

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(Committee Of The Whole)**

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Parker

Directors Taylor Bachrach  
Mark Fisher  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Rob Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Absent Shane Brienen, District of Houston  
Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake  
Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)  
Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa  
Bev Playfair, District of Fort St. James  
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Directors Darrell Hill, Village of Burns Lake  
Judy Greenaway, District of Fort St. James  
Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/Manager of  
Administrative Services  
Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Protective Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Margo Peill, Northwest Region Community Animator, Farm to  
School BC – Via teleconference 11:53 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

**AGENDA &**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Newell

**AG.2019-3-1**

"That the Agriculture Committee Agenda of April 4, 2019 be adopted; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **MINUTES**

Agriculture Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
-March 7, 2019

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

AG.2019-3-2

“That the Minutes of the Agriculture Committee Meeting of March 7, 2019 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DELEGATION**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC – Margo Peill, Northwest Region Community Animator, Farm to School BC – RE: Introduction to Farm to School BC Program – via teleconference**

Chair Parker welcomed Margo Peill, Northwest Region Community Animator, Farm to School BC, Public Health Association of BC.

Ms. Peill provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

#### **Introduction to F2SBC (Farm to School BC)**

- Vision and Mission
- Goals
- Farm to School BC
- Farm to School BC Reach
- Core Elements of Farm to School
- Healthy Local Food
  - o Schools source and serve local foods in a variety of ways
- Hands-on learning
- School and Community Connectedness
- F2SBC Interest
- Northwest Regional Hub
- Farm to School Community Animator.

Ms. Peill noted that she is spreading awareness in regard to the Farm to School BC Program and is working to open conversation for collaboration, and to build capacity for the program.

Director Newell questioned if the program is delivered daily. Ms. Peill commented that each school participates at different levels of capacity. She noted that the long-term goal of the program is to achieve daily participation. Director Newell mentioned that daily delivery of a program such as Farm to School BC assists in eliminating economic disparity.

Director McGuire asked if the program was only distributed east to Houston. Currently the program is east to Houston with support provided to one or two schools in School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes). Ms. Peill mentioned that they are investigating starting a hub in Prince George. She also identified grant funding that will open in the fall for schools to apply to start programs or assist programs in operation.

Chair Parker spoke of the number of schools participating in the program. Ms. Peill noted that some schools were providing a program prior to the Farm to School BC program and she is currently determining the schools that have programs in place and where support can be provided and connecting schools that may wish to participate in the program.

Chair Parker thanked Ms. Peill for attending the meeting.

## **REPORTS**

Update on Funding Proposal for updating RDBN Agriculture Plan Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Lambert

AG.2019-3-3

“That the Agriculture Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to request letters of support from the BC Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Agrologist and Land Use Planner; and further, that the RDBN Agriculture Committee Chair provide a letter of support for the funding proposal to the Investment Agriculture Foundation (IAF) for the RDBN Agriculture Plan Update 2019.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Lambert

AG.2019-3-4

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the following correspondence:

-Bulkley-Nechako/Fraser-Fort George Adaptation Strategies: Workshop #2 Summary  
-the RDBN Letter to Business Risk Management Branch – 2018 Canada – British Columbia Wildfire Recovery Initiative – Tax Implications.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Public Health Association of BC – Farm to School BC Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

AG.2019-3-5

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the correspondence from Public Health Association of BC – Farm to School BC.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **INVITATION**

Join the Agri-Food Business Planning Workshop -April 15-16, 2019 – Smithers, BC Moved by Director Bachrach  
Seconded by Alternate Director Greenaway

AG.2019-3-6

“That the Agriculture Committee receive the invitation titled “Join the Agri-Food Business Planning Workshop – April 15-16, 2019 – Smithers, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alternate Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Lambert

AG.2019-3-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:12 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mark Parker, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant