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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AGENDA

Thursday, September 4, 2014

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DISCUSSION ITEM

Communication RE: Wildfire Events

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING****Thursday, June 5, 2014**

PRESENT:

Chair	Bill Miller
Directors	Taylor Bachrach Stephen Freeman Carman Graf Dwayne Lindstrom Rob MacDougall Rob Newell Jerry Petersen Ralph Roy Stoney Stoltenberg Luke Strimbold Gerry Thiessen
Directors Absent	Bill Holmberg, District of Houston Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle
Alternate Directors	Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural) Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle Michalle Jolly, District of Houston – arrived at 10:40 a.m.
Staff	Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Economic Development Assistant Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
Others	Gladys Atrill, Tourism Smithers Brock Dickinson, Principal, Millier Dickinson Blais – left at 11:55 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY
AGENDA & AGENDA**Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg**C.W.2014-6-1**

"That the Supplementary Agenda be received and dealt with at this meeting; and further, that the agenda of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Committee of the Whole meeting of June 5, 2014 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MINUTES

Committee of the Whole
Minutes – May 1, 2014

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Petersen

C.W.2014-6-2

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 1, 2014 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

TOURISM SMITHERS, Gladys Atrill RE: Tourism and the Role of Visit Bulkley Nechako

Chair Miller welcomed Gladys Atrill, Tourism Smithers.

Ms. Atrill provided an overview of the funding structure for Tourism Smithers and her role in Tourism Smithers and Northern B.C. Tourism Association.

Tourism in B.C.

- Tourism is a \$13 billion contributor to the Provincial Economy;
- 130,000 jobs in the tourism sector;
- 15 million tourists travel to B.C. per year;
- Tourism in B.C. is divided into 6 regions:
 - The RDBN is located within the Northern Tourism region.

Northern BC Tourism

- 50-53% of the provincial land mass is included in northern bc tourism;
- Incredibly diverse region;
- Represented and supported by Northern BC Tourism Association:
 - 3 Offices:
 - Prince Rupert;
 - Prince George;
 - Fort St. John;
 - Total staff: 9 (mostly located in Prince George).
- Circle routes – Highway 16 – Alaska Highway across southern Yukon and Highway 37 – 2,600 kms
- Circle route - Vancouver Coast and Mountains Tourism region - 450 kms
- The region has product, space, remoteness, grandeur;
- Business owners, interested where live, passionate about what deliver;
- Long history in guiding – oldest organized sector in tourism.

Tourism industry can be under acknowledged but yet there are parts of tourism being utilized everyday:

- Hotels;
- Specialty retail operations;
- Opportunities in communities because of visitor economy:
 - Rely on visitor economy to provide services to residents;
- Mountain biking sector is growing and building;
- Threats to tourism tend to be hidden; don't always know it is going on around us.

Visit Bulkley-Nechako:

- works with Northern B.C. Tourism Association;
- Need to work together in partnerships in order to best maximize funding;

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

TOURISM SMITHERS, Gladys Atrill RE: Tourism and the Role of Visit Bulkley Nechako

Changes to Tourism in B.C.

- 2009 Tourism British Columbia was folded into the Ministry of Tourism:
 - Tourism was funded by the hotel tax and that was discontinued with the implementation of the HST;
 - Dissatisfaction in the tourism industry and lobbying occurred to pressure the provincial government in developing a crown corporation to oversee tourism;
- In the fall of 2012 the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training announced the development of a new crown corporation – Destination British Columbia;
- Fall of 2013 a new CEO was hired;
 - Destination B.C. has been under review since the hiring of its CEO;
- April, 2014 – Tourism Organizations in B.C. were given 6 month contracts;
 - Very difficult as most tourism organizations operate on a multi-year marketing strategy.
- Communities and tourism organizations rely on the strong partnerships with Northern B.C. Tourism.
 - Concerns that there will be an elimination of Northern B.C. Tourism offices.
 - Imperative to have people that live in the north and understand the requirements of the north to provide a functioning northern tourism region.
 - Strategies that work for other areas of the province do not always apply to the north.

Support is required from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and the municipalities within the region in order to continue to have northern tourism regional offices.

Ms. Atrill mentioned the need to maintain the geographical boundary of Northern B.C. Tourism and not enlarge the area or that fewer regions are developed than the six regions currently dividing the province.

Director Thiessen also spoke of the need to maintain and build tourism development in the region and not be completely centralized in and around Prince George.

Discussion took place regarding municipalities also providing support for northern regional tourism offices.

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Roy

C.W.2014-6-3

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to write a letter to Northern BC Tourism and Destination BC regarding continuation of and support for Northern BC Tourism Regional Offices; and that the letter be copied to the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of Tourism and Small Business, and further, that the letter be brought forward at the RDBN Board meeting, June 19, 2014 for ratification."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Miller mentioned that at one time northern B.C. was ranked number 2 in the world as a travel destination and now is ranked 20th. This may be due to the unsettledness of the provincial tourism plan and that it is imperative to change that ranking to a more positive number.

Chair Miller thanked Ms. Atrill for attending the meeting.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

MILLIER DICKINSON BLAIS, Brock Dickinson, Principal

Chair Miller welcomed Brock Dickinson, Principal, Millier Dickinson Blais.

Mr. Dickinson provided an interactive PowerPoint Presentation.

Developing a three year Economic Development Action plan for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

What is an Economic Development Action Plan?

1. Information gathering, developing information;
2. Direction – where to go, what to do;
3. Action – what project, actions, programs?

Information

- Research orientated activities:
 - Community Engagement and Consultation:
 - Workshops;
 - Community consultation sessions;
 - Engaging in a series of one and one consultations with key stakeholders;
 - Online survey – RDBN website.
- Direction
 - Opportunities;
 - Strategic Focus.

A starting Point

- Why do we do economic development?
 - Attract industry, investment – external;
 - Support local business, jobs, entrepreneurs;
 - Build sustainable, healthy communities;
 - Enhance quality of life;
 - Develop infrastructure, connectivity;
 - Protect environment, heritage, culture.

In 10 years what does the RDBN hope is different about the region? What does the RDBN hope stays the same?

Discussion took place regarding the reason why we do economic development; to enhance the quality of life and the act of bettering lives.

Director Bachrach spoke of growing up in northern B.C. and the effects of building towns around one industry. The importance of maintaining industries that exist today such as forestry and tourism, investigating new industries and creating resiliency in communities and the region was discussed. There is value in reviewing what has happened in the past and investigating different options to provide a more resilient future for the entire region.

The meaning of economic development and the connections between dollars, jobs and creating a better life was discussed. Mr. Dickinson mentioned the "triple bottom line": the want for communities to do well in terms of dollars, social and environmental services.

Preserving the lifestyle that exists in the region today was also brought forward for discussion. There will be changes, but what can be done to ensure the preservation and lifestyle enjoyed today. There is a need for development to enhance the goals of future generations and not put future generations in jeopardy. There is a need for resilience and to have children come back to the region and continue to build lives in the communities and regional district.

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DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

MILLIER DICKINSON BLAIS, Brock Dickinson, Principal

Discussion took place regarding the ability to sustain a better lifestyle and that it requires decent paying jobs and a need to develop with fore thought in order to have well-paying jobs to have a good quality of life. The ability to take all aspects of economic development into consideration is valuable.

Thinking Regionally...

What makes Bulkley-Nechako different from other regions and places?

- What physical/human/natural assets does the region have that are unique?
 - Assets?
 - Strengths?
 - Skills?

How do those relate to the region's opportunities?

Strength and Asset key factors to the region:

- Stability;
- Economic highs and lows in the region are less frequent;
- Affordability - the region provides an opportunity for people to build a net worth;
- Passion, openness and friendly people;
- Uniqueness of the area - one of the last regions that is rich in natural resources and unindustrialized compared to the rest of North America.

Director Graf spoke of the improvements that have occurred since he moved to the Smithers area 52 years ago. Those improvements were made possible because of development and the revenue that development brought to the community. Director Graf noted the importance of development in order to be able to have economic growth. Director Bachrach mentioned the importance to create resiliency so that if the bigger employers are to shut down the impact is minimal.

Administrative perspective

RDBN operates a two tier structure in Economic Development.

1. Regional Economic Development program;
2. Individual communities have economic development programs:
 - Communities and First Nations.

Mr. Dickinson mentioned that it is very common to have a two tier system. The organizations develop an outline as to who does what – some economic development actions are a regional focus and some are a local focus. The regional tier of development is externally focused, collects data of the region and plays an external role. Certain economic development actions are done in collaboration and co-operation between the region and individual communities.

What roles should the RDBN (as opposed to local partners) take on in economic development?

Director Strimbald spoke of the opportunity that Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) may bring to the region and that as a region there is an opportunity to bring Economic Development Officer's (EDO's) together to develop a common method and vision in preparing for LNG. Forestry is also another area where there is a regional commonality.

Chair Miller noted that it is an opportunity for the RDBN to be a collecting and research agency along with being a repository for the flow of dollars and resources from companies that go across the region. Collaborative regional marketing strategies can provide the ability in building a regional market to give strength to an industry such as agriculture.



DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

MILLIER DICKINSON BLAIS, Brock Dickinson, Principal

Discussion took place regarding jurisdictional boundaries overlaying naturally occurring boundaries and peoples definition of communities and regions. It creates an interesting dynamic that can be challenging to represent all the diversity and interests. Mr. Dickinson spoke of finding logical connections throughout the region such as tourism circle routes. There are a range of recreational assets across the entire region that has the potential to make the region a destination for a lot of different activities. The combination of those assets can be a strong offering in comparison to each piece in isolation.

Education and training is a key component that there is limited funding, but working in partnership and collaboratively throughout the region can provide opportunities to expand local, regional employment to strengthen the economy.

Chair Miller noted the diverseness of business in the region wherein one business will offer several services in order to serve the communities in the region. Mr. Dickinson spoke of the potential role for regional match making where a business located in one community can also provide its service to other communities throughout the region. The RDBN Mining web portal provides a link connecting services together.

Recognizing other organizations in the north such as Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) and Omineca Beatle Action Coalition (OBAC) and their initiatives in order to not overlap is important. Mr. Dickinson noted that in meeting with NDIT initiatives that were outlined in the past RDBN Economic Development Action Plan were initiatives that the NDIT also determined to be important to the entire north.

Director MacDougall spoke of marketing within the regional district and building growth through local residents.

Looking ahead...

- RDBN's Economic Development Plan will be a three year plan;
- Long-term goals, but short-term action;
- Unlimited vision, but limited resources.

Discussion took place in regard to developing an action plan that can have successful tangible successes over a shorter period of time. Mr. Dickinson noted that the RDBN deserves credit for its past economic development action plan. It is an action plan with specific goals to be completed in a determined amount of time to produce tangible results.

Specific Actions:

- Transportation – moving people and product within the regional district;
- A success factor – communities working together;
- Better broadband and connectivity throughout the region;
 - Connectivity is key critical to the economy and livability;
- What is going to provide economic development in the region:
 - Healthcare;
 - Education;
 - Housing;
 - Social support;
 - Recreation amenities;
- Regional District host EDO meetings to discuss LNG planning and collaboration;
- RDBN Chair, and Electoral Area Director to continue to meet with each First Nations Chief in the region once a year.

DELEGATIONS (CONT'D)

MILLIER DICKINSON BLAIS, Brock Dickinson, Principal

Alternate Director McGuire noted the importance of keeping an action plan simple and connecting the communities through communication connectivity.

Discussion took place regarding communicating more broadly the outcomes of the previous five year RDBN Economic Development Plan.

Where to go from here?

- Continue community consultations;
- Continue online survey;
- Consultation/research completed late June early July, 2014;
- Draft of three plan in August, 2014;
- Final presentation in September, 2014.

What specific actions should RDBN focus on?

Given an emphasis on regional approaches, and a focus on collaboration, how can RDBN support?

- Your economic development vision?
- Your economic development efforts?

Discussion took place regarding working together to find commonalities and having the wisdom to determine what to accomplish regionally and what to accomplish sub-regionally.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Dickinson for attending the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Industrial Legacy Workplan Proposal

Moved by Alternate Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Roy

C.W.2014-6-4

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the "Industrial Legacy Workplan Proposal" together with costs and proceed to contract with Mr. Fred Banham as presented."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Friends of the Smithers Public Library – Request for Letter of Support – Digitization of the Interior News

Moved by Director Roy
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

C.W.2014-6-5

"That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors write a letter of support to the Friends of the Smithers Public Library for digitization of the *Interior News*."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Fort Fraser Fire Department
Request for Letter of Support
RE: Agri Spirit Funding

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Roy

C.W.2014-6-6

"That the Committee of the Whole defer the Fort Fraser Fire Department request for letter of support regarding its application to Agri Spirit Funding to a RDBN Special Board Meeting to commence after the adjournment of the RDBN Committee of the Whole meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Nechako River White
Sturgeon Hatchery Opening
June 17, 2014

Director Thiessen mentioned that the Nechako River White Sturgeon Hatchery opening will take place June 17, 2014 and release juvenile sturgeon into the Nechako River. Director Thiessen and grandsons participated in spawning the sturgeon eggs.

70th Anniversary of D-Day
Juno Beach – June 6, 2014

Director Thiessen reported that tomorrow, June 6, 2014 is the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. The grandfather of District of Vanderhoof Councillor Little was killed on Juno Beach. A plaque from the Government of Canada is being presented and will be placed in the park in Vanderhoof.

Road to Granisle Transfer
Station Repaired

Alternate Director McGuire noted that the road to the Granisle Transfer Station has been repaired. She thanked John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes for his assistance in the matter.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Global BC News – Small
Towns

Alternate Director McGuire mentioned that Granisle is being featured on Global BC News Small Towns segment during the weekend of June 7-8, 2014. Fort Fraser was featured during the weekend of May 30-June 1, 2014.

Recycling Council of
British Columbia
Certificate of Recognition

Chair Miller mentioned that Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services received a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the RDBN for the RDBN's 20 year membership with the Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC) and contribution to promoting waste reduction, recycling and zero waste in B.C. The certificate was presented while Ms. Dougall attended the RCBC Conference in Whistler, B.C. May 20-22, 2014. Chair Miller thanked Ms. Dougall and the RDBN Board for their hard work.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Roy

C.W.2014-6-7

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:07 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Miller, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Miller and Board of Directors

FROM: Geraldine Craven
Administrative Clerk

DATE: August 18, 2014

SUBJECT: UBCM Convention (Whistler, B.C.)
Breakfast Meetings and RDBN Dinner

At previous UBCM Conventions, Directors have met for breakfast meetings to prepare for the days' events.

At this time, staff is seeking direction on whether Regional Board members wish to meet at a confirmed location for breakfast meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings in order to coordinate the days' events? If so, the information will be included in the UBCM binders that are being prepared.

Secondly, would the Regional Board wish staff to arrange for a dinner on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. while at UBCM?

RECOMMENDATION (All/Directors/Majority)

DIRECTION.

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Burns Lake

Community Forest Ltd.

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January 10th, 2013

Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
37, 3rd Avenue
P.O. Box 820
Burns Lake, BC
V0J 1E0

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To whom it may concern:

**RE: BLMBA Bike Park Property, Located at SW 1/4 OF District Lot 4172 Range Coast 5
Excluding Plan PRP42499 PID: 015-302-610**

Burns Lake Community Forest, in conjunction with the Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association, would like to request that the property located at SW 1/4 OF District Lot 4172 Range Coast 5 Excluding Plan PRP42499 be considered for a permissive tax exemption.

This property is currently being used by the Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association, a not-for-profit organization, as a bike park. Because of the lease agreement held with Burns Lake Community Forest, BLMBA pays the annual property taxes on this location. BLMBA is made up entirely of volunteers and builds and maintains their trails and bike parks solely on memberships and grant funding. The property is widely used by the local community free of charge, and offers an excellent opportunity for local youth to get out and be active. For this reason, we would like to request that the property be exempted from taxes so that more membership funding can be used to continue and expand the trails, park, and programs that BLMBA offers.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. If you have any questions or concerns, or require any further information or paperwork, please contact me at 250-692-7724 or at Kerry.martin@blcomfor.com.

Sincerely,

Kerry Martin
Operations Manager
Burns Lake Community Forest Ltd.

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Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association
2013 Tax Estimate

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Improv</u>	<u>Total</u>
2013 Assessed Value	<u>136,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,000</u>

<u>Tax Category</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Amount</u>
Provincial Rural Tax	0.5500	74.80
Provincial School Tax	3.9281	534.22
Provincial Police Tax	0.2870	39.03
SNRHD	0.5565	75.68
RDBN Area "B"	0.9754	132.65
RDBN Building Inspection	0.0909	12.36
BC Assessment	0.0610	8.30
Municipal Finance	0.0002	0.03
		<u>877.08</u>



Honourary Patron
The Honourable
JUDITH GUICHON, OBC
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August 14, 2014

Director Ralph Roy
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
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Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

**RE: Year 2015 Property Tax Exemption for property owned by
The Nature Trust of BC (PID# 011-548-258).**

Dear Mr. Roy

Please accept this letter as application from The Nature Trust of British Columbia for property tax exemption in 2015, for our Stellako River conservation property, at the north-east end of Francois Lake.


This property (DL 2563, RGE 5, Coast District except plan PRP13909) was purchased by The Nature Trust of BC in 1980, and is leased to the Province of British Columbia to be managed within the Stellako River Wildlife Management Area. The property also has a field cabin located on it, which belongs to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as seasonal quarters for research staff.

As with our conservation holdings in other regional districts in the province, tax exemption on our Stellako River property would be derived from the *Local Government Act*, Section 809(4)(a), pertaining to recreational lands. Our Stellako River property is regularly used by the public for recreation, especially fly-fishing. Other recreational uses include hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, and wildlife viewing.

The Nature Trust of British Columbia was established in 1971 and has acquired a wide variety of conservation lands throughout the province. The majority of our properties are available to the public for quiet recreation.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Carl MacNaughton
Interior & Coastal Mainland
Conservation Land Manager

10 June 2014

Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
37, 3rd Avenue
PO Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter dated May 12, 2014 re: Provincial Regulation of Air Quality and the Protection of Public Health. Upon review of your letter and the issue of outdoor solid wood burning appliances I would make the following comments for your consideration and discussion.

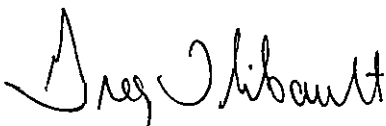
The only order undertaken under the Public Health Act that I am aware of originated from a Medical Health Officer with Interior Health. In that situation, the order was rescinded as the issue of a health hazard could not be clearly identified and demonstrated.

Northern Health's public health protection program recognizes that this issue presents challenges for municipalities and regional districts. In an effort to work on this situation, the BVLD Airshed Management Society is represented by both RDBN and Northern Health. I would suggest that some promotion through this group may help to educate individuals regarding best practices with outdoor wood burning devices. In addition Northern Health would be willing to assist the Regional District with a bylaw similar to other communities that have enacted bylaws. Environment Canada has created model municipal bylaws for regulating wood burning appliances. Information on the topic of intervention strategies is available in the paper 'Residential Use of Wood-Burning Appliances in Canada: Emissions, Health Effects, and Intervention Strategies'
http://www.nccch.ca/sites/default/files/Wood-burning_Appliances_Dec2009.pdf

Generally, the smoke released from wood burning appliances undergoes some dilution prior to reaching the neighbors and thus is not considered to pose an immediate health risk. Keeping windows and door closed can greatly reduce smoke infiltrating the indoor environment thus further preventing exposure to the smoke. We do acknowledge that keeping windows and doors closed presents an inconvenience during some of the northern seasons. Although particulate matter is a health concern when inhaled, the current evidence suggests that health concerns arise for the generally healthy population when exposure occurs over the provincial guidelines for a prolonged period of time.

We recognize the challenge these situations create for the regional district. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss how our agencies can work together to address this growing concern.

Respectfully,



Greg Thibault
Manager Public Health Protection - Northern Interior District

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JUN 13 2014
BULKLEY NECHAKO

Geraldine Craven

From: Douglas, Marc [JV Secondee] <Marc.Douglas@chevron.com>
Sent: August-06-14 2:13 PM
To: inquiries
Subject: FW: Invitation to Kitimat LNG Project Briefing/Update at UBCM
Attachments: Kitimat UBCM InviteR4.pdf

Sorry, I mistyped your address.

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From: Douglas, Marc [JV Secondee]
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 8:03 AM
To: 'cynstone@bulkley.net'; 'bmillerpbm@gmail.com'; 'greenawayfarms@gmail.com'; 'monroy@hwy16.com'; 'ks.contracting@live.net'; 'jeraud@telus.net'; 'robnewelleag@gmail.com'; 'gail.chapman@rdbn.bc.ca'; 'enquiries@rdbn.bc.ca'
Subject: Invitation to Kitimat LNG Project Briefing/Update at UBCM

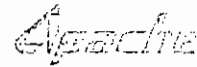
Good Morning,

Chevron, as operator of the Kitimat LNG and Pacific Trail Pipeline projects would like to invite you to a project briefing/update with our leadership team at this year's UBCM conference.

Please find attached the invite with the details for the potential briefings/meetings on September 24 and 25th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

We look forward to sitting down with you this year.

Kitimat LNG



We invite you to attend a
Pacific Trail Pipeline Project briefing
at UBCM

Date and time: 45 minutes on the hour:
Wednesday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: UBCM Convention

RSVP: Marc.Douglas@Chevron.com to book a meeting time
that works for your UBCM delegation.



www.chevron.ca/KitimatLNG



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