



**RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, April 16, 2015**

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SUPPLEMENTARY

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING****Thursday, March 12, 2015**

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

Directors Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – left at 4:53 p.m.
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager – left at 4:53 p.m.
Maria Sandberg, Planner – arrived at 3:30 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others John Illes, Village of Burns Lake
Steven Derksen, Area Manager, Burns Lake, ABC Communications – left at 4:00 p.m.
Falko Kadenbach, Vice President, ABC Communications – left at 4:00 p.m.
Nicholas Monkman, Burns Lake – arrived at 4:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA & AGENDA**Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director PetersenRDC.2015-3-1

"That the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting; and further, that the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for March 12, 2015 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES**Rural Directors Committee
Meeting Minutes
-February 12, 2015Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director GreenawayRDC.2015-3-2

"That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of February 12, 2015 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

ABC COMMUNICATIONS – Falko Kadenbach, Vice President, and Steven Derksen, Area Manager, Burns Lake RE: Rural Connectivity

Chair Benedict welcomed Falko Kadenbach, Vice President and Steven Derksen, Area Manager, Burns Lake, ABC Communications.

Mr. Kadenbach provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Corporate Overview

Who ABC is:

- Founded originally as a supplier of office telephone systems in 1989 in Quesnel, B.C.;
- ABC Communications was one of the first companies to offer Internet services in British Columbia in 1994;
- ABC's business has grown Province wide into BC's largest privately held telecommunications solution provider;
- ABC's private network includes over 200 broadband broadcast sites across the Province stretching from the US border through to Northern B.C.;
- ABC's fibre backbone links 32 cities to network centres in Prince George and Vancouver.

Strategic Partners

- **TELUS**
 - o Long-standing partnership;
 - o ADSL, M2M, Fibre;
- **Province of B.C.**
 - o Corporate connectivity services;
- **Network BC**
 - o Bridging the digital divide;
- All Nations Trust Company;
- Regional Districts and First Nations Communities across B.C.;

Partnerships are a vital component to realizing common goals.

ABC Communications

VOICE LINK - TELECOM Services

- VOIP Voice Over Internet Protocol;
- Mobile Unified Messaging;
- Private Instant Messaging;
- Find-Me Follow-Me;
- Hotel / Motel Solutions.

MOBILE Link – Business Cellular Services

- Cell phones;
- Telus Optik TV;
- Machine 2 Machine.

NET Link – Internet, Anywhere!

- Dial Up & ADSL;
- Fixed Wireless & LTE;
- Bonded Internet;
- Fibre Optic Access;
- Network Support & Repair;
- Routing and Firewalls;
- Wide Area Network Infrastructure.

WEB Link – All Inclusive Web Sites!

- Web Design;
- Website Hosting;
- E-Commerce;
- Domain Name Registration.

DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ABC COMMUNICATIONS – Falko Kadenbach, Vice President, and Steven Derksen, Area Manager, Burns Lake RE: Rural Connectivity (CONT'D)

ABC Offices

- Burns Lake;
- Prince George;
- Quesnel;
- 100 Mile House;
- Kelowna;
- Penticton;
- Vancouver.

New Broadband Standards

The CRTC recognizes that a well-developed broadband infrastructure is essential to help Canadians participate in the digital economy. As a result, the CRTC has set a target speed for broadband Internet access across Canada (Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-291). By the end of 2015, the CRTC expects all Canadians to have access to broadband speeds of at least

- **5 Mbps for downloads** (data that consumers are receiving from the Internet, including files, web sites, pictures, music, and movies)
- **1 Mbps for uploads** (data that consumers are sending to the Internet).

Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-291

In Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291 the Commission recognized that Internet access service is an increasingly important means of communication. The Commission was of the view that it would be in the public interest to establish universal target speeds for broadband Internet access in order to ensure that all Canadians, particularly those in rural and remote areas, could benefit from a greater level of broadband connectivity. In that decision, the Commission established target speeds of 5 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream. These speeds should be available to all Canadians, through a variety of technologies, by the end of 2015. Further, the Commission noted that it would gather information from Internet service providers (ISPs) in order to monitor progress towards reaching these target speeds.*

* <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/publications/reports/broadband/bbreport1111.htm#a1>

Digital Canada 150 Connecting Canadians

ABC Communications Digital Canada 150 Connecting Canadians

ABC Communications submitted an application towards Industry Canada's Digital Canada 150 Connecting Canadians program on January 9th 2015.

More information about the program can be found at:

http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/028.nsf/eng/h_00587.html

In ABC Communications' submission to the Digital Canada 150 Connecting Canadians Program, ABC included multiple eligible projects that fall within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

- Complete network upgrades throughout the RDBN;
- Sinkut & Fraser Mountain LTE upgrades;
- Cluculz Lake, Tache & Yekooche upgrades;

Digital Canada 150 – Funding Eligibility

Under the Digital Canada 150 Connecting Canadians Program, Industry Canada will provide 50% funding for all eligible project costs and up to 75% funding for 100% Aboriginal coverage.

ABC is eligible for a total of 55% funding provincially based on the Aboriginal Coverage provided within the project scope.

The current funding contribution in percentages:

- Industry Canada Funding 55%;
- ABC Communications Funding 45%.



DELEGATION (CONT'D)

ABC COMMUNICATIONS – Falko Kadenbach, Vice President, and Steven Derksen, Area Manager, Burns Lake RE: Rural Connectivity (CONT'D)

Mr. Kadenbach spoke of forming a BC Broadband Association sub-committee with other ISP's in order to collaborate in submitting conflict free applications to Industry Canada. Discussion took place regarding coverage in areas where an ISP is already in existence but does not fully cover the area.

Discussion took place regarding the options that ABC Communications can provide in comparison to TELUS. The upgrades that ABC Communications is planning to complete will provide 10 Mbps down. The average download speeds and the capabilities of those speeds were discussed. Charging for the usage of internet service similar to a utility such as BC Hydro was brought forward for discussion.

Project Details

Fraser Mountain LTE

- Estimated population coverage – 1098;
- Estimated underserved households – 479;
- Projected build year – 2015/16;
- Project Budget - \$154,229.

Sinkut Mountain LTE

- Estimated population coverage – 11,290;
- Estimated underserved households – 2131;
- Projected build year – 2016/17;
- Project Budget - \$93,996.

Cluculz Lake LTE

- Estimated population coverage – 551;
- Estimated underserved households – 324;
- Projected build year – 2015-2017;
- Project Budget - \$205,015.

Burns Lake and Surrounding Area

- Estimated population coverage – 5281;
- Estimated underserved households – 1175;
- Projected build year – 2015-2018;
- Project Budget - \$592,478.

Fort St James, Tache & Yekooche

- Estimated population coverage – 499;
- Estimated underserved households – 138;
- Projected build year – 2016-2018;
- Project Budget - \$414,697.

4G & LTE Technology

4G WiMAX (Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access)

- Operates in ABC's licensed 3.5 GHz band;
- Exceptional coverage;
- Increased capacity;
- Improved indoor signal penetration;
- Interference immunity.

LTE (Long Term Evolution)

LTE is a wireless broadband technology that provides significantly increased peak data rates, with the potential for download speeds of up to 100 Mbps and upload speeds of up to 30 Mbps, reduced latency, which provides significantly faster data rates for both downloading and uploading with exceptional coverage.

Chair Benedict thanked Mr. Kadenbach for attending the meeting.

REPORTS

Discussion Regarding Cost of
 Implementing the "British
 Columbia Fire Service Minimum
 Training Standards – Structure
 Firefighters Competency and
 Training Playbook" Regulations

Moved by Director Miller
 Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2015-3-3

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Protective Services Manager's March 2, 2015 memo titled "Discussion regarding Cost of Implementing the "British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards – Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook" Regulations."

Opposed: Director Miller CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator provided an overview of the Rural Fire Protection Services Taxation Capacity. Discussion took place regarding public sentiment for rural fire departments, fire protection and the costs associated. Director Petersen referenced the unsuccessful referendum that was held at Cluculz Lake regarding the increase to taxation for rural fire protection.

The RDBN in the past has strongly lobbied the province in regard to the direction in which the province was moving regarding rural fire departments. The province has developed the "British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standards Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook" but costs associated with implementation of the Playbook needs to be applied to the service areas wherein there is a rural fire department. Implementing the Playbook is to commence immediately with the expected timeline for full implementation being potentially one to two years. A resolution from the RDBN Board of Directors has been forwarded to the North Central Local Government Association Convention for May 6-8, 2015 in Prince George, B.C. regarding funding to implement the Playbook. The Playbook has been forwarded to the fire departments within the RDBN.

Discussion took place regarding the definition for Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) and the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Playbook in regard to the AHJ. Downloading from the provincial government to local government in regard to fire departments was discussed.

At the November 20, 2014 RDBN Board Meeting the RDBN Board of Directors approved the Exterior Operations service level for the rural fire departments within the RDBN jurisdictional boundaries. Discussion took place regarding the scope of the Playbook and reasons for implementation. The Playbook provides a minimum training standard that will assist fire fighters in providing an effective and safe level of service.

Concerns were brought forward regarding the lack of volunteers for volunteer fire departments and the qualifications and requirements for volunteers.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

The need to have further discussion with rural fire departments in the RDBN was discussed.

Mr. Berndorff, noted that the *Local Government Act* outlines that a service can only be funded through taxation by residents of that service area and not those residents living outside a service area. Discussion took place regarding the *Local Government Act* allowing for a 25% tax increase every five years if required to adjust for changing economies.

Discussion took place regarding the ability for fire departments to withdraw service and the process that may be involved.

Moved by Director Newell
 Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2015-3-4

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to meet with rural fire departments to discuss options in regard to operations of rural fire departments within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Requests for Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Fisher
 Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-3-5

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the following grant in aid applications:

- Yellowhead West 4-H Regional Council from Electoral Areas "A" (Smithers Rural), "B" (Burns Lake Rural), "D" (Fraser Lake Rural), "E", "F" (Vanderhoof Rural);
- Access Smithers from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with the "Get Benched in a Restful Place" project;
- LDSS Senior Girls Basketball Team from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with representing the Lakes District at the Single A Provincial High School Girls Basketball Championship in Lumby, B.C.;
- Luck Bay Community Association from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) to host an open house;
- Fort St. James 4-H Club from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) to purchase a shade tent for 4-H events;
- Fort St. James Secondary School Ski and Board Team from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with Provincial Championships in Revelstoke, B.C.;
- Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary from Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) for the Boys Highschool Curling Provincials and the Boys and Girls Tim Hortons Juvenile Provincials;
- Fraser Lake Minor Hockey Association from Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) for the 2015 Bantam Tier 4 Championship;
- Dry Grad Committee 2015 from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with Dry Grad Night June 13, 2015;
- Vanderhoof Children's Theatre from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with traveling to Prince George, B.C. for performances;

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Request for Grant in Aid (CONT'D)

-Nechako Lake Speedskating Club from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with hosting the BC Short Track Speedskating Provincials and Regionals."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Grant in Aid
-Yellowhead West 4-H
Regional Council

Moved by Director Miller
 Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-3-6

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the following grant in aid application:

-Yellowhead West 4-H Regional Council be given \$720 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural), \$730 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural), \$730 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural), \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural), \$720 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural), \$200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural) for costs associated with the 2015 Yellowhead West Junior Camp."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Requests for Grant in Aid

Moved by Director Greenaway
 Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2015-3-7

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the following grant in aid applications:

-Access Smithers be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with the "Get Benched in a Restful Place" project;
 -LDSS Senior Girls Basketball Team be given \$500 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) for costs associated with representing the Lakes District at the Single A Provincial High School Girls Basketball Championship in Lumby, B.C.;
 -Luck Bay Community Association be given \$300 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) to host an open house;
 -Fort St. James 4-H Club be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) to purchase a shade tent for 4-H events;
 -Fort St. James Secondary School Ski and Board Team be given \$2000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with Provincial Championships in Revelstoke, B.C.;
 -Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) for the Boys Highschool Curling Provincials and the Boys and Girls Tim Hortons Juvenile Provincials;

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Request for Grant in Aid (CONT'D)

- Fraser Lake Minor Hockey Association be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural) for the 2015 Bantam Tier 4 Championship;
- Dry Grad Committee 2015 be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with Dry Grad Night June 13, 2015;
- Vanderhoof Children's Theatre be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with traveling to Prince George, B.C. for performances;
- Nechako Lake Speedskating Club be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with hosting the BC Short Track Speedskating Provincials and Regionals."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Revised Bylaw No.1729 RDBN
Bylaw to Establish Rules for
the Provision of Fire Protection
in the RDBN Established
Rural Fire Protection Areas

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2015-3-8

1. "That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Protective Services Manger's February 26, 2015 memo regarding the amended "Bylaw No. 1729 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Bylaw to Establish Rules for the Provision of Fire Protection in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Established Rural Fire Protection Areas."

2. That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors give three readings and adoption to Bylaw No. 1729 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Bylaw to Establish Rules for the Provision of Fire Protection in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Established Rural Fire Protection Areas."

Opposed: Director Petersen CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

BC Fire Training Officers
Association Training
and Evaluation Program

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2015-3-9

1. "That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Protective Services Manager's March 2, 2015 memo titled "BC Fire Training Officers Association Training and Evaluation Program."

2. That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to use the BC Fire Training Officers Association Training and Evaluation Program as the training material for all rural fire departments."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



REPORTS (CONT'D)

NWIPC Funding for 2015

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2015-3-10

1. "That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' March 2, 2015 memo titled "NWIPC Funding for 2015" and
2. Further, that the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the 2015 funding contribution to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC) be continued at a value of \$43,000, that the funding be divided equally between each Invasive Plant Management Area (IPMA) and that the distribution of funds be 85% for on-the-ground work and a maximum of 15% for administration."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Access to Affordable High Speed Internet and Cell Coverage (Regional Connectivity)

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Newell

RDC.2015-3-11

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Chief Administrative Officers March 3, 2015 memo titled "Access to Affordable High Speed Internet and Cell Coverage (Regional Connectivity)"; and further, that the memo be brought forward to a future Rural Directors Committee Meeting for further discussion."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REFERRALS (All Directors)

Land Referral File No. 6408793 Smithers Snowmobile Club Electoral Area "A"

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2015-3-12

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral. 6408793" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408793."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

BC Broadband Conference 2015 – April 28-29, 2015 -Richmond, B.C.

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2015-3-13

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the correspondence titled "BC Broadband Conference 2015 on April 28-29, 2015 in Richmond, B.C.; and further, that the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize the attendance of Director Newell at said conference."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

REFERRALS (All Directors)

Land Referral File No. 6408800 & 6408801 Corporation of the Village of Telkwa Electoral Area "A" Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2015-3-14

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral. 6408800 & 6408801" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408800 & 6408801."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

ABC Communications - Burns Lake Broadband - Project Summary Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2015-3-15

"That the Rural Directors Committee receive the correspondence titled "ABC Communications – Burns Lake Broadband – Project Summary."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2015-3-16

"That the meeting be adjourned 4:59 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors Committee

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson
Manager of Administrative Services**

DATE: April 1, 2015

**SUBJECT: Grassy Plains Community Hall – Request for Grant in Aid –
Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from the Grassy Plains Community Hall.

The Society is seeking up to \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to cover the cost of booking bands for the Annual Summer Festival.

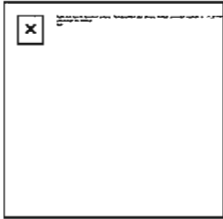
Director Benedict has indicated that she is supportive of this application.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Grassy Plains Hall be given up to \$10,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to cover the cost of booking bands for the Annual Summer Festival.”

Cheryl Anderson

From: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: March-20-15 8:36 AM
To: Cheryl Anderson
Subject: ***SPAM***New submission from "Grant in Aid Application"
Attachments: 550c3e62852e9-2014 AGM Fin. Report.pdf



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID APPLICATION

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Grassy Plains Community Hall

Mailing Address:
37267 Keefes Landing Road

Email:
Contact Person:

owensj@hotmail.ca
Jan Owens, 250-694-3577

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

To assist with the cost of live entertainment for the Annual Summer Festival

Amount Requested: \$10,000.

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.

No

(signature of authorized signatory) (title)

Signature of Electoral Area Director

Amount Approved: _____
Date: _____

APPLICATION PROFILE

Is your organization voluntary and non-profit?: Yes

Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these

services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

A variety of events throughout the year as mandated by our constitution. Family Skidoo Poker Ride, Home Based Business Fair, 3 Road Side Cleanups, 2 Seasonal Suppers, Annual Mud Bog, Annual Summer Festival, Christmas Bazaar, Live Entertainment sponsored by Rio Tinto Alcan and LD Arts Council, Fall Poker Ride

Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

The entire area on the Southside of Francois Lake plus many from the North side also attend the events.

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.:

No remuneration to any members other than out of pocket expenses.

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.:

We currently have 36 paid members and have been in operation since Sept. 25, 1962

PROJECT PROPOSAL PROFILE

RDBN Assistance Requested:

special event

Other Assistance Requested:

Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details of your request here. Attach additional information if required:

The grant is requested to assist with booking the bands for the Annual Summer Festival held in July each year. Although a Gaming Grant has been submitted we will not know the results until May which is far too late to try to book bands for July. Most already have their schedules booked for the summer.

Describe how this proposal will benefit the community:

This is a fantastic opportunity for the Southside community and others to enjoy 2 full days of live music entertainment. We also have Family Fun Day with a variety of events of kids. The event also stimulates local economy with accommodation rentals, fuel and restaurant purchases. The event draws many people to our area.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

files Submitted:

550c3e62852e9-2014 AGM
Fin. Report.pdf

Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?:

Yes

If not, please comment.:

We have applied for a Gaming Grant to cover the expense of the bands.

Name of Grant or Funding Agency1:

Gaming Commission

Amount Applied for 1:

\$11,325.

Status of Grant Application1:

Pending

Name of Grant or Funding Agency2:

Amount Applied for2:

Status of Grant Application2:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency3:

Amount Applied for3:

Status of Grant Application3:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency4:

Amount Applied for4:

Status of Grant Application4:

Have you received assistance before from us.

Yes

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance

\$920.66 in 2014 Emergency Aid for rotten floor joists at the hall.

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance

Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families?:

Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either:

a senior government or a local service agency?:

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions?:

OR, is your organization: Part of a provincial or national fund raising campaign?:

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors Committee

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson
Manager of Administrative Services**

DATE: April 1, 2015

**SUBJECT: Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society – Request for Grant in Aid
– Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)**

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from the Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society.

The Society is seeking \$4,591 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to purchase equipment to test the water of Tchesinkut Lake and for the cost of testing the water as well.

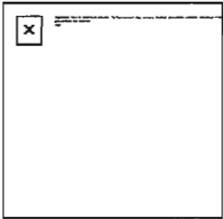
Director Benedict has indicated that she is supportive of providing \$3,550 toward purchase of the water testing equipment and has requested that the results of the water testing be provided to the Regional District.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society be given \$3,550 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to purchase equipment to test the water of Tchesinkut Lake. Further, that the Society be requested to provide the results of the water testing to the Regional District.”

Cheryl Anderson

From: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: March-16-15 2:18 PM
To: Cheryl Anderson
Subject: New submission from "Grant in Aid Application"
Attachments: 5507488dae190-Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society 2015 Grant in Aid Budget.xlsx



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID APPLICATION

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society

Mailing Address:

*13007 Tchesinkut Rd East Burns Lake
V0J 1E2*

Email:

ronmillerjoan@gmail.com

Contact Person:

Ron Miller 250-695-6597

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

We are requesting assistance to purchase some equipment to measure pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature and conductivity of the water of Tchesinkut Lake. We would also like to send specimens for analyzes of certain chemicals (phosphorous and nitrogen) along with the bacteria count for e coli and coli-forms.

Amount Requested:

4591

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.

Yes

(signature of authorized signatory)

(title)

Signature of Electoral Area Director

Amount Approved: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION PROFILE

Is your organization voluntary and non-profit?:

Yes

Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

Services / Benefits that our organization provide;

-we are the guardianship of the Lake

-at present time we monitor the outflow creek to make sure it doesn't get dammed by beavers or by an abnormal amount of driftwood.

-we have had a fish creel count study done. From the results of that study, measures have been taken to increase the char numbers. Char fishing is only allowed in July and Feb, and only allowed to use single barb less lures.

-we have attended public meetings, such as open house about proposed LNG pipelines.

Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

RDBN Area E specifically the Tchesinkut Lake watershed area.

Others are; tourists who camp or stay at the Beaver Point Lodge, everyone that enjoys Agate Point Recreational Sites. All who enjoy Tchesinkut Lake, the fishing folks, sailors and swimmers. The most important services is to get the water tested, to make sure it is safe for humans to drink.

this year if our grant application is approved we would like to do more in depth analysis. The test would give us a better understanding of the water quality and how it is changing over the years.

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.:

none

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.:

we have 12 members

the society was formed in 2000

Chair Tom Blair

Sec Tres - Mike Comeau

Director - Ron Miller

PROJECT PROPOSAL PROFILE

RDBN Assistance Requested:

capital project and/or equipment

Other Assistance Requested:

Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details or your request here. Attach additional information if required:

Our society was started in 2000. Since that time no water studies have been conducted. Since then a new subdivision has gone in around Drew Creek. There has been a lot of trees died because of mountain pine beetle and some of the dead trees have been logged. Because of higher density of humans and livestock we would like to study the water quality and make sure it is safe for human consumption. The lake is used for recreation, fishing, boating and sailing. These activities rely on a good water source, and that is what we are trying to provide and also protect. This project would benefit the community by providing current data, which could be used to compare samples taken in future years. This would be particular useful if LNG pipelines or other types of construction pass through the watershed.

Describe how this proposal will benefit the community:
see answers above.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

files Submitted:

5507488dae190-Tchesinkut Lake Watershed Society 2015 Grant in Aid Budget.xlsx

Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?: *No*

If not, please comment.:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency1:
Amount Applied for 1:
Status of Grant Application1:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency2:
Amount Applied for2:
Status of Grant Application2:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency3:
Amount Applied for3:
Status of Grant Application3:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency4:
Amount Applied for4:
Status of Grant Application4:

Have you received assistance before from us. *No*

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance
Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance

Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families?:

Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either:
a senior government or a local service agency?:

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct
contributions?:

OR, is your organization: Part of a provincial or national fund
raising campaign?:

Yes



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors Committee

**FROM: Wendy Wainwright
Executive Assistant**

DATE: April 8, 2015

**SUBJECT: Spirit's Mission Rescue Society– Request for Grant in Aid –
Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)**

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from the Spirit's Mission Rescue Society.

The Spirit's Mission Rescue Society is seeking \$2,500 from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) grant in aid monies for a dog and cat spay, neuter and animal wellness clinic at Saik'uz First Nation.

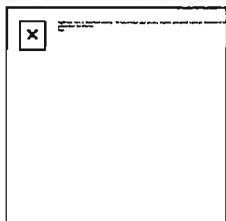
Director Petersen has indicated that he is supportive of providing \$1,200 toward this application.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Spirit's Mission Rescue Society be given \$1,200 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated for a dog and cat spay, neuter and animal wellness clinic at Saik'uz First Nation.

Cheryl Anderson

From: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: April-01-15 8:15 AM
To: Cheryl Anderson
Subject: New submission from "Grant in Aid Application"
Attachments: 551c0b629dc6e-Proposed Budget Sterilization Clinic Saik'uz First Nations May 2015.xlsx



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID APPLICATION**

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Spirit's Mission Rescue Society

Mailing Address:
PO Box 95, Gabriola, BC V0R 1X0

Email:

kerter@shaw.ca

Contact Person:

Kerri-Lynne Wilson, 250-722-3443

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

Dog and Cat Spay, Neuter and Animal Wellnes Clinic at Saik'uz First Nation

Amount Requested:

2500

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.

Yes

(signature of authorized signatory) (title)

Signature of Electoral Area Director

Amount Approved: _____
Date: _____

APPLICATION PROFILE

Is your organization voluntary and non-profit?:

Yes

Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

Spirit's Mission is a registered charity that demonstrates, implements and promotes sustainable

best practices for companion animals by partnering with underserved British Columbian communities. This partnership benefits the health and wellness of both the community and the companion animal population as well as enhances the human/pet bond. The inception of Spirit's Mission was in 2012 and became a registered society in 2013. We are a group of highly

experienced and dedicated animal rescuers many of whom have volunteered previously in Animal

Wellness clinics in Bella Bella, Bella Coola, Shearwater, Oweekeno, Klemtu, and Penelakut. The

program focuses on the health and welfare of companion animals in remote First Nations and surrounding communities in British Columbia. We are currently working within British Columbia

but would like to create a successful template that can be utilized by partner groups in both BC and other provinces. The ultimate goal is to create a self sustaining community that has the

resources and tools to keep their companion animal population and thus community, healthy, and

to prevent pet overpopulation. We currently have a partnership with the Saik'uz First Nations in Vanderhoof, BC and aim to work within this community for up to 5 years until it is self sustaining with respect to companion animal issues. Funding will be utilized for a spay, neuter and animal wellness clinic to be held May 30 and 31, 2015. In many remote or isolated communities companion animal overpopulation becomes a serious problem. Overpopulation means many animals will be unowned and straying. Straying animals are susceptible to being hit

by vehicles, injured, and shot. Diseases and parasites run rampant in straying populations and

transference from strays to pets is common. Many of these diseases are also zoonotic e.g. rabies, parasites, etc. Dogs form packs which can be dangerous to community members and their

pets. Diseases and parasites will be treated and education on animal welfare provided.

Overpopulation in these communities is often controlled by dog culls where any stray dogs are

shot. Sometimes there is monetary award for every dead animal submitted. This is a very traumatic method for managing the population of companion animals both for the animals and the

community members. This clinic will address the overpopulation by providing sterilization to dogs and cats in the community and through education to community members encouraging sterilization to all pets. Dog culls will not be

necessary (and are not allowed in our contract with Saik'uz). Vaccinations and parasite control will reduce disease outbreaks and zoonotic diseases. Education will reduce animal abuse and neglect by demonstrating and promoting proper

animal husbandry and treatment. There are also many unwanted pets that need rehoming and an education component (children included) is needed on proper animal care and treatment. We aim to educate and assist the community until their pet problems are manageable

and the community is able to learn how to manage and overcome any future companion

animal

problems thus increasing animal welfare in that community. The Saik'uz First Nations has signed

a contract with Spirit's Mission and has agreed to contribute both financially and in-kind during this time. In addition, we will encourage animal welfare bylaws and in-house animal welfare budgeting. This process may take up to 5 years but we anticipate the need for our assistance to decrease every year as the animal problem becomes manageable. We aim to have this

community be a success story to encourage other communities to participate and to have a clear

methodology to creating a healthier community for both pets and people.

Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

Saik'uz First Nations and surrounding communities due to less strays and more sterilized animals.

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.:

None

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.:

The inception of Spirit's Mission was in 2012 and became a registered society in 2013. Our Board of Directors is comprised of 5 members and our volunteer base is around 50 members.

PROJECT PROPOSAL PROFILE

RDBN Assistance Requested:

special event

Other Assistance Requested:

Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details or your request here. Attach additional information if required:

Spay, neuter and animal wellness clinic at Saik'uz First Nation on May 30 and 31, 2015. We propose to alter 40 pets and have up to 100 pets vaccinated and treated for parasites and injuries.

Describe how this proposal will benefit the community:

The community benefits by reducing disease transmission through vaccination and reducing pet overpopulation and straying by sterilizing animals.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

files Submitted: *551c0b629dc6e-Proposed Budget Sterilization Clinic Saik'uz First Nations May 2015.xlsx*

Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?: *Yes*

If not, please comment.:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency1: *Bayer Canada*
Amount Applied for 1: *5000*
Status of Grant Application1: *Pending*

Name of Grant or Funding Agency2:
Amount Applied for2:
Status of Grant Application2:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency3:
Amount Applied for3:
Status of Grant Application3:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency4:
Amount Applied for4:
Status of Grant Application4:

Have you received assistance before from us. *No*

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance
Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance

Does your organization:
Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families?:
Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either:
a senior government or a local service agency?:
Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct
contributions?: *Yes*
OR, is your organization: Part of a provincial or national fund
raising campaign?:

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors Committee

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson
Manager of Administrative Services**

DATE: April 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Spinal Cord Injury BC – Request for Grant in Aid

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from Spinal Cord Injury BC which was previously circulated to all Rural Directors. The request is for \$2,500 from each Electoral Area.

Based on the feedback received, staff is recommending that the application be received and filed.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

Receive.



Spinal Cord Injury BC

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February 25, 2015

Regional District Bulkley Nechako
37 - 3rd Avenue
Burns Lake, BC VOJ 1E0

Attn: Chair Bill Miller and Board

Dear Chair Miller and Directors,

Re: Grant In Aid Application

Spinal Cord Injury BC is very excited to apply for funding through Bulkley Nechako Regional District Grant In Aid.

We are requesting \$2,500 in Grant in Aid Funding from each of the Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, E, F and G for our Nature's Call - Accessible Outdoor Spaces Project.

- \$ 2,500.00 - Smithers Rural (Electoral Area A of the BNRD)
 - \$ 2,500.00 - Burns Lake Rural (Electoral Area B of the BNRD)
 - \$ 2,500.00 - Fort St. James Rural (Electoral Area C of the BNRD)
 - \$ 2,500.00 - Fraser Lake Rural (Electoral Area D of the BNRD)
 - \$ 2,500.00 - Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural (Electoral Area E of the BNRD)
 - \$ 2,500.00 - Vanderhoof Rural (Electoral Area F of the BNRD)
 - \$ 2,500.00 - Houston Rural (Electoral Area G of the BNRD)
- \$17,500.00 Total

The budget for the Nature's Call project in the Bulkley Nechako region, letters of support and the financial statement for Spinal Cord injury BC organization are attached.

We would be pleased to provide more information and details if needed. Our Annual Report from last year is online at <http://2014annualreport.sci-bc.ca/> It is not your typical annual report! It is very dynamic and is actually fun to read through.

We look forward to working with the Bulkley Nechako Regional District on this timely and important project!

Sincerely,

Pat Harris
SCI BC Resource Centre Manager



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
**ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID APPLICATION
COMPLETION GUIDE**

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
37-3rd Avenue
Box 820
Burns Lake, B.C. V0J 1E0

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE FORM
PROVIDED.**

NOTE TO APPLICANTS:

- Industrial, commercial, individuals, and business undertakings **ARE NOT** eligible for assistance under this program;
- Please use the attached RDBN Board policies and Application Completion instructions as a guideline and be advised that the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako reserves the right to amend the said policies from time to time as it deems appropriate;
- Please make sure that your application is clearly legible and will photocopy with good results. Your application should either be typed or completed in black ink.
- If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Manager of Administrative Services of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at the above address, or:

Phone: (250) 692-3195 or toll free at 1-800-320-3339

Fax: (250) 692-3305 email: inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID ASSISTANCE POLICY

PURPOSE

To provide grants to community groups. Non-profit registered societies, organizations, Recreation Commissions, for cultural, charitable, sporting, recreational, service activities and special events for the purpose of benefiting the community.

APPLICATION

This policy shall apply to all electoral area grant in aid requests being considered for funding from the individual Grants-In-Aid budgets.

AUTHORITY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (Sec. 176(1)(c): the Regional District may provide assistance for the purpose of benefiting the community.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (Sec. 804)(2)(g): a grant may be charged to the electoral area benefiting from the assistance.

PROCEDURE

1. To be considered for funding, grant requests shall be referred to the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako on the recommendation of the Electoral Area Directors. **ALL REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING.**
 - a) Applications must be submitted on the form provided by the Regional District, with all supporting documentation attached. Applicants must: clearly indicate the amount of assistance requested; provide evidence of how the applicant benefits the community generally and how the assistance being requested from the Regional District would benefit the community specifically; and, provide financial information sufficient to identify all other funding sources and to justify the need for financial assistance.
 - b) Applications that are not submitted on the required form will be returned to the applicant.

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2. The following factors shall be used in evaluation and prioritizing the Applications for Assistance under Section 176(1)(c) of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.

- i) Purpose for which the funding is required.
- ii) What funding opportunities have been considered, (ie. fund raising, grants from senior levels of government, etc.).
- iii) Benefits to the community as a whole.
- iv) Amount of grant requested.
- v) Whether or not the applicant has previously received assistance from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.
- vi) Whether or not there is an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions.

3. If a grant in aid is approved the following will apply:

- a) If the grant does not exceed \$2,500, a cheque will be issued to the requesting organization. A letter documenting the grant approval will be sent under the signature of the Regional Board.
- b) If the grant exceeds \$2,500, a cheque will be issued when the following conditions have been met:
 - i) Satisfactory evidence that the goods or services have been obtained, (ie. a report from the organization), and/or
 - ii) submission of invoice(s)/receipts ;

4. The Regional Board may at the time of grant approval:

- a) Impose additional requirements to be met by an organization prior to receipt of grant funds;
- b) Reduce or modify the requirements to be met for an organization prior to receipt of grant funds.

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5. Applications for Assistance under Section 176(1)(c) of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT will NOT be approved for:
- a) Purposes for which the Regional Board identifies as potentially exposing the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to risk of unacceptable liability;
 - b) Purposes disallowed by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT:
Section 182 – As a limitation on section 176(1)(c), a Board must not provide assistance to an industrial, commercial or business undertaking.
 - c) Purposes which, in the Regional Board's opinion, would be appropriately addressed by establishing a Regional District service to either operate an extended or local service or to contribute towards the costs of the service provided by someone else.
 - d) No grants shall be approved for individuals or for privately-owned businesses.

REMOVED (b) Groups/projects/services which fall under the funding jurisdiction of other levels of government, government agencies, affiliates and crown corporations;

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA REQUEST FOR GRANT IN AID
APPLICATION

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Applicant Name: Spinal Cord Injury BC

Mailing Address: 777 Kinsmen Place, Prince George, BC V2M 6Y7

E-mail Address: pharris@sci-bc.ca

Contact(s): Pat Harris, T: (250) 563-6942, Fax: (250) 563-6992
Name, Telephone/Fax Number

Chris McBride, T: (604) 326-1226, Fax: (604) 326-1229
Name, Telephone/Fax Number

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:
Nature's Call - Accessible Outdoor Spaces Project

Amount of Grant Requested \$ 17,500.00

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.



(signature of authorized signatory)

Pat Harris, BC SCI Resource Centre Manager

(title)

Amount Approved:

Date:

Signature of Electoral Area Director

APPLICANT PROFILE

1. Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

Since 1957, SCI BC has worked tirelessly to increase the independence, self-reliance, full community participation, and quality of life of people living with spinal cord injury and their families, as well as those with related disabilities. Over the past 6 decades, we have adapted our services to respond to the changing needs, technologies, and economic challenges and opportunities of its members and the service delivery environment. However, what has remained at the core of our operations is the essential elements of what the organization was founded on - members helping members, or what we now call peer support.

Peer Support: SCI BC's provincial Peer Support services continue the organization's legacy of members helping members by providing social connections, educational opportunities, and unique life experiences to individuals with a spinal cord injury, their family and friends. Whatever the cause and however it happens, a spinal cord injury is devastating - for both the individuals with the spinal cord injury and the family and friends who support them. Adjusting to life with a physical disability and the ongoing challenges it presents as one ages is difficult. It can lead to isolation, inactivity, depression and a sense of despair that comes from not seeing what opportunities actually exist. Through the wisdom of those who have experienced similar challenges and found ways to succeed, SCI BC's Peer Support services help people with spinal cord injury overcome these challenges, see their opportunities and thrive in their community.

SCI BC's Peer Support Staff are located in Prince George, Fort St. John, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Surrey, Victoria, Kelowna, Vernon, Upper Fraser Valley and Vancouver.

To see the impact of our Peer Support please visit: <http://sci-bc.ca/impact/impact-stories/>

Information Services: SCI BC's Information Services has established itself as the trusted resource for people with spinal cord injury and their support teams including family and friends, health professionals and community workers. The experienced and knowledgeable Information Services staff connects people with spinal cord injury with resources to help them find solutions. Whether it's through our toll-free InfoLine phone service, online information resources, or visiting our BC SCI Resource in Prince George, our Information Services can help individuals or organizations get the information they need, including topics such as accommodations, equipment, funding, universal design, employment, and recreation and leisure.

To see the impact of our Peer Program please visit our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/spinalcordinjurybc>

2. Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

The geographic area that this portion of the Nature's Call project will cover within the Bulkley Nechako Regional District borders will be in the seven participating electoral districts (A, B, C, D, E, F, and G). The project will be covering all of the north central regions, and we hope in the future to encompass all of the Province.

As a whole, Spinal Cord Injury BC provides services and support across the Province to those with spinal cord injuries and related injuries and their families. This project will help to build more inclusive northern communities by developing a new program delivery model that has the potential to serve other regions.

3. Is your organization voluntary and non-profit? YES NO

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.

Our project lead for Nature's Call is Glenys SnowDymond from Smithers. Spinal Cord Injury BC received funding last year through the Neil Squire Society for the initial stages and planning. Now we are at the stage where the field work is to be done, compilation and then publishing the findings online.

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.

Established as an independent entity in 1957, SCI BC is a charitable, non-profit community service organization that helps people with spinal cord injury or related physical disabilities and their families adjust, adapt and thrive as they deal with a new injury or struggle with the ongoing challenges of living and aging with a disability in communities throughout BC. We do this by providing answers, information and unique social and community experiences within BC.

Today, over 1,900 members in all regions of the province participate directly in our services and over 70,000 people utilized our online services last year. Our provincial Peer support staff have direct connection with most of these members throughout the year. Of the 30 people working for SCI BC (amounting to a full time equivalent of 20), 17 members of our staff are people with a physical or sensory disability (including 6 in Northern BC), giving the organization a unique set of knowledge and skills that ensure the relevance and priorities of the work we do.

Across the province, Spinal Cord Injury BC has had 250 volunteers give more than 2,500 hours of their time to our organization in the past year.

PROJECT/PROPOSAL PROFILE

1. Assistance is being requested for:

- capital project and/or equipment
- special event
- other purpose

2. Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details of your request here. Attach additional information if required.

Northern communities embraced the spirit of the Measuring Up the North initiative by improving the accessibility of public recreation and business spaces. However, there has not been a central information resource that residents, business and visitors can use to learn about these accessible amenities. As a result, improvements to accessibility in Northern communities is not widely known, appreciated or celebrated.

Our 'Nature's Call' project will catalogue and showcase the accessible outdoor recreation opportunities available in Northern BC through the development of a publicly accessible database of accessible Recreation Sites within the region. Beginning with the Bulkley Nechako region (followed by other regions of Northern BC), SCI BC will inventory the accessibility of outdoor parks, trail systems and built environments within these facilities. The resulting database will capture accessible features in recreational properties including Regional Parks, Forestry Recreation Sites and BC Parks. The project intends to showcase to local residents, people considering moving to the region and tourists planning visits to the region, the beautiful parks and recreation sites in BC with an emphasis on Universal Design and accessibility.

This project includes identifying, compiling and developing an inventory of accessible amenities and features in the natural areas of BC, starting with parks and recreation sites, in order to present them on our website. We aim to establish a comprehensive listing of these sites and resources to inform and enhance the experience of consumers and their families for travel or for relocation purposes. The project's intention is to highlight and showcase the achievements of the communities that have initiated Universal and Barrier-Free access in their planning properties rather than focus on properties that offer little in the way of access.

Project Outcomes

Short term:

- Create a comprehensive database of accessible Recreation Sites in Northern BC
- Accessibility and Universal Design information for Regional and Provincial Parks in Northern BC
- Build a dedicated, centralized (Nature's Call) section on our SCI Information Database
- Enhance the Travel/Tourism and Recreation/ Leisure sections on the SCI BC website
- Create a project model that can be used throughout BC to gather data and to market the accessibility of our common outdoor spaces to both local and international visitors

Longer term:

- Enhanced usage of accessible recreation spaces by citizens living in or near the Bulkley Nechako Regional District
- Enhanced health and community participation of people with disabilities, seniors and others who benefit from accessible recreation amenities
- Enhanced tourism in the Bulkley Nechako Regional District

Project Activities

- Visit of all the Regional Parks and recreational areas in all seven electoral districts and catalogue the accessible amenities they have available at each site.
- Provide a copy of the catalogued sites and, if requested, any potential recommendations to the Regional District and community stakeholders as approved by the Regional District.
- Integrate the catalogue of accessibility features into the free, online Information Database and Accessible Travel sections of SCI BC's Website
- Promote the project outcomes and accessibility highlights to key community partners and via SCI BC's popular and heavily used social media network and other communications platforms

Our staff will work in partnership with BC Parks, the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako and their communities to ensure that the information presented is comprehensive, current and maintained.

Project Leads

The project will be managed by Pat Harris, SCI BC's Prince George-based BC SCI Resource Centre Manager. Our key project lead is Glenys SnowDymond, Accessibility Specialist with SCI BC. Glenys is a long-time advocate for disability awareness, and passionate about the outdoors and our parks system in BC. A polio survivor and Universal Access/Barrier Free Design consultant, Glenys has already conducted a variety of BC Park and Forest Recreation Sites and Trails audits in the Northern Region. Glenys will oversee the team to research and inventory the accessible amenities available in all the parks in Northern BC and will facilitate the documentation and reporting process.

3. Describe how this proposal will benefit the community.

Who benefits from accessible recreation sites within the Bulkley Nechako region? Everyone, but especially those with disabilities and mobility challenges, including our aging seniors population and families who use strollers when enjoying the region's outdoor spaces. Through our 58 years of community service, we know that participating in outdoor recreation opportunities is a high priority for British Columbians with disabilities.

Through our toll-free InfoLine service and our online Information Database, we receive regular requests from people asking for information on many topics such as health/wellness, housing, transportation, funding and more. In the past year, BC residents accessed our information services over 23,000 times. Northern BC residents accessed our information services 2677 times with questions related to living with spinal cord injury. Additionally it is important to note the Northern Health Authority indicates a population of 300,000 in Northern BC. Employment and Social Development Canada report 14% of the population with a disability or mobility challenge. It would be conservative to estimate over 30,000 people living in Northern BC have a disability or mobility challenge. One of the most frequent requests we receive is for information about the location of accessible outdoor opportunities. These requests come not only from residents of BC, but from international travelers and tourists who want to visit our province and fully experience the outdoor spaces we are so well-known for. Additionally, as our population ages, we see a growing number of active seniors who want to spend their retirement travelling the province. The ability to provide information on recreational opportunities for those with mobility challenges will become a key asset for this population.

BC Parks has a number of properties that have accessible amenities, and many improvements have been made over many years. Sadly, there is no centralized repository of all the existing accessible front country, backcountry, or municipal properties for people to consult.

Since 2010, and the legacy of the *Measuring Up* initiative, it has been inspiring to see the improvements in accessibility and universal design in many of our towns and cities in BC. A tremendous amount of work has been done in the area of parks and trail systems. A great example is the extensive work done in the Cariboo Regional District applying access and Universal Design on their trail systems.

Project Reach

Regional District of Bulkey Nechako stakeholders will benefit from the development of a living legacy of accessible and inclusive parklands. Communities and business within the Regional District who cater to the tourism industry will derive a direct economic benefit of attracting more people to the area. Stakeholders would include business, people with disabilities and their families, residents and tourists alike. Tour operators for example who wish to take advantage of a growing accessible tourism industry.

In the Measuring Up the North 2011 Executive Summary it states:

"As well, we are recognizing a growing aging and disability population around the world that is interested in travel. Accessible travel is becoming big business around the world. The economic imperative to businesses and to communities to ensure accessibility and inclusion is no longer just a nice thing to do for a niche market: it is an economic imperative. Many northern BC communities began recognizing both the need to address the aging and disability population, health, livability, as well as the need to address economic development opportunities."

Measuring Up the North further reports that 15% of British Columbians have a disability, 1 in 7 British Columbians is over the age of 65; expected to double by 2031, people with disabilities in Canada represent \$25 billion in spending power. Of the approximately 4.2 million seniors in Canada, 40% of people 65 and over identify themselves as having a disability; and more than 53% of people 75 and over identify themselves as having a disability.

As you can see the reach of this project goes well beyond Northern BC.

We would like to work with you to ensure that we are presenting this information in a positive way where we can showcase the work that has been done.

In moving this project forward we would:

- Work to ensure branding and presentation is consistent with the needs of the BNRD and their stakeholders.
- Explore shared opportunities to promote the information gathered through the project.
- Ask that you recognize our intention and goal --to partner with SCI BC --so that we may succeed in sharing your accomplishments within the community of consumers with disabilities, their family and friends, who seek natural experiences in your parks and recreation sites, and help the Provincial Government reach its commitment as outlined in the "Accessibility 2024" Initiative.

We strongly believe that a partnership with the Regional District of Bulkey Nechako on this project will yield tremendously valuable results for all stakeholders and encourage other Northern Communities and Regional Districts from around the Province to adopt and join the project.

Funding and Financial Information

1. Attach supporting financial information, ie., budget/financial report. Ensure the following information is clearly itemized:
 - Total cost of project/proposal;
 - Grants/funding from other sources;
 - Funding contributed by applicant through funding raising activities or other sources of revenue;
 - Total expenses for the fiscal year, including any monies and/or benefits paid to members or officers.

2. Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?

YES NO

If yes, complete the following chart. **If not**, please comment.

We have not yet applied for funding from other sources for the Bulkley Nechako portion of the Nature's Call project, however we do have several sources that we are planning to apply to including the BC Real Estate Foundation and potential corporate funders.

Name of Grant or Funding Agency	\$ Amount Applied for	Status of Grant Application		
		Approved (Y)	Denied (Y)	Pending (Y)

3. Have you received assistance (grant in aid/waiving of fees , etc.), from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in previous years?

YES NO

If yes, complete the following chart.

Year:	\$ Amount	Purpose for which assistance was used

4. Does your organization:

- a) Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families? YES NO
- b) Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either a senior government or a local service agency? YES NO
- c) Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions? YES NO

OR, is your organization:

- d) Part of a provincial or national fund raising campaign? YES NO

Don't forget to attach the required financial report.

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FILE: 98500-01/Facilities General

January 23, 2015

Shelley Milstein
Manager of Philanthropy
Spinal Cord Injury BC
780 - SW Marine Drive
Vancouver BC V6P 5Y7

Dear Shelley,

Re: Spinal Cord Injury-BC Natures Call Initiative

Enabling people with disabilities to experience the splendor of BC's natural environment is a priority for BC Parks. Marketing is an important component of empowering people to have great experiences outdoors and BC Parks relies on organizations with shared interests, like SCI-BC, to help disseminate information. To this end, BC Parks fully supports your Natures Call initiative.

If you, or any funding agencies, have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes with your initiative and please keep me apprised of your progress.

Sincerely,



Craig Paulson
Recreation Section Head
BC Parks - Skeena

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26 February 2015

United Way of Northern British Columbia
1600 3rd Avenue
Prince George
BC, V2L 3G6

To Whom It May Concern

Re: SCIBC Application for funding

United Way of Northern BC (UWNBC) is pleased to write a letter of support for **Spinal Cord Injury BC** as they apply for funding.

UWNBC has had a long term relationship with SCIBC. We are supportive of the work they do around their peer and information services programs. SCIBC has been supportive in UWNBC "Seeing is believing" tours. I can confirm that their reporting is always submitted in a timely manner. Their staff is friendly and helpful. They work very hard at delivering suitable programming to their client base and we would recommend that they receive further funding for programming.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Broke".

Michele Brooke
Community Development Officer

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202-4630 Lazelle Avenue
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**Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
Rural Directors Committee Memorandum
April 16, 2015**

To: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors
From: Kristi Rensby, Finance/Administration Coordinator
Date: April 2, 2015
Regarding: Electoral Area Allocations of Federal Gas Tax Funds – First Quarter 2015

The Electoral Area Allocations of the Federal Gas Tax Funds have been updated for the first quarter of 2015 as per the enclosed spreadsheet.

Please note that there was a small adjustment to the 2015 Opening Balance to allow for a correction in the interest calculated for December 2014. This is due to the late arrival of the investment statements.

If you have any questions, I would be pleased to discuss them further with you.

RECOMMENDATION:	(All/Directors/Majority)
That the Rural Directors Committee receive the Finance/Administration Coordinator's January 5 th memorandum titled "Electoral Area Allocations of Federal Gas Tax Funds – First Quarter 2015".	

Updated as of: March 31, 2015

Federal Gas Tax Community Works Fund
Year: 2015

Electoral Area	Population	Opening Balance 2015	Interest Earnings	Funds Spent	Funds Committed	Funding Received	YTD Funds Available
A	5,391	1,441,164.45	6,096.20	75,580.81	436,706.87	-	934,972.97
B	2,102	332,748.41	1,407.54	-	55,131.50	-	279,024.45
C	1,429	383,391.10	1,621.76	-	26,080.00	-	358,932.86
D	1,734	544,813.90	2,304.59	7,085.16	250,000.00	-	290,033.33
E	1,507	239,594.03	1,013.50	-	114,435.50	-	126,172.03
F	3,702	856,554.53	3,623.27	104,493.17	162,494.00	-	593,190.63
G	975	89,188.10	377.27	-	23,234.00	-	66,331.37
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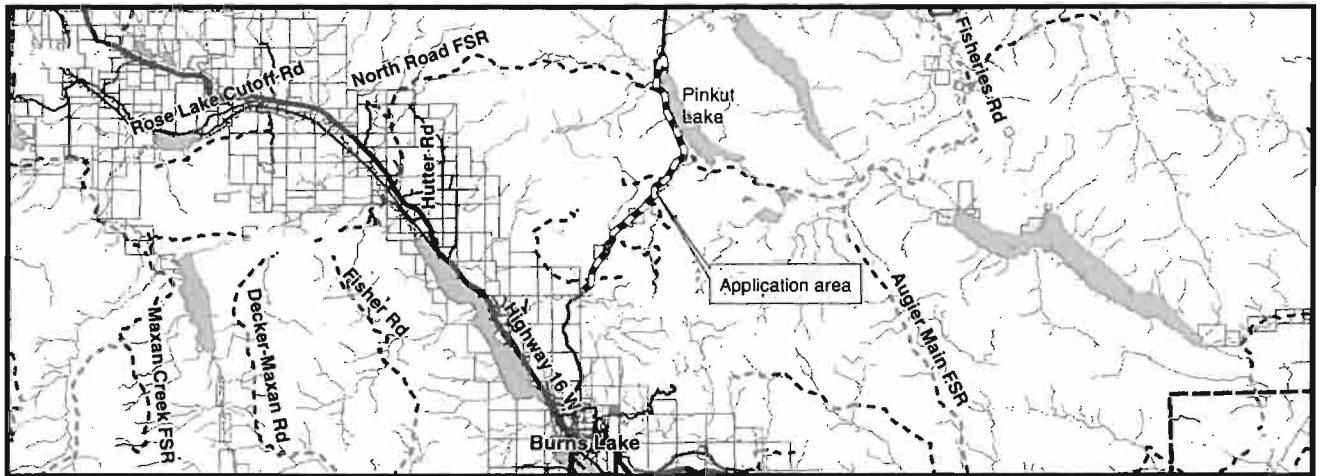


MEMORANDUM

To: Rural Directors
 From: Maria Sandberg, Planner
 Date: March 30, 2014
 Re: **Land Referral File No. 6408787 (Telus Communications Inc.)**

This application is regarding a utility right-of-way application for a telecommunication line, submitted by Telus Communications. The right-of-way is 15.3 kilometres long and located along Babine Lake Rd and Augier Main Forest Service Rd. The purpose of the proposal is to provide telecommunication service to Pinkut Lake I.R. located on the shore of Pinkut Lake. The application area goes through Ethel F. Wilson Memorial Park for 750 metres along the existing road. The majority of the cables will be buried.

Location Map

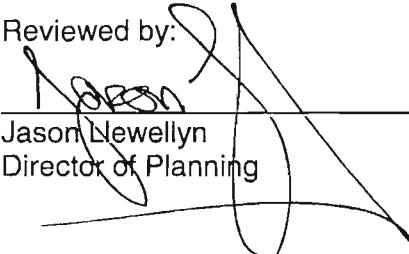


Recommendation

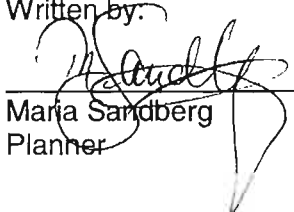
That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 6408787.

Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:


 Jason Lewellyn
 Director of Planning

Written by:


 Maria Sandberg
 Planner



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT
SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 6408787**

Electoral Area:	B
Applicant:	Telus Communication Inc.
Existing Land Use:	Vacant
Zoning:	None
Plan Designation	Parts of the application area are designated Resource (RE) and Parks and Recreation (P) in the Burns Lake Rural and Francois Lake (North Shore) OCP
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	N/A
If not, why?	
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Not in the ALR
Access Highway:	Along existing roads
Archaeological Site:	Not according to our mapping
Building Inspection:	In the building inspection area
Fire Protection:	Outside of Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	None

Telus Communications Inc. File 34221-2**Application for Crown Tenure –
Babine Lake to Pinkut Lake I. R. No. 23****Management Plan Details –based on information provided by Telus Engineering****Section A – Project Overview**

The purpose of this Application is to provide a Tenure for proposed telecommunications lines.

Section B – Project Description

The project area commences at 9630 Babine Lake Road (north of Burns Lake), proceeding a distance of 8.8 kilometres to Augier Main Forest Service Road. The route then continues 4.9 kilometres along the west side of Augier Main Forest Service Road (including a distance of 750 metres through Ethel M. Wilson Memorial Park), then a distance of 850 metres along the south/west side of Boot Forest Service Road to the boundary of Pinkut Lake I. R. No. 23. The approximate length of the 10 metre wide Application Area is 15.3 kilometres, and the approximate area is 16.805 hectares. The Application Area will contain 2 X 32 mm buried ducts containing the telecommunications cables. Where rocky conditions prevail or there are watercourses, overhead poles and anchors will support the cables. Poles required at stream crossings will be placed at least 30 metres from the bank of the stream.

Section C – Additional Information**I.Environmental**

Land Impacts- As described above, excavation will be required in order to accommodate buried ducting.

Logging – Logging and clearing will be required along this proposed route, in order to accommodate the proposed construction and for future maintenance.

Atmospheric Impacts – The project is unlikely to create atmospheric impacts.

Aquatic Impacts- The project is unlikely to create aquatic impacts.

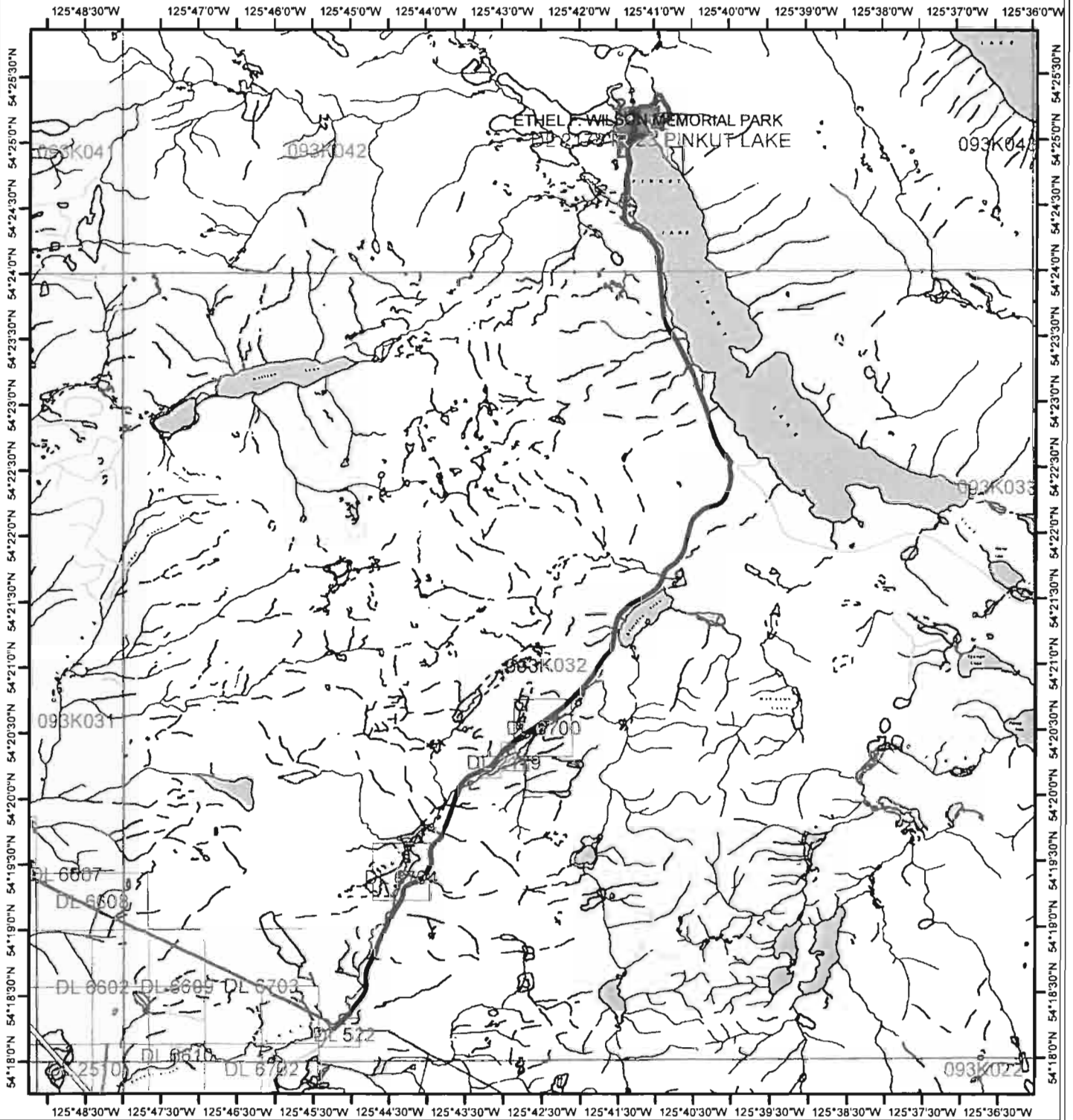
Fish and Wildlife Habitat- While due diligence will be observed working near fish or wildlife habitats, impacts are unknown.

II. Socio-Community

Land Use- No change in land use will result.

Socio-Community Conditions-Telus Engineering advises there will be no impact on community water systems or infrastructure, and no effect on Public Health services.

First Nations – there have been no discussions with First Nations with respect to this project. Telus will undertake consultation as required.



Scale: 1:80,000
 Purpose: UTILITY
 Subpurpose: TELECOMMUNICATION LINE
 Type: RIGHT-OF-WAY
 Subtype: INTERIM LICENCE

	Application Area
	Indian Reserves
	Parks and Protected Areas

Referral Map

Date: 28 Jan 2015
 Tantalus Area: 16.85 ha

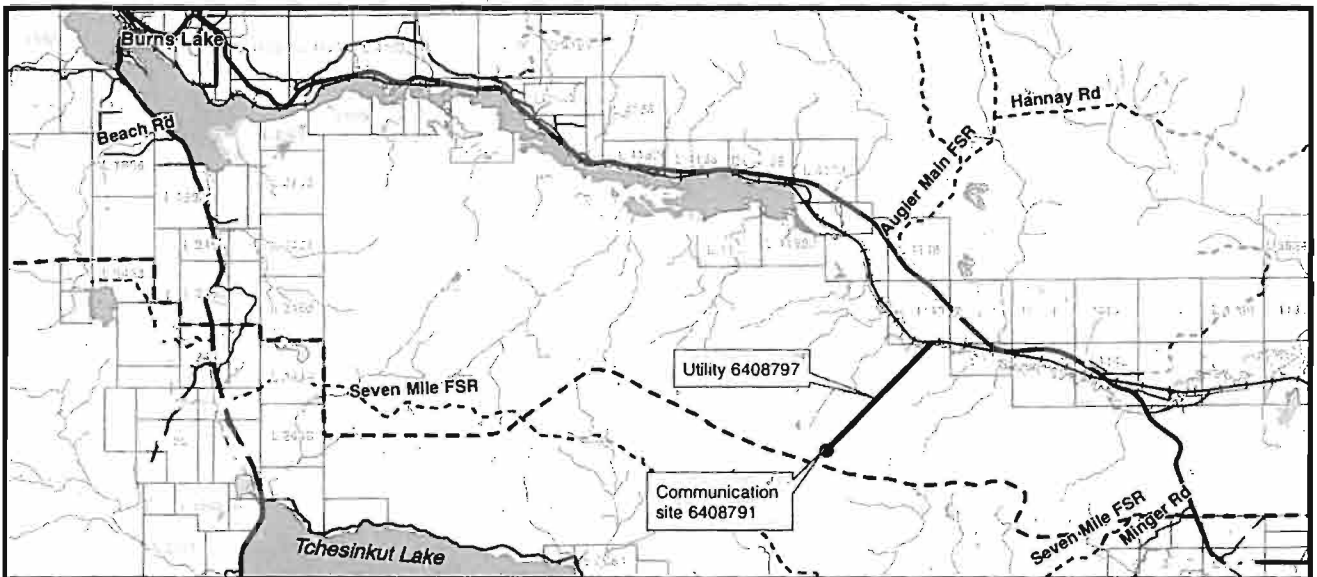


MEMORANDUM

To: Rural Directors
 From: Maria Sandberg, Planner
 Date: March 25, 2015
 Re: Land Referral File No. 6408791 and 6408797 (BC Hydro)

This referral is for two Licence of Occupation applications made to the Province by BC Hydro, for a communication site (6408791) and for utility purposes (6408797).

The infrastructure is already in place. BC Hydro has a Map Notation issued in 1976 for a microwave site, power line and access road, and wish to convert the Map Notation to tenure under the new BC Hydro Crown Master Agreement.



The communication site is 0.37 ha in size and located at the top of Sheraton Mountain. It consists of a tower, building and associated equipment. BC Hydro currently has no plans for further construction. The facility is part of a microwave network and links to the electric system and mobile radio communication system which is used exclusively for BC Hydro system and crew communication.

The utility application area is 7.67 ha in size and is used for an access road and power line.

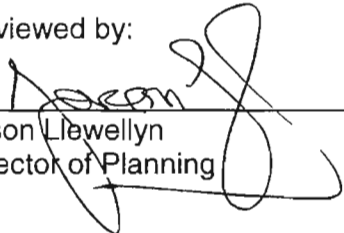
The application areas are not zoned.

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 6408791 and 6408797.

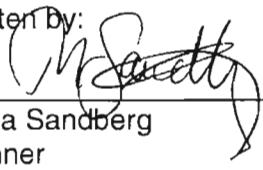
Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:



Jason Llewellyn
Director of Planning

Written by:

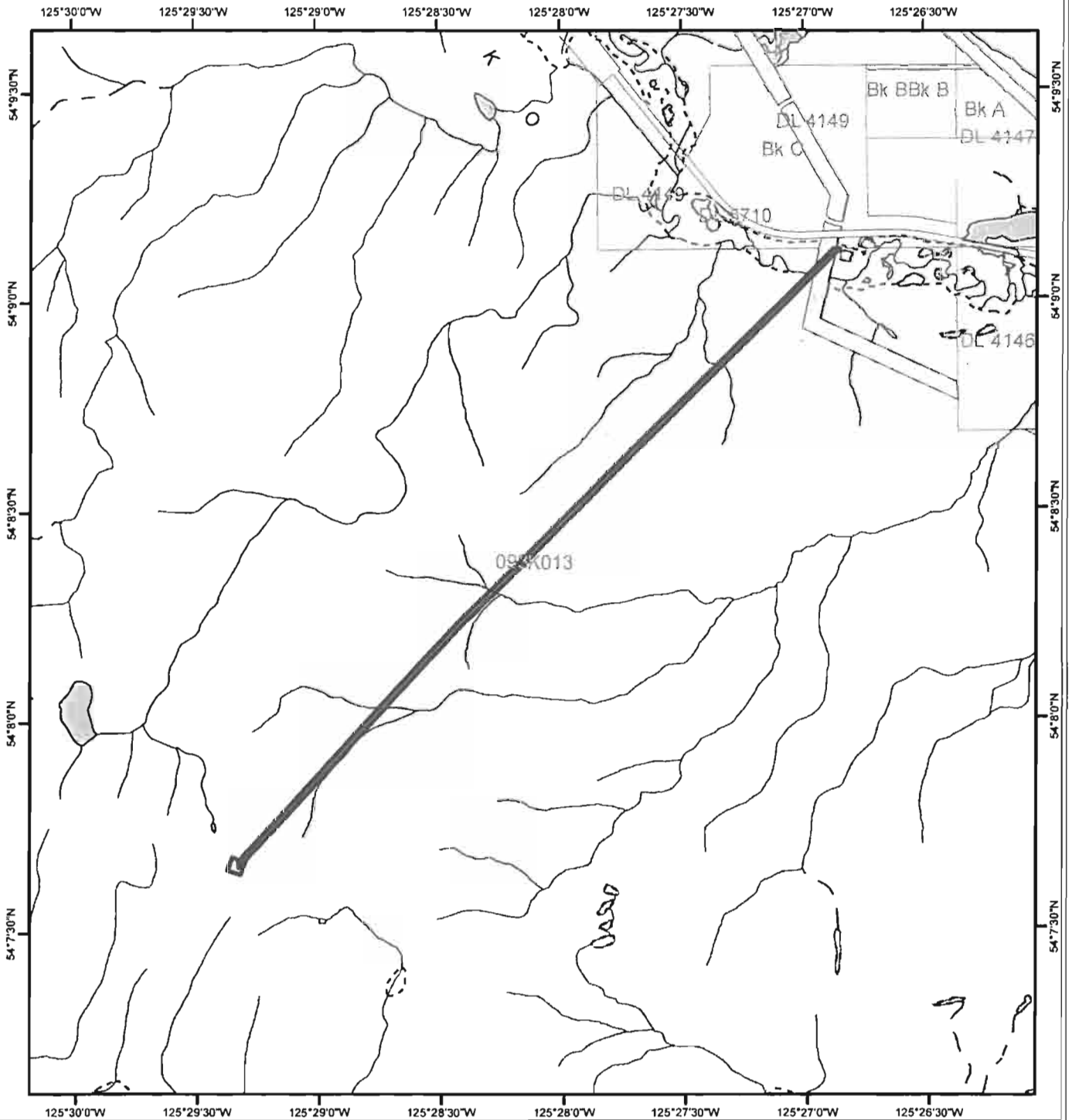


Maria Sandberg
Planner




**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT
SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 6408791 and 6408797**

Electoral Area:	B
Applicant:	BC Hydro
Existing Land Use:	Utilities and communication site
Zoning:	None
Plan Designation	None
Proposed Use Comply With Zoning:	
If not, why?	
Agricultural Land Reserve:	Not in the ALR
Access Highway:	
Archaeological Site:	Not according to our mapping
Building Inspection:	Within the building inspection area
Fire Protection:	Outside Rural Fire Protection Area
Other comments:	None



Scale: 1:25,000
 Purpose: COMMUNICATION
 Subpurpose: COMBINED USES
 Type: LICENCE
 Subtype: LICENCE OF OCCUPATION

	Application Areas
	Indian Reserves
	Parks and Protected Areas

Referral Map
 BRITISH COLUMBIA
 www.gov.bc.ca
 Date: 13 Feb 2015
 Tantalus Area: 0.37 ha

MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SHERATON MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS SITE

1. Background

BC Hydro has an existing Communications Site at Sheraton Mountain, Burns Lake Forest. Our Communication Site is part of our Microwave network and links to the electric system and mobile radio communication system which is used exclusively for BC Hydro system and crew communication. Currently, our tenure is by Map Notation (No. 0327864) granted by the BC Forest Service in 1976 for a Microwave Site, Access Road and Powerline R/W. We wish to convert our Map Notation to a Site Specific Tenure under the new BC Hydro Crown Master Agreement dated 1 August 2014.

2. Location

Our communication site is located on top of Sheraton Mountain, Burns Lake Forest, near Sheraton. Our site is accessed by vehicle and our current Map Notation includes road access to Sheraton Mountain.

3. Infrastructure

Our Communication Site consists of a tower, building and associated equipment. Our source of power is a distribution line to the site. There are currently no plans for new construction.

4. First Nations

No First Nations groups have been contacted.

5. Environmental

All environmentally hazardous materials are labelled, transported, stored and disposed of according to manufacturer's specification and applicable legislation. Spill kits will also be available on site suitable for the quantities and types of substances in use and stored at the site. All spills, regardless of volume, will be reported to the BC Hydro contract representative.

There are currently no plans for tree clearing and there is no disturbance to wildlife habitat or marine environment. There are no known archaeological sites in the area.

6. Socio-Community

No known impact on the community and we have a safety program in place in case of fire or an emergency.



MEMORANDUM

To: Rural Directors
From: Maria Sandberg
Date: March 27, 2015
Re: Land Referral File No. 7409772 (Klassen)

This application is for a temporary permit to construct a roadway for the applicant to access his agricultural land, from Ens Rd. The total application area is 1.8 ha in size, and is located approximately 3 kilometres east of the District of Vanderhoof.

Temporary road permits are the standard form of *Land Act* authorization for construction and maintenance of road works on Crown land. Their purpose is to authorize the works required, and are typically issued for a term of 2 years. Once the works have been completed, the permit is closed and a 'non-status road' remains for public use.

The applicant applied to the Province for a direct sale of Crown Land for extensive agriculture purposes in February 2014. This application is for access to those lands.

Location Map



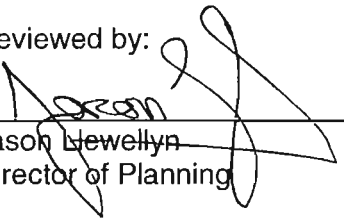
The application area is zoned Rural Resource (RR1).

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 7409772.

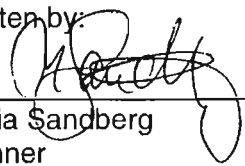
Rural Directors – All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:



Jason Lewellyn
Director of Planning

Written by:



Maria Sandberg
Planner

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT
SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 7409772**

Electoral Area: F

Applicant: Edward Klassen

Existing Land Use: Vacant

Zoning: Rural Resource (RR1)

Plan Designation Resource (RE) in Vanderhoof Rural Official Community Plan

**Proposed Use Comply
With Zoning:**

If not, why?

Agricultural Land Reserve: Not in the ALR

Access Highway: Ens Rd

Archaeological Site: Not according to our mapping

Building Inspection: In the building inspection area

Fire Protection: Outside of Rural Fire Protection area

Other comments: None

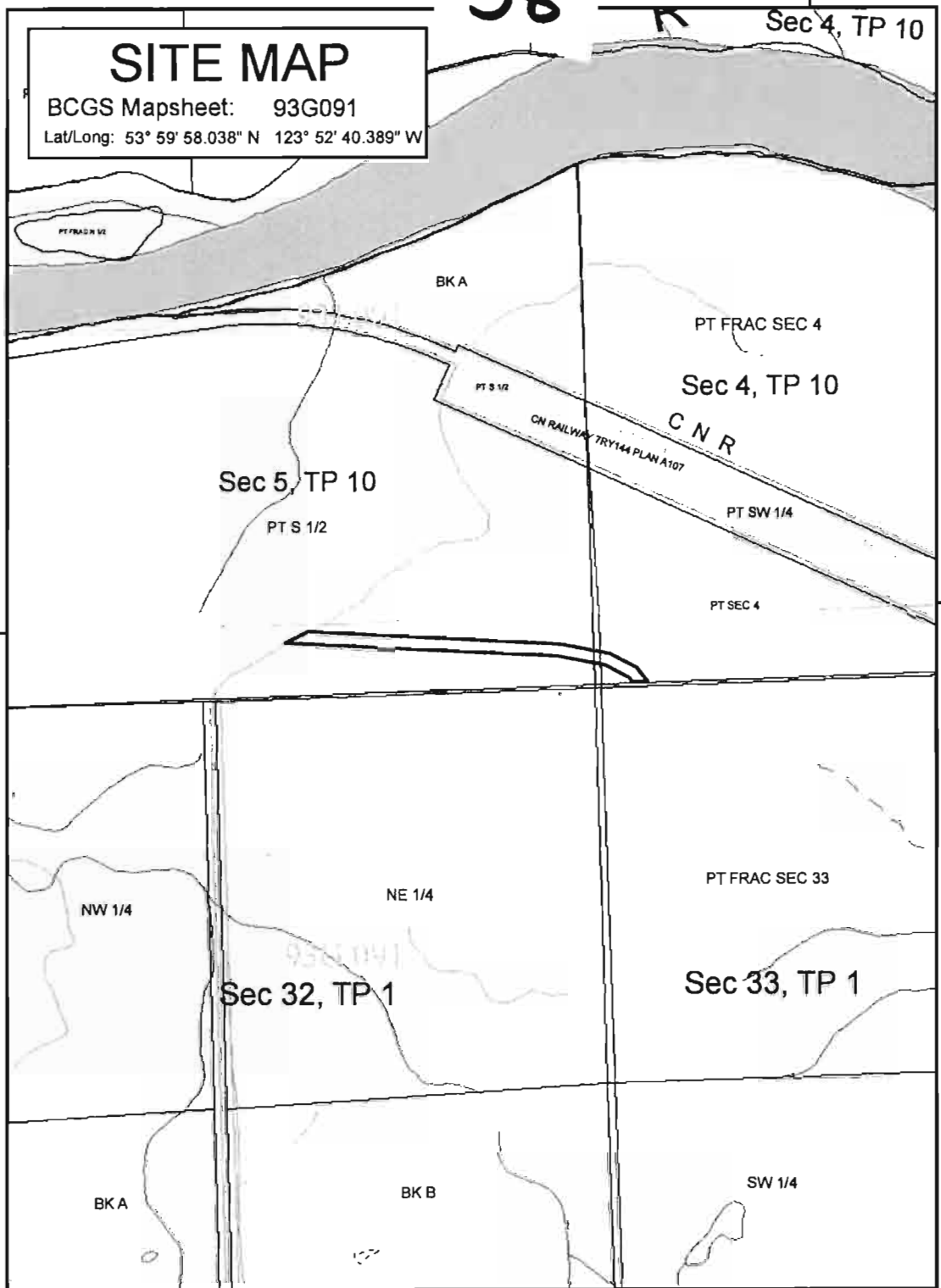
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123°52'0"W

Sec 4, TP 10

SITE MAP

BCGS Mapsheet: 93G091
Lat/Long: 53° 59' 58.038" N 123° 52' 40.389" W



File Number: 7409772

Site # 1 of 1 - APPLICATION Area = 1.8 Ha.

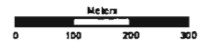
TYPE: PERMIT
 SUBTYPE: TEMPORARY PERMIT
 LOCATION: Vanderhoof-Ens Road

PURPOSE: TRANSPORTATION
 SUBPURPOSE: ROADWAY
 ORTHOPHOTO YEAR: N/A

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Legend

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| Crown Land Application | Protected Area |
| Primary Survey Parcel | Provincial Park |
| Subdivision | Protected Area |
| Municipality | ONC Ecological Reserve |
| Surveyed Rights of Way | Recreation Area |
| Surveyed Road R/W | Base Mapping Features (20K) |
| Gas/Oil R/W District Lot | River or Stream |
| Power Transmission R/W | River or Stream - Dry |
| Gas/Oil R/W | Lake |
| Telecom R/W District Lot | Reservoir - Definite |
| Miscellaneous R/W | Glacier/icefield |
| Transportation Corridors | Contour - 20m Interval |
| Highway | Transportation - Lines (20K) |
| Railway | Airfield |
| Surveyed Road R/W | Road |
| | Forest Service Road |
| | Road Permit |
| | Trail |
| | Rail Line |

All measurements are approximate.

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RECEIVED
MAR 20 2015
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
BULKLEY NECHAK

Skeena Regional Cattlemen's Association
PO Box 98
Houston, B.C.
V0J 1Z0

March 19, 2015

Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources
Attn: Bill Jex, Wildlife Biologist
3726 Alfred Ave, PO Box 5000
Smithers, BC
V0J 2N0

Dear Sir,

After 20 years the elk herd in our region has expanded to a point where they are now becoming a serious problem to local ranchers and forage producers particularly in the Hungry Hill area west of Houston to Woodmere Road area east of Telkwa. There have also been sightings East of Houston and North of Smithers. The elk population today is a result of a successful transplant done by the wildlife department years ago.

To date, the agricultural producers have increasingly had to deal with these elk by ourselves and absorb the economic losses that result from elk damages. Elk and livestock graze in the same areas and elk are now competing for feed. The agricultural community pays for the use of crown grazing lands for livestock. But, the livestock owner gets nothing when the crown's livestock graze their pastures and consume winter feed stocks on our private land.

Elk have now moved into our barns, stack yards and haylage looking for feed and getting habituated when they find a free meal. They not only just eat some hay they also tear bales apart and defecate on what they spread around and nothing will eat this feed. (Can you blame them? -NO) Current cost to replace this feed is approx. \$200.00 per ton. We feel it is very unfair to expect the ranching and forage producers to essentially donate feed at our expense towards the crown's elk, which then contributes to the elks overall population growth!

There are ranchers in the area here who have had their cattle run off of feed by elk. Equine owners are also having similar problems. Elk are chasing horses off feed running them through fences and physically attacking them. This is resulting in large vet bills to repair injury to animals, (in one case \$1600.00) plus the time and cost to repair fences. Once again it is unfair that the farm community should pay for the elk damages.

Producers that are working their fields typically have young seeding ripped out of the ground by elk in early summer leaving them with poor overall field growth. Alfalfa fields are grazed by elk before crops can be taken off and therefore crop yields are significantly reduced. We only get one crop per year in this region, so any loss of

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production means we have to buy winter feed. When the snow arrives the elk have now gotten into the habit of finding stackyards.

If one producer can afford to put up infrastructure to protect feed supplies out of their own pocket, the elk just move on to the next producer who may not be able to afford infrastructure and therefore ends up suffering for it. Not only financially but stressfully.

A committee has been formed by the local cattlemen's associations and has started to work on a Skeena region coexistence strategy. We have put efforts into finding both a long term solution and an immediate one. We have had a meeting with MLA Doug Donaldson to inform him of our concerns and introduce the concept of a management plan. We have also sent out forms to do a survey to determine how many producers are being effected by the elk. In a very short time we have received a few replies and have found that not only elk are a problem but also deer in stackyards and feeding areas.

Immediate action is required for the protection of feed supplies. Provincial funding for stack yard fencing materials is a priority for our region by fall of 2015. Provincial funding needs to be continuous as the elk will just keep moving from one farm to the next looking for feed. So, although a farm may not have issues one year the next may be different. Fencing supplies were made available to FLNRO in Williams Lake for stackyard fencing. What would it take to get that support hear also?

There must be a management plan developed for the regions elk population, with action items such as:

1. Winter range areas and feed supply source must be found.
2. Population levels need to be established and control levels implemented.
3. Spring forage areas set aside and established.
4. Provincial funding of materials for 3-D fencing for winter feeding areas and fencing for stackyards.
5. Bio-security measures must be considered with new traceability requirements.
6. Funding for replacement cost of feed for crown livestock.

Here are a couple of examples for cost for winter of 2014/15:

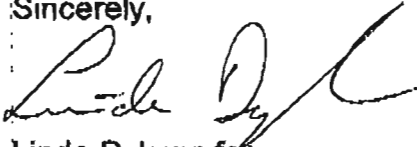
A smaller cattle producer has invested \$3000.00 for 3-D stackyard fence.

A larger producer has invested \$25,000.00 in gates, lumber 3-D fencing and labor.

The agricultural community CAN NOT be expected to continue to supply feed to the crown elk population any longer. We look forward to working with you and your Senior level agency management to provide long-term solutions for elk management in the Bulkley Valley. Please contact us at 250-845-3013, lindadykens@xplornet.com at your earliest convenience to initiate our action items stated above.

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Sincerely,



Linda Dykens for
Skeena Region Elk Committee
Rene Dieleman
Linda Dykens
Matt Taylor

CC: Minister FLNRO Honorable Steve Thomson
Nadina FLNRO
Skeena FLNRO
Ministry of Agriculture
Honorable Minister Norm Letnick
Assistant Deputy Minister Grant Parnell
Manager, Agriculture Wildlife Program Francis Njenga
Manager Policy and Product Review Lonny Steward
John Stevenson, Agologist - Smithers
Ministry of Environment Honorable Mary Polak
Stikine MLA Doug Donaldson
Nechako Lakes MLA John Rustad
Regional District Bulkley Nechako
BC Cattlemen's Assn. Kevin Boon