

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, October 7, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Shane Brien

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom – left at 11:20 a.m., returned at 11:30 a.m.  
Mark Fisher  
Dolores Funk – via Zoom  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert – left at 11:38 a.m.  
Linda McGuire  
Annette Morgan  
Bob Motion – via Zoom  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Sarra Storey – via Zoom  
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Ken Nielsen, General Manager, Chinook Community Forest – left at 11:39 a.m.  
Daniella Oake, Forester, Hampton Affiliates  
Gord Pratt, Operations Manager, Forest Enhancement Society of BC – left at 11:39 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brien called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Lambert

**NRC.2021-4-1**

“That the Natural Resources Committee Agenda for October 7, 2021 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

**Natural Resources  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
– June 10, 2021**

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Newell

**NRC.2021-4-2**

“That the Natural Resources Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DELEGATION**

### **CHINOOK COMMUNITY FOREST AND FOREST ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY OF BC – Ken Nielsen, General Manager, Chinook Community Forest and Gord Pratt, Operations Manager, Forest Enhancement Society of BC**

Chair Brienen welcomed Ken Nielsen, General Manager Chinook Community Forest and Gord Pratt, Operations Manager, Forest Enhancement Society of BC.

Messrs. Pratt and Nielsen provided a PowerPoint presentation.

#### **Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia (FESBC) and Chinook Community Forest**

- Quick Facts – FESBC by the Numbers
- Funded Projects throughout British Columbia
- Funded Projects in the Region
- FESBC – Funded Chinook
  - o Community Forest Project
- Chinook Community Forest Limited Partnership
- Verdun Fire – August 5, 2018
- Chinook Community Forest
  - o Four distinct areas under K4R License and Chinook Community Forest
  - o K4R License is 104,000 gross hectares, with 64,000 Timber Harvesting Land Base (THLB)
  - o 2018 wildfires consumed 10,000 hectares of Chinook Community Forest's THLB, of which 5,000/ha was the Verdun fire
- FESBC and Chinook Community Forest have teamed up to salvage approximately 250 hectares of 2018 wildfires
  - o Summer/Fall of 2019 Chinook received \$300,000 from FESBC
  - o Chinook salvaged 100/ha within the Verdun Fire on Chicken Creek Hill
- In 2021 Chinook received \$500,000
  - o Project: to salvage approximately 150/ha within the 2018 Nadina Fire
- Outcomes
  - o Economic benefits
  - o Environmental benefits
  - o Social benefits.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Cost of harvesting
  - o Increased substantially
  - o Stumpage fees
- FESBC
  - o Opportunity to invest and best way to move forward
  - o Support initiatives and jobs created
  - o Provincial Government determining future of FESBC
- Shovel Lake Fire
  - o Currently FESBC funding is committed to existing projects
  - o Chinook Community Forest has projects within the Shovel Lake, Verdun and Nadina 2018 fire areas at its own cost
- Barriers to harvesting burnt timber
  - o A number of factors
    - Demand from producers for clean timber
    - Oversupply of burnt timber
    - Some stands will return naturally, and some won't return naturally
    - Cost challenges
  - o Secondary manufacturing facilities located close to communities to reduce transportation costs
  - o Policy considerations and changes for a more diversified use of fibre

### **DELEGATION (CONT'D)**

- Opportunity for secondary licensees to harvest fibre where primary licensees are unable to harvest
- Funding and fibre taken to Pinnacle Pellet in Smithers
- FESBC philosophy regarding fibre harvesting
- Village of Fraser Lake utilization of FESBC funding
- Support of FESBC
- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development restructuring.

Chair Brienens thanked Messrs. Nielsen and Pratt for attending the meeting.

### **REPORT**

Ministry of Forests, Lands,  
Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development  
-Modernizing Forest Policy in  
British Columbia

Moved by Director Parker  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

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“That the Committee receive the Director of Corporate Services’ Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Modernizing Forest Policy in British Columbia memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Natural Resources Committee indicated their wish to have further discussion at a future meeting. Chair Brienens spoke of the importance of submitting recommendations from the RDBN, as well as each member municipality to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Newell

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“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Shane Brienens, Chair

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Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services