REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 6

<u>Thursday, April 25, 2024</u>

PRESENT:	Chair	Mark Parker
	Directors	Gladys Atrill - via Zoom – arrived at 11:02 a.m., left at 12:11 p.m. Shane Brienen Leroy Dekens Martin Elphee Judy Greenaway Clint Lambert Linda McGuire Shirley Moon Kevin Moutray Chris Newell Stoney Stoltenberg Henry Wiebe
	Directors Absent	Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake
	Alternate Director	Audrey Fennema, Village of Fraser Lake
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development – arrived at 11:35 a.m., left at 12:04 p.m., returned 12:06 p.m., left at 12:11 p.m. Steve Davis, Building Inspector – arrived at 10:59 a.m., left at 11:33 a.m. Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 11:05 a.m., left at 12:11 p.m. Dolores Funk, Senior Planner (Housing) – left at 10:02 a.m. Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 11:36 a.m. Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services
	Others	Laura Greene, Senior Conservation Planning Biologist, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – via Zoom – left at 10:32 a.m. Marta Vegas Coletas, Land and Resource Coordinator, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – via Zoom – left at 10:32 a.m. Aman Parhar, Advisor, Communities and Social Performance, Rio Tinto – left at 10:58 a.m.

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. 330 -	Others (Cont'c	l) Andrew Czornohalan, Directo Partnerships, Rio Tinto – via Z at 10:58 a.m. Fred Wilson, Smithers – left at	oom – arrived at 10:14 a.m., left
	Media	Saddman Zaman, LD News – l	eft at 12:11 p.m.
CALL TO ORD	DER	Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.	
FIRST NATIO	NS ACKNOWLEI	DGEMENT	
AGENDA & SUPPLEMENT	ARY AGENDA	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Stolten	berg
<u>2024-6-1</u>		"That the Board Meeting Ager of April 25, 2024 be approved	nda and Supplementary Agenda ."
		(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>MINUTES</u>			
<u>Board Meetin</u> -April 11 2024	•	Moved by Director Wiebe Seconded by Director Newell	
<u>2024-6-2</u>		"That the Board Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2024 be adopted."	
		(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Staff Introdu</u>	<u>ction</u>	Jason Llewellyn, Director of Pl Funk, Senior Planner (Housing	-

DELEGATIONS

<u>Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (Virtual) – Laura Greene, Senior</u> <u>Conservation Planning Biologist and Marta Vegas Coletas, Land and Resource</u> <u>Coordinator Re: Tweedsmuir-Entiako Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area 6-291</u>

Chair Parker welcomed Laura Greene, Senior Conservation Planning Biologist and Marta Vegas Coletas, Land and Resource Coordinator, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

Mses. Greene and Vegas Coletas provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Whitetail Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area

- Tweedsmuir Entiako Herd
- Population Trend
- Apparent Competition

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

<u>Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (Virtual) – Laura Greene, Senior</u> <u>Conservation Planning Biologist and Marta Vegas Coletas, Land and Resource</u> <u>Coordinator Re: Tweedsmuir-Entiako Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area 6-291 (CONT'D)</u>

- Whitesail Wildlife Habitat Area (WHA)
- The need for a WHA in Whitesail
- Objectives
- Order overview
- Caribou response.

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Mineral claims in the Tweedsmuir-Entiako Caribou Wildlife Habitat Area
 - o WHA appendix guidance for mineral tenure holders
 - Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) have an upcoming meeting with largest mineral tenure holder
- Road rehabilitation and fire being the largest disturbance in the area
 - Main roads within the WHA will be maintained and provide adequate access during fires
- Wolf predation
- Large number of grizzly bears are an issue
- Large amounts of debris surrounding the islands on Whitesail used by the Caribou for calving
 - Debris removal programs/shoreline restoration
 - WLRS working with Cheslatta Carrier Nation
 - Nechako Watershed Roundtable and Water Engagement Initiative
- District of Houston response letter to proposed Whitesail Caribou Order
- CANFOR harvesting area
 - WLRS in discussions and negotiations with CANFOR
- First Nations consultation
 - Pre-consultation with the Nations that overlap the WHA prior to the formal consultation process
 - Aware of formal consultation.

Chair Parker thanked Mses. Greene and Coletas Vegas for attending the meeting.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

<u>RIO TINTO – Andrew Czornohalan, Director – Energy and Watershed Partnerships and</u> <u>Aman Parhar, Advisor, Communities and Social Performance Re: Update</u>

Chair Parker welcomed Andrew Czornohalan, Director – Energy and Watershed Partnerships and Aman Parhar, Advisor, Communities and Social Performance, Rio Tinto.

Mr. Czornohalan provided a PowerPoint presentation.

<u>Rio Tinto Business Update</u>

- Drought and hydrology update
 - o Current Snowpack
 - o Temperature Probabilistic Forecasts

DELEGATIONS

<u>RIO TINTO – Andrew Czornohalan, Director – Energy and Watershed Partnerships and</u> <u>Aman Parhar, Advisor, Communities and Social Performance Re: Update (Cont'd)</u>

- Reservoir Elevation Last 20 days
- o Spring Freshet Inflow Volume Forecast
- Flows Last 30 days
- Observed Inflows and Discharge vs Historical
- Reservoir Level Projection
- o Skins Lake Spillway Release Forecast
- Forecast Vanderhoof
- Aerial photos of Nechako and Fraser River
- Water Engagement Initiative (WEI) update
- Spillway Works

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- Spillway management and maintenance
- Social Investment 2023.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Power from the reservoir for BC Hydro
 - Reviewing the agreement due to the drought conditions and the lower reservoir levels
- Timeframe to secure energy from other locations
 - System limitations on transmission to move energy from the United States
 - o Dependent on others buying energy
 - Dependent on temperatures
 - Continuously evaluating and If necessary will need to consider more extreme measures
- Gas turbines
 - Disincentives from government to use fossil fuels
 - Considering other infrastructure options within the reservoir
 - Look at exploring alternative power sources in the future
- Rio Tinto Community Session in Vanderhoof on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Chair Parker thanked Mr. Czornohalan and Ms. Parhar for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Bylaw for Third Reading

Rezoning Application RDBN 02-21 - Third Reading and Adoption of Bylaw No. 2034; Third Reading for Bylaw No. 2033 & Bylaw No. 2	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Elphee 035	3
<u>2024-6-3</u>	1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2034, 2024 be given third reading and adoption this 25 th day of April 2024.	
	2. That Regional District of Bul No. 2033, 2024 be given third 2024.	
	3. That Regional District of Bul No. 2035, 2024 be given third 2024."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Other</u>		
RDBN 01-24 Bill 44 Zoning Bylaw Text Amendments – Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing Zoning Bylaw Amendments (Part 2)	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Greenay	-
<u>2024-6-4</u>	"That the Board direct staff to undertake preliminary consultation with member municipalities, First Nations, Electoral Area Advisory Planning Commissions, Northern Health, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding proposed draft Bylaw No. 2040 and report back to the Board with recommendations regarding further consideration of the bylaw."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ALR Applications

ALR Non-Farm Use (Removal of Soil) Application 1267 – Electoral Area G (Houston/Granisle Rural)	Moved by Director Newell Seconded by Director Brienen	
<u>2024-6-5</u>	1. "That the Board receive the Referral Comments for Non- Farm Use (Removal of Soil) ALR Application 1267 on the Supplementary Agenda.	
	2. That Agricultural Land Com recommended to the Agricultu approval with the further reco ensure appropriate remediation gravel pit."	ural Land Commission for mmendation that the ALC
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Other</u>		
Mount Milligan Amendment Application Technical Advisory Committee	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Greenaway	
<u>2024-6-6</u>	"That the Board Direct staff to participate in the Mount Milligan Environmental Assessment Certificate Amendment review process as an observer, and report back to the Board on the process as appropriate."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
REGIONAL TRANSIT		
2024/2025 Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit	Moved by Alternate Director Fennema Seconded by Director Wiebe	
<u>2024-6-7</u>	"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the 2024/2025 Annual Operating Agreemen and that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve entering into the Agreement with BC Transit."	
	Opposed: Director Greenawa	У
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED

<u>Mine Referral</u>

<u>Notice of Work Referral</u> <u>No. 0200321 – Electoral Area</u> <u>A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural)</u>	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Dekens		
<u>2024-6-8</u>	"That the comment sheet be amended to recommend that the Province provide a public engagement opportunity for Regional District and Town of Smithers residents and further that the amended comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments for Notice of Work Referral No. 020031."		
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
	Referral O Drill site locations Exploration history Potential public int by Moon River Cap west of Smithers Community Ski commu Recreation Airport Wildlife cor	en staff receive a Notice of Work of the area erest regarding the Notice of Work ital Corporation near Glacier Gulch, nity community nsiderations Province to implement a	
BUILDING INSPECTION			
<u>Section 57 Notice on Title,</u> <u>6684 Tyhee Lake Road</u> <u>Electoral Area A (Smithers/</u> <u>Telkwa Rural)</u>	No comments received fro	m the gallery.	
	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Dekens		
<u>2024-6-9</u>	"That the Corporate Officer be directed to file a Notice in the Land Title Office stating that a resolution has been made under Section 57 of the <i>Community Charter</i> relating to land legally described as the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 1, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District (6684 Tyhee Lake		

(All/Directors/Majority)

Road)."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUILDING INSPECTION (CONT'D)

<u>Section 57 Notice on Title,</u> 15725 Babine Lake Road Electoral Area A (Smithers/ Telkwa Rural)	No comments received from t	he gallery.
	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Alternate Directo	-
<u>2024-6-10</u>	Land Title Office stating that a under Section 57 of the <i>Comm</i>	<i>unity Charter</i> relating to land istrict Lot 1048, Range 5, Coast
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADMINISTRATION REPORTS		
<u>Burns Lake Medical</u> Recruitment Pilot	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Stoltent	berg
<u>2024-6-11</u>	"That the Board accept the Ten of Burns Lake Joint Recruitmen Professionals Committee;	rms of Reference for the Village nt and Retention of Medical
	And that Electoral Area B Director be assigned to the Committee; And further that the Board advise the Village of Burns Lake that our participation on the Committee is conditional upon the Electoral Area Director and/or the RDBN non-voting member being included in the hiring process for the medical recruitment position."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Directors AD&D Insurance	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Wiebe	
2024-6-12	024-6-12 "That the Regional District negotiate an AD&D policy Directors similar to that previously held."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Vehicle Update</u>	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Elphee	5
<u>2024-6-13</u>	"That the Board authorize staft vehicles and include this purch plan amendment and authoriz unit A2."	hase in the next 2024 financial
	(All/Directors/Majority)	DEFEATED
<u>Vehicle Update</u>	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Stoltenb	erg
<u>2024-6-14</u>	"That the Board authorize staft vehicle to replace A2 in the Ad repair BI1 in the Building Inspe that the purchase and repair b financial plan amendment."	ministrative fleet pool and ection fleet pool); and further,
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Grant in Aid for Areas B</u> (<u>Burns Lake Rural</u>) and E (<u>Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural</u>) - <u>Burns Lake Youth Soccer</u> <u>Association</u>	Moved by Director Lambert Seconded by Director Wiebe	
<u>2024-6-15</u>	(Burns Lake Rural) and Elector Rural) Grant in Aid monies (\$2,	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Driftwood School Restoration Committee – NDIT Resolution of Support	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Atrill	5
<u>2024-6-16</u>	••	ulkley-Nechako supports the opment Initiative Trust from the Committee for the Schoolhouse
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>Grassy Plains Community Hall</u> Moved by Director Lambert <u>Association – NDIT Resolution</u> Seconded by Director Wiebe <u>of Support</u>

<u>2024-6-17</u>	"That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Grassy Plains Community Hall Association for the Grassy Plains Hall Foundation Project."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
UNBC Spring 2024 Community Engagement	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Greena	
<u>2024-6-18</u>	"That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's UNBC Spring 2024 Community Engagement Forum memorandum."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
<u>Departmental Quarterly</u> <u>Reports – 1st Quarter</u>	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Dekens	-
<u>2024-6-19</u>	"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services Departmental Quarterly Reports – 1 st Quarter memorandum."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Revisiting the RDBN Strategic 2025 budget process was disc	•

Break for lunch at 12:11 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

<u>Ministry of Housing – Bill 16</u> <u>Housing Statues Amendment</u> <u>Act, 2024</u> Moved by Director Stoltenberg

2024-6-20"That the Board receive the correspondence from the
Ministry of Housing – Bill 16 Housing Statues Amendment Act,
2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

<u>Ministry of Housing – Bill 44</u> <u>46 and 47</u>	Moved by Director Dekens Seconded by Director McGuire		
<u>2024-6-21</u>	"That the Board receive the co Ministry of Housing – Bill 44, 4	ard receive the correspondence from the lousing – Bill 44, 46 and 47."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
<u>Ministry of Emergency</u> <u>Management and Climate</u> <u>Readiness – Response Letter</u> <u>Re: Emergency</u> <u>Management Act (EDMA)</u>	Moved by Director Brienen Seconded by Director Greenav	way	
<u>2024-6-22</u>	"That the Board receive the co Ministry of Emergency Manage response letter regarding the (EDMA)."	ement and Climate Readiness	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
Ministry of Agriculture and Food – BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Chang	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Greenav <u>es</u>		
<u>2024-6-23</u>	"That the Board receive the co Ministry of Agriculture and Foo Commission Changes."	-	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
	Staff and Board members met Deputy Minister, Ministry of Ag D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Co the BC Vegetable Marketing Co with groups in the region rega	griculture and Food. Megan pordinator will continue to track ommission Changes and work	
<u>Everyone at the Table Letter</u> <u>RDFFG – BC Vegetable</u> <u>Marketing Commission North</u>	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Greenay	-	
<u>2024-6-24</u>	"That the Board receive the co Everyone at the Table letter to Marketing Commission Chang	RDFFG – BC Vegetable	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

<u>Premier's Expert Task Force</u> on Emergencies - Summary of Recommendation	Moved by Director Dekens Seconded by Director Stoltenberg	
<u>2024-6-25</u>	"That the Board receive the correspondence from the Premier's Expert Task Force on Emergencies – Summary of Recommendation."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	 Chinook Emergency Re Importance of local colaction wildfires and the Utilizing local agencies contractors to assist Discussions with BCWS strike teams and reope the Southside of France Need for clear roles an Improving technology other technologies Surge capacity Lack of person action fires thr Impacts to nor EOC Teams that Province to progovernments Communities k Impacts from the loss timber to livelihoods Exciting gaps and step 	ntractors providing capacity to e value of local knowledge such as road maintenance 5 Nadina regarding forming ening a fire base at Takysie on ois Lake ad processes including the use of AI and nel capacity within BCWS to oughout the Province and the
<u>Letter from Resident re:</u> <u>Community Recycling -</u> <u>District of Houston</u>	Moved by Director Brienen Seconded by Director Newell	
<u>2024-6-26</u>	"That the Board receive the Le regarding Community Recyclir	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Staff are awaiting a formal req Houston to explore options.	uest from the District of

SUPPLEMEMTARY AGENDA

RDBN Letter to CN Re: Vegetation Management	Moved by Alternate Director Fennema Seconded by Director Brienen	
<u>2024-6-27</u>	"That the Board ratify the Letter to CN Re: Vegetation Management."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

<u>Electoral Area C (Fort St.</u> James Rural) – Update	 Director Greenaway provided the following update: Participated in the Northern Health Regional Hospital District Board Spring Meeting Northern Medical Programs Trust will be providing a presentation to students in Fort St. James regarding medical programs and courses Greg Marr, Senior Operating Officer, Northern Interior Rural, Northern Health will be providing an update of the Stuart Lake Hospital replacement project to the seniors in Fort St. James Attended the first meeting for the new Primary Care Facility in Vanderhoof.
<u>Village of Burns Lake – Update</u>	Director Wiebe noted that the ice is still in place at the Tom Forsythe Arena in Burns Lake to compensate for the late installation of the ice due to repairs.
<u>Village of Granisle – Update</u>	 Director McGuire commented that the Village of Granisle: Finalizing its 2024 budget with a 5% increase in taxation Final stages of the Village's marina upgrades and during the winter beavers built a dam The dam has been removed and the beavers were given to the First Nations community Received funding for Indigenous Training which will take place May 7 and July 16, 2024.
<u>Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof</u> <u>Rural) – Update</u>	Director Moon reported that approximately 1300 head of cattle are anticipated to move through the auction in Vanderhoof. Director Moon noted that avian flu has been discovered in cattle in the southern United States.
	Directors Moon and Lambert, Chair Parker and Megan D'Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator met with Michelle Koski, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Food regarding irrigation systems. Funding for irrigation was discussed and there is hope that there will be funding in northern B.C.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

<u>District of Fort St. James</u> <u>-Update</u>	 Director Elphee provided the following District of Fort St. James update: Providing a location for an outdoor basketball court being donated by Nak'azdli Whut'en Purchased five metal bear proof garbage bins Gathering information to have Pacific Coastal Airlines provide a flight from Fort St. James to Vancouver and return for attendance at the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention September 16-20, 2024. The charter flight requires a minimum of 15 people. He will bring forward more information in the future. If anyone is interested they are to let Director Elphee know. 	
<u>Electoral Area E (Francois/</u> <u>Ootsa Lake Rural) – Update</u>	 Director Lambert provided the following update regarding: Chinook Emergency Response Society Assessing equipment needs Scheduling training events Participated in the Incident Commander course provided by Christopher Walker, Emergency Program Coordinator, RDBN Visiting Grassy Plains School to teach FireSmart education FireSmart school education FireSmart days being hosted at the Trout Creek, Grassy Plains and Francois Lake Halls. 	
<u>Update – Electoral</u> <u>Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)</u>	 air Parker provided the following update: April 16th – 1st Transfer Station visit with Directors Riis-Christianson and Wiebe at the Burns Lake Transfer Station and Recycling Depot and is looking forward to touring all the RDBN Transfer Station and Landfill sites May 17th met with University of Northern B.C. in Vanderhoof and toured the area to explore aspen for agriculture shavings, composting, soil amendments and water management May 19th attended a virtual presentation with Credit Unions in the north called Northern Peers and was asked to speak on the local economy within the Reigonal District. Some of the topics discussed were: State of forestry and the need for policy change Pipeline projects – issues and benefits State of agriculture and impacts from drought and increase in demand for local food security Mining upswing helps employment Impacts of different mining shifts to communities Benefit agreements 	

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

	retention and • Northwest B. (RBA)	o employee attraction and l the lack of housing choice C. Resource Benefits Alliance ff for their work during the EOC lfire event near Endako.
<u>Receipt of Verbal</u> <u>Reports</u>	Moved by Director Moutray Seconded by Director Wiebe	
2024-6-28	"That the verbal reports of the various Board of Directors be received."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
IN-CAMERA MOTION	Moved by Director Stoltenberg Seconded by Director Fennema	
<u>2024-6-29</u>	"That this meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 90(1)(c) of the <i>Community Charter</i> for the Board to deal with matters relating to the following: • Labour Relations."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ADJOURNMENT	Moved by Director Newell Seconded by Director Brienen	
2024-6-30	"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:54 p.m."	
	(All/Directors/Majority)	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services