

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Michael Riis-Christianson

Directors Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator - Via Teleconference
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers
Shane Brienen, District of Houston
Mark Fisher, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)
Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
Judy Greenaway, District of Fort St. James
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Jerry Petersen, Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Parker

BBC.2020-4-1

"That the Broadband Committee Agenda for November 5, 2020 be approved as amended to include New Business: CRTC Proceeding 2020-366."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Broadband Committee
Meeting Minutes
-July 16, 2020

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert

BBC.2020-4-2

"That the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020 be approved as amended."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Revised Project Priority Setting Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lambert

BBC.2020-4-3 “That the Broadband Committee recommend that the Board amend the January 9, 2020 project prioritization resolution as follows:
That the Board prioritize the following projects for 2020/21: Fort St. James Rural (Sowchea, Mount Pope, Necoslie Rd); Buck Flats; Highway 35 and Southbank; Grassy Plains and Ootsa Lake; Industrial Cellular and LTE Coverage for Clearview Landfill; and further that the resolution be amended to include the east end of Francois Lake.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Space Exploration Technologies Corporation Letter Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director T. Greenaway

BBC.2020-4-4 “That the Broadband Committee recommend that the Board send a letter to Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX) requesting participation in the Corporation’s planned beta testing of Starlink Satellite service with volunteer households in Canada.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CIRA Internet Speed Test Data Update Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Lambert

BBC.2020-4-5 “That the Broadband Committee receive the Manager of Regional Economic Development’s CIRA Internet Speed Test Data Update memo.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural Broadband and Connectivity Committee Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

BBC.2020-4-6 “That the Broadband Committee receive Chair Riis-Christianson’s October 21, 2020 Rural Broadband and Connectivity Committee Meeting memo.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Municipal Broadband Master Class Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Parker

BBC.2020-4-7 “That the Broadband Committee receive Chair Riis-Christianson’s October 21, 2020 Municipal Broadband Master Class memo.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Cypress Land Services
-Expediting Construction of
Telecommunication
Infrastructure, British Columbia

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

BBC.2020-4-8

"That the Broadband Committee receive the correspondence from Cypress Land Services – Expediting Construction of Telecommunication Infrastructure, British Columbia."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

CRTC Proceeding 2020-366

Chair Riis-Christianson received information from the CRTC in regard to concerns that untimely and costly access to pole infrastructure has negative impacts on deployment of broadband networks. The CRTC's deadline to register for intervenor status is November 30, 2020.

CRTC Proceeding 2020-366

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Lambert

BBC.2020-4-9

"That the Broadband Committee direct staff to bring forward information in regard to CRTC Proceeding 2020-366 at the November 19, 2020 Board meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Parker

BBC.2020-4-10

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Michael Riis-Christianson, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant