

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 10

Thursday, June 20, 2024

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen – left at 11:15 a.m., returned at 11:26 a.m.
Leroy Dekens
Martin Elphee
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert – via Zoom
Linda McGuire
Shirley Moon
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell
Michael Riis-Christianson
Stoney Stoltenberg
Sarrah Storey
Henry Wiebe

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
-arrived at 10:53 a.m., left at 11:27 a.m.
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at
10:45 a.m., left at 10:50 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Danielle Patterson, Senior Planner – left at 10:42 a.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Chris Gleddie, CAO, Deadwood Innovation – via Zoom - left at
10:33 a.m.
Owen Miller, CEO, Deadwood Innovation – via Zoom - left at
10:33 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-10-1 “That the Board Meeting Agenda of June 20, 2024 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
-June 6, 2024

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2024-10-2

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2024 be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley Nechako Joint
Accessibility Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes
-May 17, 2024

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-10-3

"That the Board receive the Bulkley Nechako Joint
Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for May
17, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Solid Waste Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes
-March 19, 2024

Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-4

"That the Board receive the Regional Solid Waste Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes
-June 6, 2024

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-5

"That the Board receive the Rural/Agriculture Committee
Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

DEADWOOD INNOVATION – Owen Miller, CEO and Chris Gleddie, CAO Re: Tl’Oh Upgrader & Mass Timber Commercialization Project Update

Chair Parker welcomed Owen Miller, CEO and Chris Gleddie, CAO, Deadwood Innovation.

Mr. Miller provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Deadwood Innovation – Tl’Oh Upgrader & Mass Timber

- Upgrading Lumber
- Plant #1 – Tl’Oh Upgrade
 - o Budget-driven EPCM (Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management) Brownfield project
 - o Schedule
 - o Pilot Plant History
 - o Contributors
- Mass Timber Housing
- The Team.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Upgraded aspen product
 - o Suitable for outdoor living market
 - o Pricing
 - o High quality/high priced product
- House pricing compared to traditional framing
- Home kit design
 - o Utilizes econo-studs
 - o Connection points of the mass timber cassettes
 - o Intended to be cost competitive
 - o Sell locally rather than into the commodity market
 - o Contents of the Home Kit
 - Received funding through the National Research Council of Canada to engineer the kit
 - Next phase to construct a show home and determine the detail design with an opportunity to utilize local and sustainable materials
- Research regarding CO² and carbon sequestering
 - o Completed carbon life cycle model
- UNBC Project taking place in the Nechako Valley
 - o Utilizing aspen for shavings and chips for agriculture bedding and as a soil amendment
 - o Investigate the CO² factor in the finished product in comparison to using pine and spruce
- Green and dead aspen densification process
- Nak’azdli Whut’en Tenure
 - o Using regional clusters of fiber
 - o Have yet to study the fiber basket in other areas for sustainability.

Chair Parker thanked Messrs. Miller and Gleddie for attending the meeting.

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

Bylaws for 1st and 2nd Reading

Rezoning Application RDBN
03-21 – First and Second
Reading Bylaw Nos. 2037 &
2038, 2024

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-10-6

1. "That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2037, 2024 be given first and second reading this 20th day of June, 2024 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
2. That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2038, 2024 be given first and second reading this 20th day of June, 2024 and subsequently be taken to Public Hearing.
3. That the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2037, 2024, also serve as the Public Hearing for Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2038, 2024, and that the Public Hearing be delegated to the Director or Alternate Director for Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for 3rd Reading

OCP Amendment and
Rezoning Application
RZ A-03-23, Third Reading for
Bylaws 2030 and 2031, 2024
Electoral Area A (Smithers/
Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-10-7

1. "That the Supplementary Agenda Report of the Public Hearing for Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2030, 2024, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Rezoning Bylaw No. 2031, 2024, and Agricultural Land Commission Exclusion application 1261 be received.
2. That Smithers Telkwa Rural Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2030, 2024 and Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Bylaw No. 2031, 2024 be given third reading this 20th day of June, 2024.

Bylaw for 3rd Reading (Cont'd)

3. That should Bylaw No. 2030, 2024 be supported at third reading, adoption not be considered until the proposed covenant is registered on title, to the satisfaction of the Planning Department.

4. That should Bylaw No. 2031, 2024 be supported at third reading, the covenant registered, and security provided to the satisfaction of the Planning Department, the RDBN shall submit Exclusion application 1261 to the Agricultural Land Commission.

5. And that the Board exempt the subdivision of Block C, Section 16, Township, 4, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 6397, Except Plans 8749 and PRP47360; and Lot 1, Section 16, Township 4, Range 5, Coast District, Plan PRP47360 from the 10% perimeter road frontage requirement to create a \pm 5 ha parcel accessed by Poplar Road.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

ALR Application

ALR Non-Farm Use
Application No. 1269
Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof
Rural)

Moved by Director Moon
Seconded by Director Moutray

2024-10-8

1. “That the Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) Advisory Planning Commission Minutes of June 11, 2024 on the Supplementary Agenda be received.

2. That Agricultural Land Commission Application 1269 be recommended to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation that the Covenant be amended so that the residential use of the former church building is permitted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410335
Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake
Rural)

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-9

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410335."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 6409483
Electoral Area G (Houston
Rural)

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brienens

2024-10-10

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 6409483."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Purchase of a New Compact
Excavator

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Moutray

2024-10-11

"That the Board approve the purchase of a new Hyundai R55 compact excavator from Anchored Firm Ventures for a total of \$109,700 plus applicable taxes."

Opposed: Director Newell CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Regional Solid Waste
Advisory Committee – Update

Moved by Director Moutray
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-12

"That the Board approve the disbandment of the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee;

And, that the Board approve the Proposed Alternative Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Committee Meeting
Recommendation
-June 6, 2024

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Brienen

2024-10-13

"That the Board approve Recommendation 1 as written:

Rural/Agriculture Committee – June 6, 2024

Recommendation 1:

Re: IAF BC Agriculture Water Infrastructure Project

"That the Board direct staff to investigate applying for the IAF BC Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program and determine the 50% cost share ratio for community projects in Electoral Areas C (Fort St. James Rural), D (Fraser Lake Rural), E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) and F (Vanderhoof Rural)."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Procedure Bylaw No.
2042, 2024

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2024-10-14

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Procedure Bylaw No. 2042, 2024 be adopted this 20th day of June, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Smithers Rural Fire Protection
Service Area Boundary
Amendment Bylaw No. 2049, 2024

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-10-15

"That Smithers Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 2049, 2024 be adopted this 20th day of June, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Smithers Rural Recreation
and Culture Service Area
Boundary Amendment Bylaw
No. 2051, 2024

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2024-10-16

"That Smithers Rural Recreation and Culture Service Area Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 2051, 2024 be adopted this 20th day of June, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Remuneration Bylaw
Amendment

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-17

"That Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Directors' Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw Amendment No. 2050, 2024 be adopted this 20th day of June, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley Valley Pool Request
for Proposals (RFP) - Retiling
the Pool

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Atrill

2024-10-18

"That the Bulkley Valley Pool Request for Proposal (RFP) for Retiling the Pool be awarded to Riverwest General Contractors for \$139,056.40 + applicable taxes."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley Valley Pool Request
for Proposals (RFP) - UV Filter
Replacement

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-19

"That the Bulkley Valley Pool Request for Proposal (RFP) for UV Filter replacement be awarded to Riverwest General Contractors for \$189,946.44 plus applicable taxes."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Northern BC Tourism Iconic
Destination Signage
Ownership Agreement

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Storey

2024-10-20

"That the Board:

1) Approve the Ownership Agreement with Northern BC Tourism for the Iconic Destination Signage planned for the Savoury West Rest Area Signs; and

2) Direct staff to work with Northern BC Tourism to complete and submit the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure permit application for the installation of the signs."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Bulkley-Nechako Joint
Accessibility Advisory
Committee Accessibility Plan
Completion

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-10-21

"That the Board accept the Accessibility Plan created by the Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and direct staff to use the Plan as a reference document."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community Building
Fund Electoral Area A
(Smithers/Telkwa Rural)
-Cycle 16 Trail Phase 3
Construction

Moved by Director Dekens
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-22

"That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's Canada Community Building Fund Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) – Cycle 16 Trail Phase 3 Construction memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Canada Community Building
Fund Electoral Area C
(Fort St. James Rural)
-Curling Rink Furnace Upgrades

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-10-23

1) "That the Board authorize contributing up to \$130,000 of Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural) Canada Community-Building Fund BC allocation monies to the District of Fort. St. James for a Recreation Infrastructure project at the Fort St. James Curling rink, and

(participants/weighted/majority)

2) That the Board authorize the withdrawal of up to \$130,000 from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

2023 Annual Report

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-24

"That the Board approve the Regional District of Bulkley-
Nechako 2023 Annual Report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Project Award for RFP
RDBN-Protective Services
24-01

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Storey

2024-10-25

"That the Board award the Program to Enhance Rail Safety
Engagement project to Calian Ltd. for a total cost of \$75,500
plus applicable taxes."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- House of Commons Notice Paper No. 332 – June 14, 2024
 - Q2830² – Mr. Bachrach (Skeena-Bulkley Valley)
– With regard to locomotive inspections conducted by Transport Canada: ...related to locomotive spark arresting devices...
- Work being carried out by the Federal Government
- Enhance Rail Safety Engagement Project funded by the federal government
 - Risk on land within the RD and how to respond to an event
- Rail Safety event in Telkwa in August
 - Village of Burns Lake has been invited to participate
- Past discussions and work regarding rail safety and transportation of dangerous goods
- Need for improved communication with CN
- Potential rail disasters
- Provide past rail safety information to the Board
- CN response time to an event and location of response teams and equipment
 - Require closer response than Prince George
- Safety and response from volunteer fire departments and fire fighters
- Invite CN to provide an update to the Board
 - Work being completed in the region
 - Rail safety
 - Response times to an emergency event.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Invitation to the 11th Annual
Resource Breakfast Series
(UBCM Convention)

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Newell

2024-10-26

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Invitation to the 11th Annual Resource Breakfast Series (UBCM Convention) memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bulkley-Nechako Joint
Accessibility Advisory
Committee Terms of
Reference Update

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2024-10-27

"That the Board approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agriculture Water
Infrastructure Program
Research

Moved by Director Moon
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-28

"That the Board support the development of an application to the Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program (AWP) - Stream 3 by:

- 1) Providing direction regarding a source of matching funds, and;
- 2) Directing staff to work with the Director for Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural) to determine a project area, and;
- 3) Directing staff to use the information to develop an application to Stream 3 of the AWP."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- Discussions with Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Available funding could be fully allocated in the first intake with the project works to occur over the next five years
- Water availability in Electoral Area F pertinent for industrial development, housing needs, etc.
- The need for other ministries to provide funding
- Potential for industry to provide funding
- Alternate grant funding options

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Structuring a study so that the same process could be replicated in other areas of the region
- Importance of knowing water and aquifer information prior to implementing water conservation measures
- Determining a project area
- Determining source funding
- Seismic testing to determine the location of water.

Village of Telkwa
– Letter of Support

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-10-29

“That the Board provide a letter to the Village of Telkwa to support its application to UBCM’s Local Government Development Approvals Program.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Minister of Housing – Small
Scale Multi-Unit Housing
(SSMUH) Deadline for Local
Governments to Amend their
Zoning Bylaws-June 30, 2024

Moved by Director Wiebe
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-10-30

“That the Board receive the correspondence from the Minister of Housing regarding Small Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) Deadline for Local Governments to Amend their Zoning Bylaws-June 30, 2024.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Village of Granisle

Director McGuire provided the following update:

- Moving forward with fiber project to the home by the end of 2024, beginning of 2025
- Father’s Day Fishing Derby a success
- Awaiting signage from the Federal Government to have the official ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Granisle Marina
- Improvements to the new Village of Granisle beach campsite area
- Requesting meetings with Ministers for the 2024 UBCM Convention
- Awaiting grant approvals.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Electoral Area A (Smithers/
Telkwa Rural)

Director Stoltenberg attended the Round Lake Emergency Services Society's FireSmart Session. He noted that the Telkwa Volunteer Fire Department, Smithers Fire Department, BC Wildfire Services and Wetzin'kwa Emergency Response were in attendance and the event was well attended. Director Stoltenberg identified the benefits of having residents wanting to FireSmart their properties.

District of Vanderhoof

Director Moutray spoke of the following:

- Paving projects in the community
- National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations June 21st
- Canada Day celebrations July 1st
- Rod Holland is the Interim CAO for the District.

Electoral Area G (Houston/
Granisle Rural)

Director Newell provided an update regarding:

- Concerns regarding maintenance of Forest Service Roads with the closure of the Houston CanFor Sawmill
- Concerns about a future user pay system for garbage disposal at RDBN Transfer Stations and Landfill
- On-going efforts for community wildfire emergency and response groups.

Village of Burns Lake

Director Wiebe noted the following:

- Construction at the intersection of Richmond Loop and Highway 16 has started
- Awaiting for the individual business signs for the Industrial Park Sign
- CityWest bringing connectivity to Burns Lake businesses in Burns Lake.

Electoral Area C (Fort St.
James Rural)

Director Greenaway attended the UNBC Convocation ceremony as President of the North Central Local Government Association. NCLGA also held their first meeting with their 2024/2025 Board of Directors and are in the planning stages for the Mental Health Forum being held November 13-14, 2024.

Directors Greenaway and Elphee attended the Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative's Community Working Group's annual juvenile sturgeon release at Riverside Park in Vanderhoof on June 7th.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

District of Houston

Director Brienen also attended the Nechako White Sturgeon release in Vanderhoof and noted that there were approximately 800 school students in attendance. On June 8th he attended the Buck Creek Hatchery and Nature Centre coho fry release near Houston and spoke of the importance of both projects.

Town of Smithers

Director Atrill provided the following update:

- Attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Calgary June 6-9
 - Infrastructure was a main topic and the day the conference started Calgary experienced a major water pipe break
 - FCM is working to create a new fiscal framework for infrastructure going forward
 - An additional focus at the conference was determining a method to collectively address discourse between constituents and politicians and politician to politician
- Town of Smithers
 - Paving and sidewalk improvement project being completed near the Seniors residence to provide better accessibility for those with mobility issues
 - Parks and Recreation Plan and Central Park Sub-plan
 - Asked by community groups to carry concern to province regarding the complexity for grant applications – will carry forward at the 2024 UBCM Convention
 - Upcoming meeting with Air Canada regarding flights at the Smithers Airport and will discuss cost of travel
 - First community to be part of the Home Energy Plan Provincial Pilot Program
 - Mainstreet Market
 - Three days over the summer to reanimate the downtown area.

Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)

Director Lambert mentioned that the removal of the Omineca Princess from Francois Lake has been challenging and is still in progress. Director Lambert commented that he has been in discussion with Waterbridge Equipment Ltd. about using the Omineca Ferry deck for a dock. He noted there has been some discussion about improving the southside boat launch and building a marina. Director Lambert also spoke of investigating options on the north side of Francois Lake.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

District of Fort St. James

Director Elphee spoke of the following:

- Paving projects starting in Fort St. James where sewer and water hookups to residential areas damaged the road surface
- Manual portion of FireSmart project behind the Stuart Lake Hospital is complete and the equipment work will start in the near future
- National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations in the community June 21st.

Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

Director Moon noted the following:

- In May she attended Minerals North, NCLGA AGM and Conference and Keeping it Rural Conference
- Met with some of the landowners impacted by BC Hydro's twining of the transmission lines in Area F and heard concerns regarding fair negotiations
- Attended the Nechako White Sturgeon Conservation Centre Annual Sturgeon Release at Riverside Park in Vanderhoof
 - Now has a fishpond where they allow catch and release of the sturgeon
 - Saw video footage of sturgeon in the Nautley River which was encouraging
- Illegal dumping discussions in the community
 - Regional District staff are investigating the jurisdiction responsible for illegal dumping.

Village of Telkwa

Director Dekens provided an update regarding:

- The announcement by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Cycle 16 Trail
- Hired a new Fire Chief three months ago that initiated a recruitment process and they now have 30 volunteer firefighters
- Conducting a feasibility study on the Village's well water and a filtration system to increase capacity at peak times to enable subdivision development.

Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)

Director Riis-Christianson spoke of the announcement by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to provide funding for active transportation projects including the Highway 35 multi-use pathway. Funding is for the completion of the first phase design for a 12-kilometre multi-use pathway adjacent to Highway 35 connecting the Village of Burns Lake cycle network and Tchesinkut Lake community.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Village of Fraser Lake

Director Storey provided the following update;

- Village of Fraser Lake held a Strategic Planning Session conducted by Poole Consulting Ltd.
- Working on initiatives for the community post mill closure
- Phase 2 of Arena upgrade
- Met with MP's including Vance Badawey, MP Niagra Centre, Ontario and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport while in Ottawa regarding installing water hazard buoys on waterways
- Toured the Parliamentary Buildings with Taylor Bachrach, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley.

Chair Parker, Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Chair Parker provided a brief update regarding:

- BC Hydro Transmission Line project in the region and concerns from property owners
- Regional Advisory Planning Committee – June 4th
 - Area D APC indicated their appreciation for the regional meeting
 - Suggested that a Regional APC take place again in the future
- Attended the Nechako White Sturgeon Release in Vanderhoof on behalf of the Regional District
- Received an invitation from Director Greenaway to attend FPX Nickel information session
 - New Chief of Binche Whu'ten was also in attendance and other First Nations representatives
- Attended a meeting regarding the veterinarian shortage with local veterinarians, B.C.'s Chief Veterinarian, RDFFG Chair, University of Northern BC, College of Veterinarians, Provincial representatives and key partners
 - UNBC and College of New Caledonia reviewing options to provide educational programs in the north
 - Provincial feedback positive regarding the work being completed to support veterinarians in the province
- Met with RDFFG and Cariboo Regional District Chairs and CAOs on June 18th to discuss common goals and issues, along with advocacy for common issues at the 2024 UBCM Convention
- Meeting with the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency and Climate Change Readiness on June 27th in Prince George
- Attending National Indigenous Peoples Day at Nadleh Whu'ten – June 21st.

VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Brienen

2024-10-31

"That the Board receive the various Directors verbal reports."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-10-32

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

- Labour Relations
- Bylaw Enforcement
- MOU
- RBA."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

2024-10-33

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services