



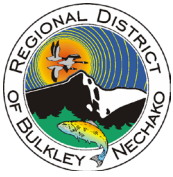
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

Supplementary AGENDA Thursday, August 15, 2024

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**Advisory Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Electoral Area F	Meeting Date: August 7, 2024 7:00 pm	Meeting Location: District of Vanderhoof Office
Attendance		
<u>APC Members</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Pritchard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henry Klassen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Rodts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Ephrom <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Gehrmann		<u>Electoral Area Director</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Shirley Moon <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Director Alex Kulchar <u>Other Attendees</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Chairperson: <i>Henry Klassen</i>		Secretary: <i>Barb Ephrom</i>
Call to Order: <i>7pm</i>		
Agenda: 7:00-7:30 ALR 1272		
<p>Applications (Include application number, comments, and resolution)</p> <p><u>ALR 1272</u></p> <p><i>Ben Rodts made the motion to approve this application Kelly Gehrmann 2nd d We all discussed - the Abattoir is a <u>much needed</u> agriculture business in this area. The motion was unanimously approved.</i></p>		
Meeting Adjourned: <i>7:15</i>	Secretary Signature <i>Barb Ephrom</i>	



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors

To: Chair and Board
From: Curtis Helgesen, CAO
Date: August 15, 2024
Subject: **UBCM Seeks Member Feedback on Protocol with First Nations Leadership Council**

RECOMMENDATION: (all/directors/majority)

Direction

BACKGROUND

The Union of B.C. Municipalities and the First Nations Leadership Council are working on drafting a Relationship Protocol and are seeking member feedback. UBCM is asking the membership, do you or do you not support this initiative?

UBCM is requesting one response from local governments via the CAO by August 28th.

At this time staff is seeking the Board's feedback.

ATTACHMENTS:

UBCM Seeks Member Feedback on Protocol with First Nations Leadership Council

From: [Raelene Adamson](#)
To: [Wendy Wainwright](#)
Subject: UBCM seeks member feedback on protocol with First Nations Leadership Council
Date: August 7, 2024 11:20:45 AM

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UBCM seeks member feedback on protocol with First Nations Leadership Council

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE ACCORDINGLY

UBCM and the First Nations Leadership Council are working on drafting a Relationship Protocol. In accordance with UBCM's Executive policies, we are inviting UBCM members to vet this initiative by indicating whether they do or do not support this initiative. The Protocol is a nonbinding agreement, and its purpose is to promote dialogue, build relationships between local governments and First Nations, and advance reconciliation and collaboration on specific initiatives.

In September 2023, members of the UBCM Executive met with the First Nations Leadership Council and discussed the opportunity of entering into an MOU together. The First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) is comprised of the political executives of the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), First Nations Summit (FNS), and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC). Together they represent all First Nations in BC. Establishing a formalized relationship with the FNLC is a natural progression for UBCM as we currently have a Protocol on Cooperation and Communication with FNS, under which we administer the Community to Community Forum program. The proposed Relationship Protocol does not replace UBCM's longstanding relationship and Protocol with FNS, which represent those First Nations in BC who are part of the BC Treaty Process.

Over the last few months, under the direction of the UBCM Indigenous Relations Committee and with support from the UBCM Executive, staff have been working with the First Nations Leadership Council to develop a draft protocol. UBCM members have shown that advancing reconciliation is important to them by passing resolutions supporting action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, UNDRIP and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice. Entering into a Protocol with FNLC, provides UBCM with greater opportunities for proactive collaboration with Indigenous leadership as the Province implements UNDRIP.

As prescribed by section 4.1(c) of UBCM's Executive policies, all proposals for new MOU's or agreements must be vetted by the membership. Our intent is to sign the Relationship Protocol on September 16th at the Province-wide Community to Community Forum. Like UBCM, the First Nations Leadership Council is also undertaking their own internal vetting process with their membership.

ASK: UBCM is asking the membership, do you or do you not support this initiative? Please provide one response from your community via your CAO by August 28th. Your response can be emailed to Marlene Wells at UBCM at mwells@ubcm.ca.

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August 1, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council, Chair and Board, Chief Administrative Officers, Fire Chiefs and Fire Protection Managers,

Re: Fire Safety Act

I am pleased to share that on August 1, 2024, the Fire Safety Act (FSA) was brought into force, replacing the Fire Services Act.

The FSA, and the associated regulations, will be essential to protecting people and communities through regular fire safety inspections and effective enforcement that will help prevent fire-related tragedies, preserve human life, and reduce property and economic loss due to fires.

The FSA addresses significant advancements in fire protection technology and a deeper understanding of fire behavior since 1979. It was developed and implemented in response to recommendations from BC Coroner's reports and stakeholder feedback to enhance fire safety standards and enforcement.

This legislation is also being implemented after close collaboration with Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC, regional districts and other key fire service partners. My sincere gratitude to all those who collaborated with the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) to get us to this point.

It is important to note that the FSA meets the B.C. government's commitment to achieve a single standard of fire safety in the province and will:

- enable local authorities to designate personnel to carry out fire inspections and fire investigations and enable local fire services to perform tactical evacuations.
- establish an administrative penalty enforcement model to address non-compliance issues in a more direct, timely and effective manner.
- implement a risk-based approach for fire safety compliance monitoring in municipalities.

During fall 2024 and winter 2025, the OFC will work closely with all partners to ensure a measured implementation of the FSA requirements. In the meantime, please visit [here](#) to review the Q&A on the FSA and other reference documents.

If you have any questions to add to the Q&A, or any other inquiries, please contact the OFC at: OFC@gov.bc.ca or your fire service advisor. Contact information for fire service advisors can be located [here](#).

Respectfully,



Brian Godlonton
Fire Commissioner
Office of the Fire Commissioner

August 7, 2024

Chair Mark Parker
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY-NECHAKO

Dear Chair Parker:

Re: Provincial Response to 2023 Resolutions

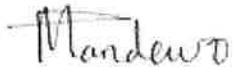
UBCM has received the Province's response to your Board resolution(s) from 2023. Please find the enclosed resolution(s) and their provincial response(s).

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.

Tel: 604.270.8226 ext. 100 Email: jjustason@ubcm.ca

Sincerely,



Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President

Enclosure

Whereas 2023 has been the worst wildfire season in BC's history with over 2.2 million hectares burnt; and close to \$1 billion spent to combat the wildfires;

And whereas in April 2018 the Province received the Abbott/Chapman report titled *Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia* whereby recommendation 104 states: "Following wildfire events, promptly undertake timber supply reviews to enable industry response and adaptation to a new allowable annual cut, and to allow BC to better understand and respond to impacts on habitat, fibre availability and community stability.";

And whereas there has not been a provincial inventory of land base assets since the 2007 fire season; however, within the last 2 years the Province has undertaken several new forest and land based initiatives such as the Old Growth Strategic Review, Forest Landscape Plans, and BC Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework proposals that are being conducted in the absence of accurate inventory data:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC immediately defer its current land base initiatives until a comprehensive inventory is conducted after the 2023 wildfire season recognizing that the impacts of wildfire to wildlife habitat, timber, fish, water, First Nations Reconciliation, and community stability need to be examined and prioritized to understand if the current land base initiatives remain in the best interest of the Province.

Convention Decision: Endorsed

Provincial Response

Ministry of Forests

The Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch (FAIB) of the Ministry of Forests conducts an annual inventory of approximately 3 million hectares of new forest throughout the province. Over the past decade, 32% (or 30.9 million hectares) of the provincial forest inventory has been updated with new photo-interpreted information.

In addition to photo-interpreted inventories, FAIB is developing and implementing new technologies, such as Lidar, to model and enhance inventory attributes across various Timber Supply Areas (TSAs) in the province.

FAIB is also committed to expanding and maintaining a comprehensive network of field sample plots, which are crucial for assessing the accuracy of the forest inventory. It has established and re-measured 8000 ground samples across the province. These include Change Monitoring Plots (CMI), Young Stand Monitoring Plots (YSM), National Forest Inventory plots (NFI), and Growth and Yield Plots (GYS). These plots assist in adjusting photo-estimated inventories based on ground data, where necessary.

Each year, FAIB updates and projects the provincial forest inventory to account for harvest depletions, natural disturbances, and forest regeneration. This includes updating the inventory to reflect the impact of wildfires. This includes conducting burn severity mapping for all wildfires over 100 hectares in size to ascertain the extent and severity of the damage. In 2023, the inventory was updated to account for approximately 2.8 million hectares of land affected by wildfire.

FAIB is supporting the acquisition of Lidar (Light Detection and Ranging) data for the province and is working with the Provincial Lidar Team which is tasked with the acquisition of 100 million hectares of Lidar data over the next 4 years. The acquisition began in August 2023 and has collected approximately 3 million hectares. Currently, there are 12.5 million hectares of Lidar data that are publicly available.

FAIB has prepared the Lidar based Enhanced Forest Inventory for the Boundary TSA and is currently working on other Lidar Enhanced Inventories in parts of the interior of the province, in particular the Interior Douglas Fir zone near 100 Mile House TSA, Williams Lake TSA and Invermere TSA.