

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2017

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Benedict

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

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Kendra Kinsley, Management Intern
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development – left at 3:37 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Shane Brienen, District of Houston – left at 3:26 p.m.
John Illes, Village of Burns Lake – left at 3:31 p.m.
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle – arrived at 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-1

“That the Rural Directors Committee Agenda for May 11, 2017 be approved as amended to include a verbal report from Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning regarding the spring freshet.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-5-2

“That the Rural Directors Committee Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Rural Directors Committee
Meeting Minutes
-April 6, 2017

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-3

“That the minutes of the Rural Directors Committee meeting of April 6, 2017 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORT – SPRING FRESHET UPDATE

Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning provided an update in regard to the coming weather patterns for the region. Environment Canada has indicated there is a severe thunderstorm watch Burns Lake and west of Burns Lake that may have 40-60 mm of rain. The River Forecast Centre has upgraded the Bulkley River to a high stream flow advisory and will be further monitoring the situation.

Mr. Llewellyn noted that with the current flooding occurring in parts of the province the ability to have sandbags delivered may be a challenge. The RDBN has ordered 15 pallets of sandbags from the province to address the possible need. Discussion took place regarding the challenges associated with storing sandbags.

Director Petersen mentioned that on May 12, 2017 he is attending a meeting in Vanderhoof along with Chair Miller and Melany de Weerd, CAO with Rio Tinto to discuss the water levels in the Nechako Reservoir.

Staff will provide information regarding developments via e-mail.

REPORTS

Connectivity Project

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-5-4

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the Connectivity in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Project.

Further, that the RDBN Board of Directors submit an application for \$10,000 to the Rural Dividend Fund;

And further, that it approve contributing up to \$15,000 towards the project and agrees to enter into a contract with the Province if the application is approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell mentioned that while attending the BC Broadband Conference in Richmond B.C. May 2-3, 2017 he spoke with Network BC, Citywest and ABC Communications Ltd. and was encouraged to move forward expediently with the Connectivity in the RDBN Project. Discussion took place regarding the RDBN contributing in-kind value and identifying key stakeholders to create a Regional Connectivity Advisory Group. Director Newell spoke of the potential cost savings of purchasing the fibre directly from suppliers.

Smithers Public Library -Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2017-5-5

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Smithers Public Library be given \$1,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with its Summer Reading Club.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

RDBN Business Forum
-Request for Grant in Aid
-Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake
Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa
Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-6

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the RDBN Business Forum be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from each of Electoral Areas "B" (Burns Lake Rural) and "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural) to sponsor the Business Forum Gala Dinner."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lakes District Secondary
School-Request for Grant in
Aid – Electoral Area "B"
(Burns Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-7

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Lakes District Secondary School be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Mountain Bike Team attending Provincial Championships in Cumberland, B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Music on the Mountain
Society-Request for Grant in
Aid – Electoral Area "C"
(Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-5-8

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Music on the Mountain Society be given \$1,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with the 2017 Music on the Mountain Festival."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Stuart Lake Seniors'
Association-Request for Grant
in Aid – Electoral Area "C"
(Fort St. James Rural)

Moved by Directors Greenaway
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2017-5-9

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Stuart Lake Seniors' Association be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) for costs associated with its Strawberry Tea."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts- Request for Grant in Aid– Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-10

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts be given \$2,500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) for costs associated with the Fraser Lake Festival of the Arts.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nechako Valley Community Alliance - Request for Grant in Aid– Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-11

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Nechako Valley Community Alliance be given \$500 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) to install the pottery kiln and exhibition wall hanging equipment in the Integris Community Centre Art Wing.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vanderhoof Children’s Theatre- Request for Grant in Aid– Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2017-5-12

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Vanderhoof Children’s Theatre be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural) for costs associated with its Seussical Production.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

College of New Caledonia - Request for Grant in Aid– Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-5-13

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the College of New Caledonia be given \$2,321.17 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural) for costs associated with its Seniors Painting Retreat in Granisle.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (All Directors)

REFERRALS

Land Referral File No.7409906 Moved by Director Petersen
Sheldon Mayert Seconded by Director Parker
- Electoral Area "F"

RDC.2017-5-14

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral No. 7409906 be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 7409906."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
7409911, 7409912, 7409913
& 7409914, MFLNRO
- Electoral Area 'D'

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-15

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409911, 7409912, 7409913 & 7409914" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 7409911, 7409912, 7409913 & 7409914."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
7409922 - Chad Johnson
Electoral Area "F"

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Greenaway

RDC.2017-5-16

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 7409922" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 7409922."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
6408989 - West Fraser Mills
Ltd - Electoral Area "G"

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-5-17

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408989" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408989."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Land Referral File No.
6408981 - Reddog Logging
Ltd - Electoral Area "G"

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

RDC.2017-5-18

"That the comment sheet titled "Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Comment Sheet on Crown Land Referral 6408981" be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown Land Referral 6408981."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORT

Bulkley Valley Co-Existence Discussions-Request for Grant in Aid -Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Parker

RDC.2017-5-19

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Bulkley Valley Co-Existence Discussions be given \$400 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) to be utilized to cover the cost of the Bulkley Valley Co-Existence Meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Bulkley Valley Co-Existence Meeting, Smithers -May 18, 2017 Moved by Director Fisher
Seconded by Director Miller

RDC.2017-5-20

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize Chair Miller and Director Parkers attendance at the Bulkley Valley Co-Existence Meeting in Smithers on May 18, 2017."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Benedict and Director Parker spoke of the benefits of having discussions regarding farming co-existence in the Bulkley Valley and those discussions will assist the entire region. Chair Benedict thanked Director Fisher for taking the initiative to have community discussions regarding farming co-existence.

North Central Local Government Association Convention

Chair Benedict spoke of the original intent of the North Central Local Government Association Convention to bring northern local government issues forward as a collective group to the Union of B.C. Municipalities and the Province. She noted the importance of concentrating on regional issues for future conferences.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Fisher

RDC.2017-5-21

"That the meeting be adjourned 3:51 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eileen Benedict, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant