

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
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Thursday, December 15, 2016

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NCLGA Board Meeting Highlights

Northern Development:

The board met with Joel McKay, the new CEO of Northern Development. The discussion centered on coordinating specific regional needs with regular updated data and appropriate “state of industry” (forestry, agriculture, natural gas, etc) reporting to relevant Ec Dev officials in all northern communities. The purpose of the discussion was to ensure that economic data and forecasting was not only relevant, but “usable” as communities create and attempt to deliver on their economic strategies and goals.

Mr. McKay gave an overview of projects such as small town love, different large scale funding models, and a “Northern Development 101” detailing the history of the Trust and outlining how board appointments are made.

The NCLGA is the only area association in BC to sign an MOU with a regional economic development agency. The relationship between the two organizations is growing considerably, and is a key component of our main focus as an association: To promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of our member communities.

Auditor General for Local Government:

Gordon Ruth made a brief presentation to the board followed by a very candid and thorough discussion around the challenges and opportunities surrounding his role in central and northern BC, specifically. Board members were very direct in describing the apprehensions and difficulties some officials in the region have with his mandate, and arrived at several areas where the NCLGA and the AGLG can work together to add value to all involved. In particular, the board stressed the need for relevant information to be disseminated directly (and in a more accessible way) to all politicians governing our local governments.

We stressed to Mr. Ruth that our region is unique. Specifically, we are the only area association where every elected official (with the exception of one Mayor) is considered part-time. So quite literally- at the community level- our entire region is governed by part-time volunteers who usually have regular, full-time jobs. To fully understand and benefits his office provides, a communications strategy is needed that aligns with this reality.

The NCLGA and the AGLG look forward to further discussions and working to enhance the benefits realized by our members when they interact with the AGLG.

Britco:

Again, in keeping with the NCLGA’s efforts to promote the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of our member communities, the board met with the regional representative for an industry leader in low cost, durable and speedy building construction. Specifically, the board discussed the acute needs around infrastructure upgrading, low income housing and passive house development across the region.

The focus of the discussion not only dealt with solutions for declining local government revenues and decaying infrastructure, but First Nation capacity building and the construction of sustainable, low-energy, environmentally accountable buildings.

The board stressed the need to place a priority on local contractors and businesses wherever possible and discussed ways to mitigate any disruption to local economies. Britco will be incorporating this input into their future strategies where their efforts in northern BC are concerned.

Britco committed to providing Q&A availability to all delegates at our convention in May, where they will be making a presentation on Passive House construction.

Advocacy:

As always, advocacy dominated the agenda, starting with an update on our efforts to establish a better, more responsive community relations plan with CN. Our VP reported out on her last meeting with CN reps where the steps were put in place to do just that.

On the forestry/ environmental front, a strategy around open air burning/ slash piles was discussed. The NCLGA will move ahead immediately with direct communication with Minister Thompsen's office.

As requested in a September 8th meeting with reps from the Northwest, our efforts to try and reestablish communication between Minister Fassbender and the Northwest BC Economic Benefits Alliance proved fruitful as Chair Stacey Tyers received a commitment from his office to visit the region for further discussions.

Solid waste management remains a key issue in the region with many facets and perspectives. Strategies around collecting as much info as possible to move forward with advocacy was discussed at length. One strategy, which we committed to, is to move ahead with an Electoral Area Roundtable on May 2nd in Terrace. Broad topic areas will be: economic development, social responsibility and environmental stewardship. Solid waste management is expected to be a paramount issue, although EAD's will be free to steer the discussions as they wish. More details on this roundtable will follow in the coming weeks.

Our Reconciliation efforts were discussed throughout, which includes items like a keynote luncheon address from a Nisga'a representative (hopefully Eva Clayton, their newly elected President) at our convention, continued efforts to get more First Nation government reps to attend the annual event, and a portal/ page on our website dedicated to reconciliation and engagement.

Healthcare advocacy was strategized, although no concrete solutions moving forward. Salient points on the healthcare front, and issues we'll be delving into further, are the conditions related to childbirth and an absence of an MRI machine in the Northern Rockies and the continuing saga of the deplorable hospital conditions in Terrace.

Because of several bi-elections and staffing changeovers, we are going to work with the LGLA to see if a northern local government training forum is possible.

Finance:

As it has for nearly one full decade, the NCLGA will not be raising membership fees for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. As well, annual convention registration fees will remain at just \$375, making it the least expensive event of its kind in the Province.

The Northern Voices Endowment Fund, established just two and a half years ago, now sits at a formidable \$307,000 and the board will be looking at ways to increase that number exponentially over the coming months. Interest from the fund, essentially, is to be used for events that promote regional collaboration with an eye toward promoting the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of our member communities (while mitigating tax payer costs for such collaborations). The NCLGA is the only area association in BC to create such an initiative.

Communication:

The board recognized whole heartedly that while the NCLGA is doing a fantastic job on collaboration and advocacy, they need to do a better job of communicating with the nearly 300 community leaders that fall under the NCLGA banner. Therefore, as 2017 unfolds, we will be taking a three pronged approach to increasing our communication with members:

- 1.) Social Media, the official NCLGA website and relevant, focused email communication. The NCLGA has established a Facebook page, which we encourage everyone to “like” and where members can post items as they see fit. We’ve also committed to regularly updating our website to ensure greater usability and relevance (www.nclga.ca).
- 2.) In person presentations / Q&A with our President (where possible) to provide members an opportunity to discuss their specific priorities and perspectives.
- 3.) Quarterly hardcopy newsletters...we’re going old school! Because of filters, address updates and security changes, it is extremely difficult to ensure that each relevant official receives digital communications from the NCLGA office. Our quarterly newsletter will be more robust than past digital editions and will reach our very specific target audience with close to a 100% “open” rate.

AGM:

We have received such a high amount of interest in our upcoming conference in Terrace (May 2nd-5th) that we are predicting attendance to be the highest in NCLGA history. This fits with a trend over the past three years that has seen a steady increase of nearly 15% in registrations each year. Most notably, the increase seems to be coming from other NGOs, industry and aboriginal communities. The additional attendees always add depth to the experience as people network, share best practices and discuss new opportunities.

Please refer to the NCLGA website for regular updates.

Lastly, seven guiding principles were adopted for our annual conference. They are:

1. The primary focus of this convention is to advance the social, environmental and economic well-being of all communities in central and northern BC.
2. Although voting and speaking during resolution debate is restricted to NCLGA members, this conference is open to the public. Anyone may register and attend as many parts of this conference as they wish.

3. All delegates are encouraged to connect, ask questions, share their ideas and help each other identify opportunities.
4. All local governments who belong to the NCLGA are viewed as equal, regardless of their population, location, or absence/ attendance at this event.
5. All delegates, regardless of their employer, their position, their official priorities or personal perspectives will be accommodated equally and treated with respect.
6. It is understood that delegates may conduct their business in different venues and according to their own schedule while attending this conference. In all places and at all times, delegates can expect to be treated professionally by other attendees.
7. All delegates and employees have the right to feel safe, have fun, participate fully and enjoy each other's company. The NCLGA has zero tolerance for any communication or behavior that demeans, threatens or harasses anyone during this conference.

Yesterday, the Supreme Court of Canada issued its decision in the dispute between the City of Windsor and the Canadian Transit Company (CTC), the federally regulated corporation that operates the international bridge crossing between Windsor and Detroit.

Windsor requested and received formal support from FCM in defence of the argument that the Federal Court does not have jurisdiction over issues of this type and that they must be decided in the local courthouse by a Superior Court Justice. The Supreme Court of Canada allowed Windsor's appeal and FCM is pleased by this outcome. As stated by the Court, constitutional law, particularly issues dealing with the application of municipal bylaws to federal undertakings, should be decided by Superior Courts.

This case stems from a long-standing dispute over the derelict condition of properties expropriated to make way for a future crossing. However, this case does not address the core issue, namely whether the City's property standards bylaw applies to the CTC despite its federal status. After a series of appeals, this decision only resolved the matter of which court has the authority to resolve this dispute.

FCM issued this statement in response to the decision.

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12 months | 357 communities | 35,147 refugees

The civil war crisis in Syria has led to a migration of refugees rarely seen in recent history. In September 2015, FCM formed the Task Force on Syrian Refugee resettlement — recognizing the cultural, social and economic value newcomers contribute to our communities and the essential role local governments play in helping them settle into Canadian life. And Canadians have risen to the occasion — since November 2015, communities across the country have become home to more than 35,000 Syrian refugees.

Welcoming Communities — a toolkit for municipal government highlights the pivotal role municipal leaders have played in creating a place where refugees and all newcomers feel valued and included, and providing the supports and services to help them succeed. By sharing municipal responses to this crisis, we hope to deepen efforts to welcome all newcomers who will come to call Canadian cities and communities home.

Join our nation-wide network

While 2017 is just around the corner, it's not too late to join the Canada 150 Community Leaders network and bring local voices to the celebrations from coast to coast!

You can nominate your Community Leader in several ways:

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- Submit your [nomination online](#)
 - Download a [printable form](#)
 - Contact us at canada150@fcm.ca or 613-907-6375

Our [Recruitment Toolkit](#) can help you identify your Community Leader and promote your participation. And once you have nominated your representative, you can also take advantage of a suite of free tools and resources to help you plan local events and celebrations.

On Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation let's celebrate cities and communities — the places we call home and that make our country great!

January 9 deadline: Resolutions for March and June

FCM invites members to submit [resolutions on subjects of national municipal interest](#) that fall within the jurisdiction of the federal government. As resolutions for the June Annual Conference must be approved at the March Board of Directors' meeting, resolutions for both meetings must be submitted by **January 9, 2017**. All resolutions must meet [FCM procedures](#). For more information, please contact [Pascale Clément](#).

Quebec municipalities recognized as local governments

This week the Government of Quebec tabled Bill 122: *An Act Mainly to Recognize that Municipalities are Local Governments and to Increase Their Autonomy and Powers*. Bill 122 lays the foundation for a new and modernized relationship with municipalities and officially gives them the status of local governments, the same as federal and provincial governments. It also gives them greater autonomy in several front-line jurisdictions, including municipal taxation and finance, land use planning, transparency, governance and economic development. [This significant step forward](#) will give municipalities greater flexibility and important tools to meet the specific needs of Quebec's cities and communities, regardless of their size.

Profiling local climate innovation

Yesterday FCM President Clark Somerville appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources to highlight local climate innovation — including the work of FCM's [Green Municipal Fund](#) and [Partners for Climate Protection](#) Program. His message was that scaling up municipal expertise is the best way to meet Canada's sustainability goals.

To learn more about the actions municipalities are taking to help transition to a low-carbon future, follow our Made in #CDNmuni campaign on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), which will continue throughout December.

FCM Tweets

Thanks #CDNmuni @fortstjohn BC, the donation will help rebuild

More flexibility and autonomy for #CDNmuni,

Find out what #CDNmuni are doing to fight #climatechange and how federal investment

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**PREMIER'S
BC NATURAL RESOURCES
FORUM**

Our Resources - Our Future

January 31 to February 2, 2017

REGISTRATION OPEN!

14th ANNUAL BC NATURAL RESOURCE FORUM
Prince George Civic Centre



The Forum will explore approaches to sustaining the BC economy, including natural gas, forestry, energy and mining, finance and business and the future of resources industries. We are very pleased to have First Nations representation on each of the panels this year.

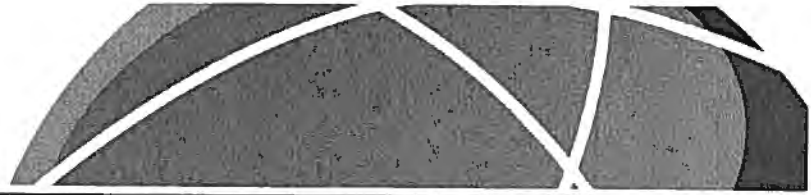
- Mike Morris, MLA, Prince George-Mackenzie

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Register early to secure your seat!***

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Registration

Events sell out, register early

Limited-seating events sell out quickly! Register early to secure tickets to Keynote Luncheons, the Gala Dinner and Ministers' Breakfast.



When you register and pay online, you will receive an email confirming your registration. Confirmation emails contain a link for changing registration choices, e.g., adding or deleting an optional event or a box lunch.

You can also register using our paper form and mail in payment by cheque. [Download paper form PDF 2pg | 320KB](#)

Who should attend?

Everyone interested in learning more about natural resource sector projects and developments in British Columbia:

- First Nation leaders, Band staff and economic development and resource personnel
- Business and resource planning, management
- Engineering, environmental consultants
- Economic development personnel
- Government personnel involved in resource development, planning, permitting
- Executives, project managers and staff involved in natural resource development (LNG, Oil & Gas, Renewable Energy, Mineral Exploration and Mining, Transportation, Service, Supply and Procurement opportunities)

Register for an exhibitor booth

Our tradeshow booths have sold out! Be added to the waitlist. The early bird booth price is \$899 and is in effect until December 9, after which the price is \$999. *Exhibitors from the 2016 Forum had first-right-of-refusal until October 6.* Visit our exhibitor page for more information

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Registration Pricing

Early Bird Pricing (Sep. 19 - Dec. 9)	
Registration Options	Price
Full Conference	\$299.00
Single Day	\$199.00
Exhibitor Booth	\$899.00

Regular Pricing (Dec. 10 - Jan. 30)	
Registration Options	Price
Full Conference	\$349.00
Single Day	\$249.00
Exhibitor Booth	\$999.00

On-Site Pricing (Jan. 31 - Feb. 2)	
Registration Options	Price
Full Conference	\$399.00
Single Day	\$299.00
Exhibitor Booth	-

Ticketed Event Pricing	
Event / Date	Price

Gala Dinner, Jan. 31	\$ 79.00
Ministers' Breakfast, Feb. 1	\$ 39.00
Keynote Luncheon, Feb. 1	\$ 49.00
Keynote Luncheon, Feb. 2	\$ 49.00

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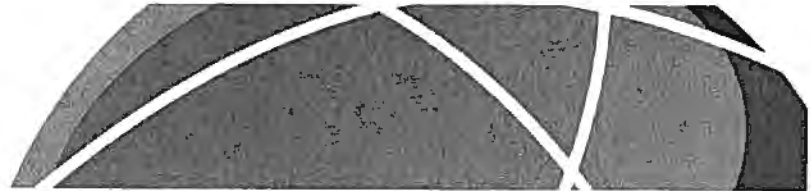
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Program

There's a lot to look forward to at the upcoming Premier's BC Natural Resources Forum, including:

- An opening conference gala dinner,
- Amazing keynote lunches,
- A Ministers' Breakfast and
- Many networking opportunities, including a tradeshow.

Lessons in Success

Sessions will examine and share success stories of First Nations, resource sector developers, the service and supply sector and all levels of government working together to create opportunities that support local communities and BC's economy. There will be opportunities to explore public policy, best practices, emerging trends and opportunities, challenges and important successes to learn from.



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14th Annual Premier's BC Natural Resources Forum Preliminary Program (subject to change)

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

4:00 - 6:00pm Pre-Dinner Tradeshow Reception | Sponsored by TransCanada (open to all delegates)

6:00 - 10:00pm Celebrating Natural Resources Dinner | Sponsored by IBEW Local 993 (ticket required)
Nikolas Badminton, Futurist, Rajith Holdings Inc. | Sponsored by Resource Connector North

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

7:00 - 8:30am Ministers' Breakfast | Sponsored by Woodfibre LNG (ticket required)

8:00 - 8:30am Good Morning Coffee & Muffins

8:30 - 8:45am Conference Blessing and Welcome

MC: Hon. Mike Morris, MLA, Prince George - Mackenzie
Chief Dominic Frederick, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
Mayor Lyn Hall, City of Prince George
Mayor Pat Crook, District of Mackenzie
Rio Tinto (BC Works), Patron Sponsor (speaker to be confirmed)

8:45 - 10:00am Panel: Natural Gas - A Cleaner Future | Sponsored by FortisBC

Moderator: Greg D'Avignon, President, Business Council of BC
Chief Ian Campbell, Squamish First Nation
Chris Hilliard, President and Director, Summit LNG Corporation
Tim McMillan, President and CEO, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
Richard Dunn, Vice-President, Government Relations Canada, Encana Corporation

10:00 - 10:30am Nutrition Break | Sponsored by Chevron Canada Ltd.

10:30 - 11:45am Panel: Forestry - Renewable Resources for a Stable Future | Sponsored by MNP LLP

Moderator: Susan Yurkovich, President and CEO, Council of Forest Industries
Chief Derek Orr, McLeod Lake Indian Band
Megan Hanacek, Forest Stewardship Specialist, Assoc. of Forest Professionals
Martin Moen, Director General of Global Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Trade & Development Canada
Martin Pudlas, Vice-President Pulp & Paper Operations, Canfor Pulp Products Inc.

12:15 - 1:30pm Keynote Luncheon | Sponsored by CGI (ticket required)

Keynote Speaker to be confirmed

1:50 - 3:00pm Panel: Energy - Fueling the Future | Sponsored by Encana Corporation

Moderator: Robla Archdekin, President and CEO, Geoscience BC
Colleen Groux-Schmidt, Senior Director-Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, Innergex Renewable Energy
Gary Wellinger, Vice-President, External Relations, Spectra Energy
Chris Henderson, President, Luma Energy

3:00 - 3:20pm Nutrition Break

3:20 - 4:35pm Panel: Mining - Rock into the Future | Sponsored by Seabridge Gold

Moderator: Robert Gallagher, Director, New Gold, and Chair, Mining Association of British Columbia
Pierre Gratton, President and CEO, Mining Association of Canada
Natalie Morin, Principal, ArrowBlade Consulting Services
Joseph Ovsenek, President, Pretium Resources Inc.
Marcia Smith, Senior VP, Sustainability and External Affairs, Teck Resources

4:35 - 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Reception | Sponsored by Ecafar Consulting Ltd. (open to all delegates)

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Tuesday, February 2, 2017**8:00 - 8:30am** *Good Morning Coffee & Muffins***8:30 - 8:45am** **Conference Day Two Opening Remarks****MC:** Hon. Mike Morris, MLA, Prince George - Mackenzie**8:45 - 10:00am** **Panel: Finance and Business - Lifeline of the Future****Moderator:** Val Utwin, President and CEO, BC Chamber of Commerce

Iain Black, President and CEO, Vancouver Board of Trade

Jason Calla, Principal, Temixw Planning Ltd.

Dr. Daniel Muzyka, President and CEO, Conference Board of Canada (Invited)

Rick Rule, President and CEO, Sprott U.S. Holdings Inc.

10:00 - 10:30am *Nutrition Break***10:30 - 11:45am** **Panel: The Future of Resource Diversification in BC | Sponsored by Guide Outfitters Association of BC****Moderator:** Hon. John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation, Province of BC

John Thompson, Professor, Cornell University and Consultant, PetraScience Consultants Inc.

Keith Henry, CEO, Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada

Laurie Jensen, Communications and Corporate Sustainability Director, Cermaq Canada Ltd.

Wally Samuel, Ahousaht Nation

Ben Stewart, BC Special Representative in Asia, Province of BC (Invited)

12:15 - 1:40pm **Keynote Luncheon | Sponsored by CLAC (ticket required)***Keynote Speaker to be confirmed***2:00 - 3:00pm** **Keynote Address: Leading the Future | Sponsored by Pinnacle Renewable Energy**

Nikolas Badminton, Futurist, Rajjin Holdings Inc. | Sponsored by Resource Connector North

3:00 - 3:15pm **Conference Closing Remarks****MC:** Hon. Mike Morris, MLA, Prince George - Mackenzie

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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR BYLAW NO. 1788
December 12, 2016**

Report of the Public Hearing held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2016 at the Francois Lake Elementary School, located at 860 E Francois Lake Rd, Francois Lake, BC. regarding Bylaw No. 1788.

Present:

Eileen Benedict, Chairperson
Jennifer MacIntyre, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31p.m.

BUSINESS:

Chairperson Benedict

Closed the hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Eileen Benedict, Chairperson



Jennifer MacIntyre, Recording Secretary

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

BYLAW NO. 1789

A bylaw to amend the tax limit for the Fort Fraser Water Service

WHEREAS the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako has established by Bylaw No. 1243 the Fort Fraser Water Service within a portion of Electoral Area "D";

AND WHEREAS the Regional District wishes to increase the maximum annual tax requisition for this service from \$62,500 to \$78,125;

AND WHEREAS under Section 347 of the *Local Government Act*, the sole participant has consented to the adoption of this Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS under Regulation 113/2007, the approval of the Inspector is not required because the increase in the tax limit is not greater than 25% of the baseline amount five years previous;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Section 4 of Bylaw No. 1243, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore:

"4. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for this service, under Section 388(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act*, shall be SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (\$78,125) DOLLARS."

2. This bylaw may be cited as the "Fort Fraser Water Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1789, 2016".

READ A FIRST TIME this 24 day of November, 2016

READ A SECOND TIME this 24 day of November, 2016

READ A THIRD TIME this 24 day of November, 2016

CONSENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTORAL AREA "D" received this 24 day of November, 2016.

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ADOPTED this day of , 2016

Chairperson

Corporate Administrator

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 1789 as adopted.

Corporate Administrator