

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING

(VIRTUAL)

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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, Manager of Regional Economic Development
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Chris Armstrong, Director of Sales & Marketing, CityWest
Bart Kuntz, Vice President, Outside Plant, CityWest
Mark Fisher, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)
Aarushi Jain, Project Manager, CityWest
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James
Jerry Petersen, Electoral Area "F" (Vanderhoof Rural)
Mike Pilon, Director of Projects, CityWest
Sarraah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake
Stefan Woloszyn, CEO, CityWest

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riis-Christianson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Newell

BBC.2021-2-1

"That the Connectivity Committee Agenda for April 8, 2021 be approved as amended to withdraw the Delegation."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

**Broadband Committee
Meeting Minutes
–January 14, 2021**

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

BBC.2021-2-2

"That the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEM

Union of B.C. Municipalities Internet Speed Study

Chair Riis-Christianson spoke of collating federal mapping with the RDBN CIRA speed test data collected. Nellie Davis, Manager of Regional Economic Development noted that staff are reviewing the mapping and will be self-registering to ensure that municipalities and rural areas are included in the evaluation of the federal mapping that is being undertaken by UBCM.

CAO Helgesen mentioned that staff discussed with CityWest the mapping concerns and will also be reviewing the information and collaborating with the RDBN moving forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion took place in regard to the expansion of wireless connectivity to routes connected to the Highway 16 corridor.

Wireless Connectivity
Improvements in the Regional
District of Bulkley-Nechako

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

BBC.2021-2-3

“That the Connectivity Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Citizens’ Services requesting expansion of wireless connectivity to the Southside of Francois Lake, Highway 118 and Highway 27 as connector routes to the Highway 16 (‘Highway of Tears’) route.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

BBC.2021-2-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Michael Riis-Christianson, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant