

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL/AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2024

PRESENT: Chair Clint Lambert

Directors Judy Greenaway
Shirley Moon
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Stoney Stoltenberg
Michael Riis-Christianson

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services – via Zoom
– arrived in-person at 3:24 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – left at 3:26 p.m.

Others Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle – left at 3:21 p.m.
Kevin Moutray, District of Vanderhoof – left at 3:21 p.m.
Martin Elphee, District of Fort St. James

CALL TO ORDER Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

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

RDC.2024-7-1 “That the Rural/Agriculture Committee Agenda for November 7, 2024 be approved.

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural/Agriculture Committee Meeting Minutes -October 10, 2024 Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-7-2 “That the minutes of the Rural/Agriculture Committee meeting of October 10, 2024 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Land Referrals

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410343
Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake
Rural)

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-7-3

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application No. 7410343 as amended to include: that the Licence of Occupation be contingent upon continued public access to all referenced roads and trails."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Crown Land Application
Referral No. 7410328
Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof
Rural)

Moved by Director Moon
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

RDC.2024-7-4

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Application No. 7410328."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pipeline Referral

Prince Rupert Gas
Transmission Project Permit
Extension Notification
No. 240904 – Electoral
Areas G (Houston/Granisle
Rural) and C (Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-7-5

1. "That staff be directed to inform Roy Northern Land Services Ltd. that the Board's October 14, 2014 letter remains valid and contains the RDBN's comments in regard to the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project Permit Extension application notifications.

2. Further, that staff be directed to respond to any future extension application notifications for Sections 2, 2a, 3, and 4, and Middle River Compressor Site by informing PRGT's land representative that the Board's October 14, 2014 letter remains valid and contains the RDBN's comments in regard to these notifications."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Road Closure Referral

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No. 2024-00832-Electoral
Area D (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

R.D.C.2024-7-6

"That the comment sheet be provided to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure as the Regional District's comments on Road Closure Referral No. 2024-00832."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGRICULTURE REPORT

Food and Agriculture Plan
-Implementation Update

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Moon

R.D.C.2024-7-7

"That the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Coordinator's Food and Agriculture Plan – Implementation Update memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RURAL REPORTS

2023 Electoral Area Grant in
Aid

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

RDC.2024-7-8

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve moving Electoral Area Grant in Aid balances remaining at the end of 2024 to the corresponding 2025 Electoral Area Economic Development Service or other electoral area services that are solely taxed by that electoral area director."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Grant in Aid contributions not requiring Board approval can be made to the end of 2024
- Grant in Aid requiring Board approval must be submitted to the Regional District by December 3rd
- Definition of Economic Development projects
- RDBN Economic Development Service projects, or other organization projects must be approved by the Board via resolution
- Staff will draft an Economic Development Service Policy for Board review prior to the end of 2024
- Moving Electoral Area Grant in Aid balances to other electoral area services solely funded by that electoral area director
- Economic Development Service taxation.

RURAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Regional Grant in Aid from
Electoral Area B (Burns Lake
Rural)

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

RDC.2024-7-9

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the following applications for Regional Grant in Aid from Electoral Area B (Burns Lake Rural)

- Eagle Creek Recreation Commission – Mechanical Groomer for Arena - \$3,495
- Lakes District Fair Association – Super Dogs Performance in 2025 - \$14,825
- Burns Lake Basketball Association – Jr. NBA Program (bursaries) - \$3,000."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Electoral Area D Economic
Development Service Grant

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

RDC.2024-7-10

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve an Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) Economic Development Services Grant of up to \$10,000 to the Village of Fraser Lake for a White Swan Development Potential Study."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

RURAL REPORT

Electoral Area D Economic
Development Service Grant
-Eco Co-op

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

RDC.2024-7-11

"That the Committee recommend that the Board approve an Electoral Area D (Fraser Lake Rural) Economic Development Services Grant of up to \$1,000 to the Fraser Lake Eco Cooperative for the Eco Co-op Roundtable Conference."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2024-7-12

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:47 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clint Lambert, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director
of Corporate Services