

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEETING NO. 15

Thursday, October 10, 2024

PRESENT: Chair Mark Parker

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen – via Zoom - arrived at 10:30 a.m.
Leroy Dekens
Martin Elphee
Judy Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Linda McGuire
Kevin Moutray
Chris Newell
Michael Riis-Christianson
Stoney Stoltenberg
Sarrah Storey – arrived at 10:02 a.m.
Henry Wiebe

Director Absent Shirley Moon, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

Alternate Director Alex Kulchar, Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
-via Zoom – arrived in person at 11:00 a.m., left at 11:22 a.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

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

FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

World Mental Health Day Chair Parker recognized October 10th as World Mental Health Day 2024 and acknowledged mental health in the workplace.

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

2024-15-1 “That the Board Meeting Agenda of October 10, 2024 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
-September 26, 2024

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-15-2

"That the Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2024 be adopted as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

OCP Amendment and
Rezoning Application C-01-24

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Elphee

2024-15-3

"That the Board receive the Director of Planning's OCP Amendment and Rezoning Application C-01-24 memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ELECTORAL AREA PLANNING

OCP Amendment and
Rezoning Application C-01-24

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

2024-15-4

1. "That the staff report on pages 19 – 36 of the regular agenda regarding RZ C-01-24, and the Nak'azdli Whuten referral response, be received by the Board.
2. That staff send the Nak'azdli Whut'en referral response to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to address the concerns regarding watercourse disturbance.
3. That staff send the Nak'azdli Whut'en referral response to the Minister of Lands, Water and Resource Stewardship and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure with the request that they investigate the closure of the road through DL 1087 which has been used by the public and First Nations for the last 50 years."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Land Referral

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 6409504
Electoral Area A (Smithers/
Telkwa Rural)

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-15-5

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application No. 6409504."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pipeline Referral

Gosnell Creek South Multi-Use
Site Permit Extension

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-15-6

"That staff be directed to inform Enbridge that the Board's January 26, 2018 letter remains valid and contains the RDBN's comments in regard to Pacific Trails Pipeline Projects permit extension applications notifications for Pacific Trails Pipeline Project facilities."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding the status of various pipelines in the region. Staff will bring forward a report providing the status of pipelines in the region.

Other

Fraser Lake Foreshore
Integrated Management
Plan (FIMP)

Moved by Director Storey
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-15-7

"That the Board receive the Director of Planning's Fraser Lake Foreshore Integrated Management Plan (FIMP) memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Village of Fraser Lake review of the FIMP
- RDBN staff review of the FIMP in relation to the RDBN Official Community Plan
- Currently staff are not making recommendations regarding development permit regulations

Other (Cont'd)

- Potential for FIMP's for salmon bearing lakes in the region
- On-site sewage disposal systems
 - o Enforcement
 - o Staffing implications
 - o Property owner quality reports
 - o Staff are not recommending at this time
 - o Northern Health's jurisdiction
- Importance of lake management and balance of natural habitat
 - o Advocacy
 - o Updating the Guidelines for Responsible Waterfront Development
 - o FIMP is an information sharing tool
- Water samples to provide a baseline
 - o Some lakes currently have water sample testing being conducted by other agencies
 - o Water quality for lake animals vs. humans
- Shoreland Development Strategy – 2009 includes a detailed summary of lakes in the region
- Consider communal boat launches.
- Public education regarding lake health and foreshore management
- Aligning policies and bylaws to ensure the future management of lakes

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Bylaw Notice Enforcement
Bylaw and Dispute
Adjudication Registry

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

2024-15-8

1. "That the Board receive the attached draft Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw and Dispute Adjudication Registry Agreement.
2. That the Board direct staff to refer the draft bylaw and agreement to RDBN member municipalities for comment, and report back to the Board with recommendations regarding adoption of the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw."

Opposed: Director Lambert
Director Newell
Director Stoltenberg

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT (CONT'D)

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning provided an overview of the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw and Dispute Adjudication Registry memorandum. Discussion took place regarding:

- Issuing tickets if a joint adjudication system is in place between a municipality and the Regional District
- All other enforcement action remains applicable
- Tickets can be issued more frequently if required
 - o An unpaid ticket by a person may be taken to a collection agency
- Communication with Electoral Area Directors and the Board regarding issues arising such as unsightly premise concerns.

PARKS AND TRAILS

Round Lake Project Update

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Dekens

2024-15-9

"That the Board support the allocation of up to \$50,000 of Growing Communities Funds towards the Archaeological Impact Assessment for the Round Lake Park project, and that the work be directly awarded to WSP Canada Ltd."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding costs of an archaeological assessment and the steps that prompt an archaeological assessment. The Board discussed:

- Advocacy through a resolution to UBCM to address archaeological assessments of lands that have a high level of disturbance
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right of way archaeological assessment guidelines and policies.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Director Riis-Christianson removed himself from the meeting at 11:29 a.m. due to a conflict of interest in relation to the Lakes District Legacy Grant because of his employment with the Lakes District Museum Society.

Lakes District Legacy Grant Moved by Director McGuire
-Lakes District Museum Seconded by Director Wiebe
Society

2024-15-10 "That the Lakes District Museum Society be given \$13,000 in Lakes District Legacy funding for a permanent art collection."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Riis-Christianson returned at 11:30 a.m.

Grant in Aid for Areas B Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
(Burns Lake Rural) and E Seconded by Director Lambert
(Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
-Lakes District Family
Enhancement Society

2024-15-11 "That the Board approve allocating \$3,544 in Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural) and E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) Grant in Aid monies (split 50/50) to the Lakes District Family Enhancement Society for repairs to the freezer at The Link Food Center."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ride Burns Mountain Biking Moved by Director Lambert
Association – Letter of Seconded by Director Wiebe
Support Request

2024-15-12 "That the Board provide a letter to the Ride Burns Mountain Biking Association to support its application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Smithers Golf and Country Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Club – Letter of Support Seconded by Director Atrill
Request

2024-15-13 "That the Board provide a letter to the Smithers Golf and Country Club to support its funding applications for the Smithers Golf Course Clubhouse Renovation project."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS (CONT'D)

Items to be brought forward to the public agenda from Special (In-Camera) Meeting Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Atrill

2024-15-14 "That the Board receive the Deputy Director of Corporate Services Items to be brought forward to the public agenda from Special (In-Camera) Meeting memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Tourism, Arts Culture and Sport Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

2024-15-15 "That the Board receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport regarding Name Change of Geographical Features in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and Kitimat-Stikine Deadline Extension."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director McGuire commented that she will reach out to the Nedut'en Hereditary Chiefs to ensure they are aware of the information regarding the name change of geographical features.

The Board indicated that the following comments be included in its response to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport:

- That signage contains both the traditional name and current name
- The need for outreach to all First nations in the area of the name change and that the feedback from the First Nations be provided to local governments
- Future correspondence to include a complete distribution list of all stakeholders contacted.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Investment Agriculture Foundation – Agriculture Water Infrastructure -Stream 3 (AWP) Decision Letter Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

2024-15-16 “That the Board receive the Investment Agriculture Foundation – Agriculture Water Infrastructure – Stream 3 (AWP) Decision Letter.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Canadian Rural & Remote Broadband Conference November 3-5, 2024 -Kelowna, B.C. Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

2024-15-17 “That the Board authorize Director Riis-Christianson’s attendance at the Canadian Rural & Remote Broadband Conference November 3-5, 2024 in Kelowna, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium -November 13-14, 2024 -Prince George Director Greenaway noted that North Central Local Government Association, Lheidli T’enneh, City of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George are co-hosting a 2024 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium November 13-14, 2024 in Prince George.

2024 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium -November 13-14, 2024 -Prince George Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Lambert

2024-5-18 “That the Board authorize Rural Director’s attendance at the 2024 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium on November 13-14, 2024 in Prince George.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Granisle Emergency Training Director McGuire thanked Christopher Walker, Emergency Services Manager and Rowan Nagel, GIS Technician for providing an emergency training exercise in Granisle.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Storey

2024-15-19

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

- Labour Relations
- Land Acquisition
- Future Service Provision
- Connectivity."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Newell

2024-15-20

"That the meeting be adjourned at 11:32 a.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Parker, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services