

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 4

Thursday, March 8, 2018

PRESENT: Chair Bill Miller

Directors Chris Beach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Absent Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Alternate Director Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:52 a.m.
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator – arrived at 10:57 a.m.
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at 10:52 a.m.
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

MOTION TO HOLD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Beach

2018-4-1

“In accordance with Section 220 of the *Local Government Act*, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors calls a Special Board Meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

2018-4-2

“That the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Special Board meeting of March 8, 2018 be approved; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Federation of Canadian
Municipalities 2018 – May 31-
June 3, 2018, Halifax, NB

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Brienen

2018-4-3

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Vice Chair Gerry Thiessen and Director Fisher to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2018 Convention May 31-June 3, 2018 in Halifax, NB.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to discussing waste management and the Regional Board’s position regarding the topic of Cannabis legalization at FCM 2018. Staff will bring forward the items for discussion at a future RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting.

Five Year Financial Plan

Moved by Director Benedict
Seconded by Director Beach

2018-4-4

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s February 27, 2018 memo titled “Five Year Financial Plan;” and further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors consider giving three readings and adoption to Bylaw 1827 further in the agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Investment Services

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Benedict

2018-4-5

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the Chief Financial Officer’s February 27, 2018 memo titled “Investment Services”; and further, that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors open an investment account with Canaccord Genuity.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will also contact Bulkley Valley Credit Union and Integris Credit Union in regard to investment services.

Director Petersen mentioned that in speaking with the RDBN Auditors they emphasized the RDBN Board of Directors’ responsibility when investing funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nechako Valley Search and
Rescue

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

2018-4-6

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write individual letters to both Nechako Kitamaat Development Fund and the Integris Community Foundation in support of Nechako Valley Search and Rescue’s grant application for a new three bay heated garage.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITATION

Rio Tinto, BC Works -Invitation to Participate in Water Engagement Initiative

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Parker

2018-4-7

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors receive the invitation from Rio Tinto, BC Works – Invitation to Participate in Water Engagement Initiative.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Concerns were brought forward in regard to there being no tangible goals or outcomes in regard to Rio Tinto's invitation to participate in their water engagement initiative.

Discussion took place in regard to the Tahtsa Narrows and the potential to adjust water levels in the reservoir. Rio Tinto indicated calculations were performed by staff in their Montreal Office and determined that water levels should remain as is. Director Benedict brought forward concerns in regard to the impact to residents in Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) if there is change to the water levels. She noted that the water levels increased when the upgrades were completed at the new smelter.

The sale of excess electricity by Rio Tinto was discussed along with the original intent of the energy utilized was for the production of aluminum not to sell excess electricity.

Letter to Rio Tinto Re: Invitation to Participate in Water Engagement Initiative

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

2018-4-8

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to work with Director Thiessen to draft a letter to Rio Tinto Aluminium Product Group Atlantic Operations – BC Works holding Rio Tinto accountable in terms of its invitation to participate in its water engagement initiative and amend its water use; and further, that Rio Tinto facilitate a water use plan for the Nechako River and Reservoir; and further, that the letter be provided to newspapers within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATION BYLAW

REPORT

Correction in Budget 2018

Moved by Director Repen
Seconded by Alternate Director McGuire

2018-4-9

“That the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors replace Schedule A in the budget bylaw with the amended Schedule A.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaw for First, Second, Third Reading & Adoption

No. 1827 – RDBN Financial
Plan Bylaw

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Beach

2018-4-10

“That “Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1827, 2018” including the revised schedule A be given first, second, third reading, and adoption this 8th day of March, 2018.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Benedict

2018-4-11

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant