities will help them realize it can be a very rewarding career and lifestyle,” said Pam Alexis, B.C. Minister of Agriculture and Food. “These placements will offer clinics immediate staffing help over the summer, as well as the prospect of attracting full-time employees after graduation, while providing more support to B.C. farmers seeking care for their animals.”

Eligible veterinary practices must be accredited by the College of Veterinarians of B.C. and offer services for livestock and farm animals that may include cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, bison and fish. Practices that provide services to clients at any production scale (e.g. large-scale, small lot) are eligible to apply.

“This is great news for students, for farmers and producers, and of course for the animals. Food-animal health is a vital component of B.C.’s agriculture programs and of veterinary medicine,” said Dr. Fraser Davidson, president of the Society of BC Veterinarians. “This new funding will facilitate students to learn on the job and will help support our hardworking and very busy large-animal veterinarians throughout B.C.”

Eligible students must have completed their first year of studies and be enrolled in an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited veterinary college or an AVMA or Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Animal Health Technology / Veterinary Technician program.

Veterinary practices can apply here: <https://submit.digital.gov.bc.ca/app/form/submit?f=96cc199a-3f3e-4ed3-8904-6547c63018ac> (<https://submit.digital.gov.bc.ca/app/form/submit?f=96cc199a-3f3e-4ed3-8904-6547c63018ac>)

The program is funded by the governments of Canada and British Columbia under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), a federal-provincial-territorial initiative. Funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with applications accepted until 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time) on April 15, 2024, or until the funding has been fully allocated.

The Sustainable CAP is a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities, and a \$2.5-billion commitment that is cost shared 60% federally and 40% provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

Dave Townsend

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Acknowledgment

The B.C. Public Service acknowledges the territories of First Nations around B.C. and is grateful to carry out our work on these lands. We acknowledge the rights, interests, priorities, and concerns of all Indigenous Peoples - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit - respecting and acknowledging their distinct cultures, histories, rights, laws, and governments.



February 29, 2024

Chair Mark Parker
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
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BULKLEY-NECHAKO

Dear Chair Parker:

Re: Provincial Response to 2023 Resolutions

UBCM has received the Province's response to your Board resolution(s) from 2023. Please find the enclosed resolution(s) and their provincial response(s).

All responses from the Province have been posted to the UBCM web site under Resolutions & Policy.

Please feel free to contact Jamee Justason, Resolutions and Policy Analyst, if you have any questions about this process.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandewo".

Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President

Enclosure

2023 EB43 Clean Transportation Action Plan for Rural and Northern Communities

Bulkley-Nechako RD

Whereas the Province of BC has released the Clean BC Roadmap to 2030 outlining measures to reach its legislated greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets;

And whereas zero-emission vehicles may not be a suitable alternative for remote rural resource based industries including forestry, oil and gas, and agriculture;

And whereas public transit is not available in many rural and remote communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to develop a Clean BC Transportation Plan specific to rural and northern communities that addresses the unique challenges and identifies how the GHG targets can be achieved.

Convention Decision: Endorsed

Provincial Response

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Government included a commitment to develop a Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) in the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 to outline the next steps to reducing emissions in transportation and work toward additional CleanBC transportation targets. This includes targets for increasing the percentage of trips made by walking, cycling and public transit, reducing the energy intensity of goods movement, and accelerating zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) sales targets for light-duty passenger vehicles while also developing requirements for commercial vehicles. CTAP is intended to be released in early 2024.

The Province recognizes that Indigenous, northern, rural, and remote communities face different challenges, opportunities, and a different transportation landscape than urban and suburban areas. CTAP will include a dedicated section on considerations for Indigenous, northern, rural and remote communities. As policies are developed and implemented, some may first (or only) apply to larger, more urban communities. Other policies and programs may be developed specifically for Indigenous, northern, rural, and remote communities.

To support clean transportation in northern and rural British Columbia, here are some actions already underway:

- Support for the First Nations Low-Carbon Transportation Project, with the BC Assembly of First Nations which is working to accelerate access safe, affordable, and reliable low-carbon and active transportation.*
- Continued funding for rural transportation, including BC Bus North and the Northern Community Shuttle Program through 2026/27 (funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure).*
- The BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program provides enhanced funding levels for communities with smaller populations (funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure).*
- The Province is investing in capacity building programs such as the Go Electric Emotive and Community Outreach Incentive Program, and training for upskilling of automotive technicians. For example, the Go Electric outreach funding has supported videos on ZEV performance in northern climates and ride-and-drive events throughout northern B.C. Seven colleges around the province now offer training on ZEVs for automotive technicians, including the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, and the College of the Rockies in Cranbrook.*
- In the Roadmap to 2030, the Province committed to complete the Electric Highway in 2024, enabling ZEVs to travel every highway and major road in the province. Approximately 79% of the Electric Highway is now complete, and plans are in place for the remaining stations to be complete in 2024.*
- The Province is also working with other levels of government, utilities, and industry to meet the Roadmap goal to have 10,000 public charging stations across the province by 2030.*
- Lastly, in response to input received from northern communities, the ZEV Act also allows for the sale of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to count towards the legislated ZEV requirements, even in 2035 and beyond. This provides an option to British Columbians for whom range and charging might still be barriers.*

2023 NR84 Building Bylaw Enforcement**Bulkley-Nechako RD**

Whereas local governments face building bylaw enforcement challenges, particularly in low density rural areas;

And whereas Technical Safety BC regularly issue electrical, gas and other permits for installations in buildings which are in contravention of local government building bylaws:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to require Technical Safety BC to confirm that necessary building permits have been issued prior to the issuance of installation permits.

Convention Decision: Endorsed

Provincial Response

Ministry of Housing

Government appreciates the importance of building and safety permitting to ensure the safe construction, maintenance, operation, and renovation of buildings. The cooperation and coordination of authorities having jurisdiction is essential so that safety and compliance can be inspected. Making it simple for building owners, developers, and builders to obtain necessary permits to do their work is also important to support the delivery of homes for people.

While building permits are not always required and it is not always feasible to verify the issuance of building permits, the province has and will continue to encourage Technical Safety BC and local governments to share data to support effective administration. Cooperation and coordination between Technical Safety BC and local governments is a way to ensure information about work being done under permits is shared. This way, unpermitted work can be identified and followed up to ensure compliance.

Local governments are encouraged to work with Technical Safety BC to discuss data sharing that may support their work.