

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, May 24, 2018

PRESENT:	Chair	Taylor Bachrach
	Directors	Chris Beach Eileen Benedict Shane Brien Mark Fisher Tom Greenaway Dwayne Lindstrom Thomas Liversidge Rob MacDougall Bill Miller Rob Newell Mark Parker Jerry Petersen Gerry Thiessen
	Director Absent	Darcy Repen, Village of Telkwa
	Alternate Director	Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa
	Staff	Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services Scott Brown, Planning Student John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator
	Others	Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy and Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Jeannie Hollis, Manager, Corporate Engagement Initiatives, BC Public Service Agency Carl Lutz, District Manager Bulkley-Stikine, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
	Via Tele- Conference	Zoe Dhillon, Special Projects Coordinator, District of Vanderhoof Lyn Hall, Mayor, City of Prince George – left at 1:45 p.m. Chris Fudge, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit Linda Harmon, Transit Crown Agency Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Jim Martin, CAO, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Adrianna McMullen, Transportation Planner, Business Development Planning, BC Transit

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bachrach called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Alt. Director Layton
Seconded by Director Newell

RTC. 2018-2-1

“That the Regional Transit Committee Agenda for May 24, 2018 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes -February 22, 2018

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Petersen

RTC.2018-2-2

“That the Minutes of the Regional Transit Committee meeting of February 22, 2018 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Updates

Moved by Alt. Director Layton
Seconded by Director Petersen

RTC.2018-2-3

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator’s May 8, 2018 memo titled “Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Updates;” and further, that the Regional Transit Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve bus stop signage in Table 1 as outlined in the Regional Transit Coordinator’s May 8, 2018 memo.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Alt. Director Layton

RTC.2018-2-4

“That the Regional Transit Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to further investigate the feasibility of the following Proposed Stop Locations:

- Van Horne Frontage Road – Electoral Area “A”
- Include and prioritize: Quick Road West and Walcott Road– Electoral Area “A” rather than Hungry Hill Rest Area and Pottinger Frontage Road – Electoral Area “A”
- Bye Frontage Road – Electoral Area “G” to be further discussed with the Electoral Area Director; and further, that that the Stop Type be “By Request.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Ridership Table
-January-March 2018

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Alt. Director Layton

RTC.2018-2-5

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator’s May 9, 2018 memo titled “January to March 2018 Ridership Table.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Consultation with the
Honourable Claire Trevena,
Minister of Transportation
and Infrastructure

Director Miller expressed disappointment that Minister Trevena, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure did not contact the Chairs of Regional Districts to consult about long haul passenger transportation in the northwest with the Passenger Transportation Board’s decision to allow the withdrawal of passenger services by Greyhound as of May 31, 2018. Ms. Bowman apologized for the omission.

Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy and Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure mentioned that Minister Trevena has made a commitment and engaged stakeholders in various ways to determine a solution. An announcement will be made in the near future concerning long haul passenger services in the northwest. The MoTI has been working with BC Transit to develop a basic two round trip per week service that will be implemented shortly after the May 31 withdrawal of Greyhound passenger services in the northwest. Ms. Bowman noted that it will be an interim solution for the next year and the intention is to work with communities to develop and investigate opportunities available to ensure a long-term sustainable service. The priority is for the interim proposed service to address routes that Greyhound will be withdrawing services from as of May 31. Ms. Bowman spoke of the complexities of a long haul passenger service and the need to provide certain amenities such as washroom facilities etc. Ms. Bowman mentioned the importance of accumulating data in the next year to determine the needs of the region.

Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George recognized the work that the Provincial Government has done in regard to finding a solution to long haul passenger transportation in the region and the recognition of the importance of a service in the region. Mayor Hall spoke of the importance of Regional Districts and municipalities supporting the Provincial Government in investigating alternate transportation opportunities within the northwest.

Ms. Bowman mentioned that through a grant funding opportunity there are 12 organizations that deliver community transportation opportunities. She noted that as of May 15, 2018 ten of the twelve community vehicles took 14,315 trips.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Greyhound Canada Moved by Alt. Director Layton
Transportation ULC Route, Seconded by Director Liversidge
Route Segment and Route Point
Eliminations – Notice to
Passengers-Effective May 31, 2018
at 11:59 p.m.

RTC.2018-2-6 “That the Regional Transit Committee receive the correspondence from Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC regarding Route, Route Segment and Route Point Eliminations – Notice to Passengers – Effective May 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Commuter Service between Director Newell noted that there is a need for a commuter
Houston and Smithers service between Houston and Smithers to support employees,
students, etc. travelling between the two communities.

Chris Fudge, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit mentioned that the intent is to complete a more in depth analysis of the system and provide information to the Regional Transit Committee in August, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alt. Director Layton
Seconded by Director MacDougall

RTC.2018-2-7 “That the meeting be adjourned at 1:47 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taylor Bachrach, Chair

Cheryl Anderson, Manager of
Administrative Services