

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**MEETING NO. 11**

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Parker

Directors Gladys Atrill  
Shane Brienen – arrived at 10:18 a.m., left at 10:34 a.m.,  
returned at 10:40 a.m.  
Leroy Dekens  
Martin Elphee  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Shirley Moon  
Kevin Moutray  
Chris Newell – arrived 10:09 a.m.  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Stoney Stoltenberg  
Henry Wiebe

Directors Judy Greenaway, Electoral Area C (Fort St. James Rural)  
Absent Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Audrey Fennema, Village of Fraser Lake  
Director

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief – left at 12:56 p.m.  
Megan D’Arcy, Regional Agriculture Coordinator – via Zoom –  
arrived at 11:13 a.m.  
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development  
-arrived at 10:25 a.m., left at 10:30 a.m., returned at 11:39  
a.m.  
Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor – arrived at  
10:22 a.m., left at 10:30 a.m.  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at  
10:22 a.m., left at 10:30 a.m.  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – via Zoom – left at 10:20  
a.m.  
Christopher Walker, Emergency Program Coordinator – left at  
11:16 a.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Tyler W. Banick, Public Affairs, CN Rail – via Zoom –  
arrived at 10:25 a.m., left at 11:38 a.m.  
Lara Beckett, Chair, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George –  
via Zoom – arrived at 12:50 p.m.

Others (Cont'd) Chris Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George – via Zoom – arrived at 12:50 p.m.  
Abigail Campbell, Dangerous Goods & Emergency Response, CN Rail– via Zoom – arrived at 10:29 a.m., left at 11:38 a.m.  
Chris Kellett, Chris Kellett & Associates, Ltd. – via Zoom – arrived at 12:50 p.m.  
Mike Linder, Environmental Field Operations, CN Rail– via Zoom – arrived at 10:30 a.m., left at 11:38 a.m.  
Annemarie Middleton, Senior Manager, Infrastructure Advisor, Colliers Project Leaders – via Zoom – arrived at 12:55 p.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 Lambert

2024-11-1

“That the Board Meeting Agenda of July 18, 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 20, 2024

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-11-2

“That the Board Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

What We Heard Report on  
(EDMA) Regulations for  
Local Authorities

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2024-11-3

“That the Board receive the Emergency Program Coordinator’s What we Heard Report on Regulations for Local Authorities memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **ALR Application**

ALR Non-Farm Use  
Application No. 1270  
Electoral Area A (Smithers/  
Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

Seconded by Director Atrill

2024-11-4

1. "That Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 1270 be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) with the recommendation that the application be approved.
2. That the ALC be requested to ensure adequate invasive plant management on the subject property.
3. That the ALC be requested to include the entire looped portion of the driveway in the Non-Farm Use area."

Opposed: Director Stoltenberg CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

### **Land Referrals**

Crown Land Application  
Referral No. 7410331  
Electoral Area C (Fort St.  
James Rural)

Moved by Director Elphee

Seconded by Director Moutray

2024-11-5

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 7410331."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application  
Referral No. 0260271  
Electoral Area C (Fort St.  
James Rural)

Moved by Director Elphee

Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-11-6

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application Referral No. 0260271."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Other**

Coastal GasLink Pipeline  
Electrification Optionality  
Amendment

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2024-11-7

"That the Board direct staff to respond to the Environmental Assessment Office that the Coastal GasLink Pipeline's response does not address the RDBN's comments and concerns and that the RDBN's comments and concerns remain applicable."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Advisory Planning  
Commission Meeting  
Minutes June 3, 2024  
- Electoral Area A (Smithers  
/Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-11-8

"That the Electoral Area A (Smithers/Telkwa Rural) Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2024 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PARKS AND TRAILS**

Recreation Contribution  
Grant Program Applications

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Newell

2024-11-9

1. "That the Board approve the Recreation Contribution Grant Program funding requests as recommended by the Recreation Contribution Service Advisory Committees.  
2. That the Board authorize staff to enter into funding agreements with the applicants and release the funds in accordance with the agreements.  
3. That funding agreements with the Backcountry Horsemen (Committee Recommendation 1) and the Burns Lake Airsoft Association (Committee Recommendation 9) not be entered into until Zoning Bylaw compliance issues are resolved to the Board's satisfaction."

**PARKS AND TRAILS (CONT'D)**

Moved by Director Elphee  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2024-11-10

That Motion 2024-11-9 Recommendation 1. be amended as follows:

1. "That the Board approve the Recreation Contribution Grant Program funding requests as recommended by the Recreation Contribution Service Advisory Committees with the removal of Recommendation 8 regarding the Lakes District Fall Fair, and the amendment of Recommendation 15 to read "That the Committee recommend to the Regional District Board that up to \$10,000 of grant funding per year for three years be approved for the Stuart Lake Golf Club to be used solely for increased regular employee hours on maintenance resulting in decreased volunteer work on maintenance."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

"That the question be called on Motion 2024-11-9 as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Privacy Management  
Program

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Atrill

2024-11-11

1. "That the Director of Corporate Services be appointed the RDBN Privacy Officer with the authority to designate another RDBN staff member to act as the Privacy Officer in their absence or to assist in carrying out the responsibilities of the Privacy Officer as deemed necessary.  
2. That the RDBN Privacy Management Program Guidelines be adopted.  
3. That the Privacy and Accountability Policy be adopted.  
4. That the Privacy Breach Policy be adopted."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Workplace Video  
Surveillance Policy

Moved by Director Moutray  
Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-11-12

"That the Board approve the Workplace Video Surveillance Policy."

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Newell

2024-11-13

"That #2. Purpose of Surveillance, first bullet in the Workplace Video Surveillance Policy be amended as follows:

2. Purpose of Surveillance
- Video surveillance shall be used for the purpose of enhancing the safety and security of the workplace, preventing theft, vandalism, or other criminal activities, and protecting RDBN assets.

Opposed: Director Moutray                      CARRIED

"That the question be called on Motion 2024-11-12 as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)                      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Request from District of  
Houston – Relocation of the  
Recycling Depot

Moved by Director Brienon  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-11-14

"That the Board direct staff to re-analyze the costs of establishing a Recycling Depot and/or Transfer Station within the boundaries of the District of Houston, and to present the options and costs to the Board as part of the 2025 budget process."

(All/Directors/Majority)                      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **CN RAIL - Tyler W. Banick, Public Affairs, Mike Linder, Environmental Field Operations, and Abigail Campbell, Dangerous Goods & Emergency Response Re: CN Update and Rail Safety Response Programs and Initiatives**

Chair Parker welcomed Tyler W. Banick, Public Affairs, Mike Linder, Environmental Field Operations, and Abigail Campbell, Dangerous Goods & Emergency Response, CN Rail.

Messrs. Banick and Linder and Ms. Campbell provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### **CN Overview and Update**

- Track maintenance
  - o July 3-July 31 – Smithers to Terrace
  - o July 16 – August 24 – Endako to Smithers
  - o August 20-21 CN BC Spill Exercise – Witsset & Smithers
- Capital Investment
- Infrastructure and equipment investments to support growth
- Environmental benefits of shipping by rail
- Safety first – always
  - o Engaging with communities
  - o AskRail App
  - o Contractors/Service Providers
- Moving forward through Innovation
  - o Technology Investments
  - o Dense network of advanced detector technologies
  - o Autonomous Track Inspection Program (ATIP)
  - o About CN's firefighting railcars – Poseidon, Neptune and Trident
  - o Automated Inspection Portals
  - o Markets CN serves.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Large scale spill response exercise in Witsset & Smithers
  - o Ensuring local government participation and training is available across the region
- CN response times and process for hazardous goods incidents
- Trains blocking level crossings for lengths of times
  - o Providing specific information such as mileage markers to CN Customer Service allows CN to have direct contact with train and crew
  - o Mr. Banick will follow up with public inquiry information
- Livestock producer fencing adjacent to railway tracks
  - o Difficulty repairing fencing along railway tracks due to lack of information regarding regulations
  - o Mr. Banick will follow up with information
- Invasive plants along railway tracks
  - o CN Vegetation Management Program
    - CN sprays on right of way and on ballast/rock
    - Work with contractor to follow provincial and federal guidelines
    - Vehicles being washed

**DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

- RDBN awarded Transport Canada's program to enhance rail safety engagement
  - o RDBN hired consultants Calian Ltd.
  - o Hear issues, concerns and gather information regarding rail safety from residents, First Nations, first responders and local governments to address the gap in understanding CN's role and available resources provincially and federally
  - o CN's willingness to be engaged during the process
    - Mr. Banick and Ms. Campbell will reach out to RDBN staff
- Industrial companies investing in communities requiring rail access and/or ability to cross rail tracks
  - o Mr. Banick can facilitate and assist in determining what is required
- Priority of VIA Rail vs. freight trains
  - o Scheduling
  - o Rail traffic coordinators
  - o Mr. Banick will follow up regarding the determination of priorities for VIA Rail and freight trains in northern B.C
- Prince Rupert Port Authority development and impact to rail activity
  - o Anticipated activity and who will bear the responsibility
- CN Rail emergency response and communication with volunteer fire departments
  - o Encourage regional fire departments reach out to Ms. Campbell to ensure updated contact information
- Vegetation management to address fire mitigation and prevention along railways.

Chair Parker thanked Messrs. Banick, Linder and Ms. Campbell for attending the meeting.

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Telkwa Rural Fire Protection      Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Service Area Boundary              Seconded by Director Dekens  
Amendment Bylaw No. 2060

2024-11-15                                      "That Telkwa Rural Fire Protection Service Area Boundary  
Amendment Bylaw No. 2060, 2024 be given first, second, and  
third reading this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

The Northwest BC Regional  
Funding Agreement  
Commitments

Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

2024-11-16

"That the Board commit to implement asset management practices and the development of an asset management plan for core services by 2028; and further,

That the Board commit to using the 2024 Annual Northwest BC Funding Agreement payment for an eligible purpose as described in Appendix 2 of that Agreement."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chinook Community Forest

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-11-17

"That Rilla Middleton be appointed to represent Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) on the Chinook Community Forest Board (Chinook Comfor Limited Partnership and Chinook Comfor Limited) of Directors; and,

That the Chinook Community Forest Appointments Policy be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fort Fraser Cemetery Service

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-11-18

"That the annual grant to the Fort Fraser Cemetery Society be increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000 beginning in 2025."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional District Grant in Aid  
-Granisle Connectivity

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-11-19

"That the Village of Granisle be provided a Regional District Grant in Aid in the amount of \$20,000 for the Area G Connectivity Analysis project; and

That \$20,000 of Northern Capital and Planning Grant be realized in Environmental Services towards the purchase of the capital equipment, and that this transaction be included in the next budget amendment."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Remuneration Bylaw &  
Incidental Policy Changes

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-11-20

"That the following policies be repealed:  
- RDBN Conference, Conventions and Seminars (Section 6a)  
- RDBN Conventions – Expenses of Spouses of Staff (Section 6b)  
- RDBN Travel Outside the Regional District (Section 6c)  
- RDBN Expenses (Section 6d)  
- RDBN Travel  
- RDBN Expense Claims – Directors (Policy #B-(a))  
- RDBN Board Members Attendance at Events as a Representative of the RDBN (Policy #B-3(d))."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Remuneration and Travel  
Summary

Moved by Director Dekens  
Seconded by Director Moon

2024-11-21

"That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer's Director Remuneration and Travel Summary memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-2034 Community Works  
Fund Agreement

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Alternate Director Fennema

2024-11-22

1) "That the Board approve signing the 2024-2034 Community Works Fund Agreement with UBCM under the Administrative Agreement on the Canada Community Building Fund.  
2) That the Board authorize the Chair and Corporate Officer to sign on behalf of the RDBN."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grant in Aid for Electoral Area  
D (Fraser Lake Rural) Fort  
Fraser Community Hall Society  
-New Furnace

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Moutray

2024-11-23

"That the Board approve allocating \$5,628 in Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) Grant in Aid monies to the Fort Fraser Community Hall Society."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Grant in Aid Under \$2,500  
Approval Update

Moved by Director Brienens  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-11-24

"That the Board receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development's Grant in Aid Under \$2,500 Approval Update memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Departmental Quarterly  
Reports – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-11-25

"That the Board receive the Director of Corporate Services' Departmental Quarterly Reports – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE**

TC Energy – Coastal  
GasLink – Socio-Economic  
Effects Management Plan  
(SEEMP) Status Report #11

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Alternate Director Fennema

2024-11-26

"That the Board receive the correspondence from TC Energy – Coastal GasLink regarding the Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan (SEEMP) Status Report #11."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City of Prince George  
Letter to Minister of  
Municipal Affairs Re:  
Recommendations from the  
Office of the Ombudsperson  
Tax Sale Process

Moved by Director Brienens  
Seconded by Director Wiebe

2024-11-27

"That the Board receive the letter from the City of Prince George to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding Recommendations from the Office of the Ombudsperson about the Tax Sale Process."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)**

Office of the Ombudsperson Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
BC Quarterly Report Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-11-28 "That the Board receive the correspondence from the Office of the Ombudsperson – BC Quarterly Report."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Union of B.C. Municipalities Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
2024 NCLGA Resolution(s) Seconded by Director Atrill  
-Endorsed

2024-11-29 "That the Board receive the correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities 2024 NCLGA Resolution(s) – Endorsed."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Union of B.C. Municipalities Moved by Director Dekens  
2024 NCLGA Resolution(s) Seconded by Director Wiebe  
-Vaccine Mandate for  
Healthcare Workers

2024-11-30 "That the Board receive the correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities 2024 NCLGA Resolution(s) – Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Union of B.C. Municipalities Moved by Director Dekens  
2024 UBCM Resolution(s) Seconded by Director Stoltenberg  
Submissions

2024-11-31 "That the Board receive the correspondence from the Union of B.C. Municipalities 2024 UBCM Resolution(s) Submissions."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Agriculture Water  
Infrastructure Program  
Application

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Moon

2024-11-32

1) "That the Board approve submission of an application to Investment Agriculture's Agriculture Water Infrastructure Program for a project in Area F (Vanderhoof Rural), and;  
2) That the Board approve allocating \$40,000 in Northern Capital and Planning Grant funds from the Agriculture Budget as the required 50% matching funds for the application."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Break at 11:58 a.m.**

**Reconvened at 12:40 p.m.**

### **VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

Village of Granisle

Director McGuire spoke of the following:

- Granisle Day Celebrations – "Memories are Made Here" will be held August 10<sup>th</sup>
- 12-unit Senior Housing Project groundbreaking to take place July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Northern Health is coming to the community to assess fire access of the Granisle Health Clinic
- Thank you to Fort St. James and Smithers for sharing information regarding their splash parks and skateboard parks.

Electoral Area A (Smithers/  
Telkwa Rural)

Director Stoltenberg mentioned that he has been working with the newly formed Smithers Men's Shed to assist them in opening. Director Stoltenberg also noted that the Tye Lake Triathlon took place July 14, 2024.

District of Vanderhoof

Director Moutray announced the Concert in the Park will be held in Vanderhoof on July 20<sup>th</sup> and that he will also be playing at the event.

Electoral Area G (Houston/  
Granisle Rural)

Director Newell noted that concerns have been raised regarding long term camping in the region.

## **VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (CONT'D)**

### Village of Burns Lake

Director Wiebe recently attended three community barbecues: Burns Lake Community Forest, CityWest and Wet'suwet'en First Nation.

### District of Houston

Director Brien provided the following update:

- Paving program underway
- Attended the Wet'suwet'en Wednesday gathering
- New physician in Houston
- Wildfire season and ensuring messaging regarding fire prevention.

### Town of Smithers

Director Atrill thanked those that attended the Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance signing in Smithers. She also commented on the following:

- 37-unit housing project between the Dze L'Kant Friendship Society and BC Housing groundbreaking will take place July 31<sup>st</sup>
- July 26<sup>th</sup> Witsset will host its 'Welcome to Salmon Ceremony' – welcoming the return of the fish to the canyon
- Bulkley Valley Artisan Studio Tour taking place July 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>
- Main Street Markets taking place August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Electoral Area E (Francois/ Ootsa Lake Rural)

Director Lambert spoke of:

- Wildfire preparedness when haying and remaining vigilant
- Omineca Princess Ferry dismantle is complete and work is now being done on the dry docks
- Pioneer Days taking place on the Southside.

### District of Fort St. James

Director Elphee provided the following update:

- Attending a welcome dinner for a new doctor and their partner, who is a Licensed Practical Nurse this evening
- Dr. Stent's retirement after 35 years
- Paving project complete
- Fort St. James Seniors facility is now open
- July 15<sup>th</sup> had the final Council to Council meeting with Nak'azdli Whut'en prior to their August 8<sup>th</sup> Elections.

### Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

Director Moon noted that hay production has improved from 2023 and cattle prices remain good. She also mentioned that Vanderhoof held a Class Reunion for graduates from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The event was well attended and there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the community.

## **VERBAL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

### Village of Telkwa

Director Dekens commented that work is being done on infrastructure projects in the community.

### Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)

Director Riis-Christianson attended the Burns Lake Community Forest Annual Barbeque and noted that next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also mentioned that Burns Lake is having Western Days on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Village of Fraser Lake

Alternate Director Fennema spoke of the following:

- Historical signing with Stellat'en First Nation regarding fire protection services
- New Economic Development Officer started July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Attended tri-council meeting between the Village of Fraser Lake, Districts of Vanderhoof and Fort St. James
- Residents moving due to mill closure
- Completed desludging project
- Working on water tower and arena projects.

### Chair Parker – Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Chair Parker provided the following update:

- Attended National Indigenous Day at Nadleh Whut'en
- Attended a meeting at Le Jac in relation to Highway 16 being rebranded the Highway of Strength and Hope. Chair Parker identified the benefits of transit to First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor
- Along with RDBN staff Chair Parker attended a meeting with the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness in Prince George and toured the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's Emergency Operations Centre
- Visited the Fort St. James Transfer Station with CAO Helgesen and will be visiting the Knockholt Landfill in August.

### Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Alternate Director Fennema  
Seconded by Director Elphee

### 2024-11-33

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Northwest B.C. Resource  
Benefits Alliance (RBA)  
Signing- Smithers

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-11-34

"That the Board ratify the attendance of the Rural Directors at the Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance (RBA) Signing in Smithers on July 12, 2024."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CN Rail

Director Brienien spoke of potentially coordinating a meeting with CN and the Fire Chiefs in the region to discuss CN Rail's emergency response training opportunities. Jason Blackwell, Regional Fire Chief will reach out to Regional Fire Chiefs to discuss the topic.

CN will be attending a meeting with Stelat'en First Nation and Village of Fraser Lake Council on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion took place regarding taxation paid by CN to the regional district.

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director McGuire

2024-11-35

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

- Labour Relations
- Northwest B.C. Resource Benefits Alliance RBA
- 9-1-1
- Connectivity
- First Nations."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Brienien  
Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-11-36

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:07 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY