

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Michael Riis-Christianson

Directors Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Gerry Thiessen – arrived at 9:19 a.m.

Director Absent Mark Parker, Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

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

Others Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers  
Mark Fisher, Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James  
Jerry Petersen, Electoral Area “F” (Vanderhoof Rural)  
Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**WELCOME**

Chair Riis-Christianson welcomed Bob Motion, Director, District of Fort St. James.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Lambert

**BBC.2021-1-1**

“That the Broadband Committee Agenda for November 5, 2020 be approved as amended to include under Reports – Staff Teleconference with Carrier Sekani Tribal Council.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

**Broadband Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
–November 5, 2020**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

**BBC.2021-1-2**

“That the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORT**

### **Regional Connectivity Knowledge Network**

Moved by Director Greenaway  
Seconded by Director Lambert

**BBC.2021-1-3**

“That the Broadband Committee receive Michael Riis-Christianson’s, Broadband Committee Chair Regional Connectivity Knowledge Network memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Carrier Sekani Tribal Council Teleconference Meeting**

Manager Davis met via-teleconference with representatives from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and its Pathways Forward 2.0 Agreement signatories to discuss connectivity. Representatives in attendance from the Ministry of Citizens’ Services indicated their availability to assist communities to identify connectivity needs and discuss community level planning initiatives. The RDBN will continue to take part in the conversations to potentially develop opportunities for collaboration to improve connectivity for the region. Director Storey spoke of providing support to Nadleh Whut’en First Nation. Chair Riis-Christianson commented about working on internet literacy and developing a detailed communications plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **North Central Local Government Association Rural Connectivity Webinar**

Director Storey noted that NCLGA is hosting a Rural Connectivity webinar on Monday, January 18, 2021 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

## **IN CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

**BBC.2021-1-4**

“In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(2)(b) – the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party (Connectivity), must be closed to the public, therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

**BBC.2021-1-5**

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:24 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Michael Riis-Christianson, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant