

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2024 IN THE BOARD ROOM, 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC.

Directors Present: Director L. Beckett, Chairperson
 Director D. Alan
 Director J. Atkinson
 Director K. Dunphy
 Director B. Empey
 Director A. Kaehn
 Director J. Kirk
 Director V. Mobley
 Director C. Ramsay
 Director G. Runtz (remote)
 Director K. Sampson
 Director B. Skakun
 Director O. Torgerson
 Director S. Yu

Staff Present: C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer
 M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services
 J. Gloger, Manager of Legislative Services
 K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services
 L. Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services
 S. White, General Manager of Financial Services

Minutes Recorded and D. Hegel, Confidential Assistant (Corporate Services)
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Media: No media were in attendance

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

The Chairperson conducted a roll call to confirm those Directors attending remotely and those attending in person.

The Regional District acknowledged the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play.

The Chairperson acknowledged that September 30, 2024 was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and that there were many events held at the Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park to commemorate the occasion. She also expressed her condolences to the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation for the loss of Elders Edith (Edie) Frederick and Josie Paul.

2. Adoption of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Sampson

1. *THAT the agenda for the October 17, 2024 Regional Board Meeting be amended with the addition of the following items:*

- *Item No. 6.1 - Electoral Area A – Salmon River-Lakes Official Community Plan Project – What We Heard Report – Consultant Presentation;*
- *Item No. 6.4 – 2025 Business Façade Improvement Program Application;*
- *Item No. 8.1 – Prince George Airport Authority Annual Update Presentation; and*

- *Item No. 18.4 - Thank you letter from Regional District Electoral Area D (Tabor Lake-Stone Creek) Bursary Recipient, and*
- 2. *That Item No. 6.1 – “Electoral Area A – Salmon River-Lakes Official Community Plan Project – What We Heard Report – Consultant Presentation” be considered immediately following agenda Item 2 and that the agenda be adopted, as amended.*

CARRIED

6. Development Services

6.1 Electoral Area A – Salmon River-Lakes Official Community Plan Project – What We Heard Report

A report was presented regarding Electoral Area A – Salmon River-Lakes Official Community Plan Project – What We Heard Report.

Colton Kirsop, Division Manager and Planner from McElhanney was in remote attendance and provided a presentation regarding Phase 1 Engagement for Electoral Area A - Salmon River-Lakes Official Community Plan including engagement approach and goals, communications to inform and involve the community, what was done and who they heard from, key findings, project timeline, and next steps.

C. Kirsop responded to a query from a Director regarding learnings that could increase public engagement.

Moved by Mobley
Seconded by Yu

THAT the report dated September 27, 2024, regarding “Electoral Area A – Salmon River-Lakes Official Community Plan Project – What We Heard Report” be received for information.

CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Skakun
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Consent Agenda, Items No. 3.1 to 3.6, inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

3.1 Building Permit Statistics for September 2024

3.2 9-1-1 Call Answer and Fire/Rescue Statistics for October 2024

3.3 Q3 2024 Bylaw Enforcement Statistics

Director Torgerson noted that the non-bylaw category in the bylaw summary for the third quarter ranks well above all the other categories listed in the summary.

3.4 Q3 Crown Land Referrals from July 1 to September 30, 2024

3.5 Q3 Development Permits issued from July 1 to September 30, 2024

3.6 Q3 Subdivision Referrals from July 1 to September 30, 2024

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 September 12, 2024 Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Minutes of the Regional Board meeting held on September 12, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

8. Public Appearances (2:00 p.m.)

8.1 Prince George Airport Authority

Gordon Duke (President and Chief Executive Officer) and Derek Dougherty (Chair) of the Prince George Airport Authority (PGAA) were in attendance and provided a presentation regarding the annual update for the PGAA including the 2025 Strategic Plan, 2023 recap and highlights, industry update, 2023 financial performance, 2023 passenger activity, 2023 capital initiatives and looking ahead.

Gordon Duke responded to queries from Directors regarding the monitoring of the proposed helicopter pad activity at the hospital and the operational status of the airport's fire truck as it approaches the end of its service life.

The Board wished Gordon Duke a happy retirement and thanked him for his service.

Director Ramsay left the Boardroom at 2:11 p.m.

5. Public Hearings/Public Considerations

No scheduled Public Hearings/Public Considerations.

6. Development Services

6.2 Bylaw Services: Noise Bylaw Service

A report was presented regarding a Noise Bylaw Service.

Discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a noise bylaw service including the volume of noise complaints necessary to warrant the establishment of a service, the potential amendment of Noise Conversion Bylaw 2781, 2012, concerns related to the enforcement of the bylaw, the possibility of integrating this initiative with the Official Community Plan engagement process, and the financial implications and resource requirements for enacting a noise bylaw service.

Moved by Empey
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the report dated October 7, 2024 regarding "Bylaw Services: Noise Bylaw Service" be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Ramsay returned to the Boardroom at 2:17 p.m.

6.3 Proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 3362, 2024

A report was presented regarding Proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 3362, 2024.

K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services, responded to a query from a Director regarding whether there was a smaller zoning option than what the applicant has requested.

Discussion ensued regarding limiting recreational zoning.

Director Alan provided an overview of the public hearing and expressed that the proposed zoning amendment represents a significant enhancement for the Robson Valley.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the report dated October 4, 2024 regarding "Proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 3362, 2024" be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Alan declared the minutes of the Public Hearing held September 26, 2024 on Proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 3362, 2024 to be fair and accurate.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the summary of the Public Hearing held September 26, 2024 on proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 3362, 2024 be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Runtz

THAT Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 3362, 2024 be given third reading.

CARRIED

6.4 2025 Business Façade Improvement Program

A report regarding the 2025 Business Façade Improvement Program was presented as an additional item.

Directors expressed appreciation to Community and Development Services staff for their hard work, stating that the Façade Improvement Program is a great initiative to assist businesses in the rural areas.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the report dated October 15, 2024 regarding "2025 Business Façade Improvement Program" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George submit an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust Business Façade Improvement Program for a grant of up to \$20,000 for the delivery of a Business Façade Improvement Program for 2025.

CARRIED

7. Development Services - Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Applications

There were no ALC Applications.

9. Chairperson's Report

The Chair advised that there was no report.

10. Directors' Reports

10.1 Columbia Basin Trust AGM, Aq'am, BC, September 23-28, 2024

A report was presented regarding Columbia Basin Trust AGM, Aq'am, BC, September 23 to 28, 2024.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Yu

THAT the Director's report dated October 4, 2024, regarding "Columbia Basin Trust AGM, Aq'am, BC, September 23-28, 2024" be received for information.

CARRIED

2024 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention Minister Meetings

Directors expressed their appreciation to Administration and the Chairperson for their efforts in coordinating briefing notes and presentations for the Minister meetings at the 2024 UBCM Convention.

10.2 Grant-In-Aid for the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service

A report was presented regarding Grant-In-Aid for the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Mobley

THAT the Director's report dated October 8, 2024 regarding "Grant-In-Aid for the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT Policy RD-16-20 'Community Grants-In-Aid', be waived for the issuance of the grant to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

CARRIED

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT a grant in the amount of \$1,500 from the Electoral Area C Grant-in-Aid fund be provided to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service.

CARRIED

11. Administration

11.1 Corporate Services

11.1.1 Request to File Notice on Title for Building Bylaw Contravention

A report was presented regarding a Request to File Notice on Title for Building Bylaw Contravention.

B. Harasimiuk, Manager of Inspection Services and Sustainability Practices, responded to queries from Directors regarding a potential buyer's knowledge of a property's non-compliance status and any potential liability issues for the Regional District. He also noted that he had received an email from the property owner, who advised that they were unable to attend today's meeting but assured that they are working to achieve compliance for the property.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the report dated October 3, 2024 regarding "Request to File Notice on Title for Building Bylaw Contravention" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Kirk

THAT the installation of a modular home and construction of an unpermitted covered deck on Lot 2 District lot 3171 Cariboo District Plan 9957 – Hixon, BC, be declared to be in contravention of Building Bylaw No. 3239, 2021.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Mobley

THAT the Corporate Officer file a notice in the Land Title Office relating to Lot 2 District Lot 3171 Cariboo District Plan 9957 – Hixon, BC, pursuant to Section 57 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

Director Skakun left the Boardroom at 2:40 p.m.

11.1.2 Mental Health and Addictions Accord

A report was presented regarding a Mental Health and Addictions Accord.

Discussion ensued concerning the issues related to the action items outlined in the Mental Health and Addictions Accord including inquiries about the data and baseline data being referenced, the safeguarding of privacy in data sharing, and the Regional District's limited capacity to implement certain actions.

In response to a query from a Director, M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services, advised that the Mental Health and Addictions Accord is an evolving document and that a review is scheduled in six months to assess updates for future symposiums.

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Alan

THAT the report dated October 4, 2024, regarding "Mental Health and Addictions Accord" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Board supports in principle the Mental Health and Addictions Accord as set out in the attached document from North Central Local Government Association; and authorizes the Chair to sign the Accord on behalf of the Regional Board.

CARRIED

Director Skakun returned to the Boardroom at 2:45 p.m.

11.1.3 Regional Grant-in-Aid Request

A report was presented regarding Scouts Canada Regional Grant-in-Aid Request.

The Chairperson advised that she had the opportunity to attend the awards event at Camp Hughes this summer, noting that it is an exceptional facility within our community.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the report dated October 7, 2024 regarding "Regional Grant-in-Aid Request" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Skakun

THAT a Regional Grant-in-Aid be provided to Scouts Canada – Camp Hughes in the amount of \$1,960.

CARRIED

11.1.4 Proposed Amendments to Regional Board Procedure Bylaw No. 3267, 2022

A report was presented regarding Proposed Amendments to Regional Board Procedure Bylaw No. 3267, 2022.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of increased transparency of Board deliberations and decisions, public access to meeting minutes, video recording of Board meetings, potential legal issues and liabilities resulting from meeting minutes that do not record Directors voting in opposition, and the continued option for Directors to request that their name not be recorded in the minutes.

In response to a query from a Director, M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services spoke to the legislative requirements set out in the *Local Government Act* to ensure that accurate minutes of the meetings of the board and board committees are prepared.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Mobley

THAT the report dated October 1, 2024 regarding "Proposed Amendments to Regional Board Procedure Bylaw No. 3267, 2022" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Skakun

THAT Regional Board Procedure Bylaw No. 3267, 2022, Amendment Bylaw No. 3368, 2024 be now introduced and given first, second and third readings.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Alan

THAT consideration of Regional Board Procedure Bylaw No. 3267, 2022, Amendment Bylaw No. 3368, 2024 be postponed to the November 21, 2024 Board meeting.

CARRIED

Directors Mobley, Sampson and Skakun opposed

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT Administration return a report to the Board that provides information regarding the potential liability and legal implications of not recording votes in opposition, including any legal precedent where a board decision has been overturned as a result of votes not being recorded.

CARRIED

Further discussion commenced.

11.1.5 Options for 2025 Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board Meeting Schedule

A report was presented regarding Options for 2025 Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board Meeting Schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling committee meetings on the day prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting, support for utilizing late afternoon or evening hours for committee meetings, consideration for Directors travelling from outside of Prince George and those with full time employment, and other opportunities to increase the efficiency of meetings.

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated October 7, 2024 regarding "Options for 2025 Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board Meeting Schedule" be received for information.

CARRIED

11.2 Financial Services

11.2.1 2024 Year to Date Budget Variance Report

A report was presented regarding 2024 Year to Date Budget Variance Report.

S. White, General Manager of Financial Services, provided an overview of the 2024 Year to Date Budget Variance report and the 2025 Budget Process Approach.

Director Yu left the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the report dated October 7, 2024 regarding "2024 Year to Date Budget Variance Report" be received for information.

CARRIED

11.2.2 2025 Budget Process and Approach

A report was presented regarding 2025 Budget Process and Approach.

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the report dated October 7, 2024 regarding "2025 Budget Process and Approach" be received for information.

CARRIED

11.3 Public Safety

There were no Public Safety reports.

11.4 Arts, Culture & Heritage

11.4.1 Annual Cultural Report 2023

A report was presented regarding Annual Cultural Report 2023.

Director Ramsay, Cultural Services Advisory Committee Vice Chair provided an overview of the Annual Cultural Report noting that it details the changes in cultural sites from 2022 to 2023 and the significance of culture in the region.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the report dated October 4, 2024 regarding "Annual Cultural Report 2023" be received for information.

CARRIED

12. Environment and Parks

12.1 Report from the Chair of the Environment and Parks Standing Committee

A report was presented from the Chairperson of the Environment and Parks Standing Committee.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the report dated October 7, 2024 from the Chair of the Environment and Parks Standing Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the tariff rates for the deposit of municipal solid waste at Regional District solid waste facilities as set out in Schedule B attached to the report be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the changes to the charge accounts for the deposit of municipal solid waste at Regional District solid waste facilities as set out in Schedule G attached to the report be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Kirk

THAT a competitive bid process be entered into for the provision of caretaker services at the Bear Lake, McLeod Lake, and Summit Lake Regional Transfer Stations.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Sampson

THAT a competitive bid process be entered into for the purpose of engaging consulting services for the preparation of a four-season waste characterization study.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT Contract ES-22-11 Solid Waste Hauling Services – McBride and Valemount Regional Transfer Stations be approved for a one-year contract extension for the term of January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Empey

Contract ES-24-12 As and When Engineering Services Solid Waste be awarded to Tetra Tech Canada Inc. to provide Engineering Services as required to Environmental Services for the contract period of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2027.

CARRIED

13. Community Services

13.1 Proposed 2025 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3367, 2024

A report was presented regarding Proposed 2025 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3367, 2024.

C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer, responded to a query from a Director regarding whether the Regional District receives a list of tax-exempt properties from BC Assessment.

Discussion ensued regarding property tax exemptions including concerns about how these exemptions might affect the community's finances, the possibility of reducing the amount of the tax exemption and the impact on small businesses if they are no longer able to receive tax exemptions.

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Skakun

THAT the report dated October 1, 2024 regarding "Proposed 2025 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3367, 2024" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT 2025 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3367, 2024 be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Empey

THAT 2025 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3367, 2024 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Mobley

THAT 2025 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3367, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

13.2 Indigenous Engagement Requirements Plan

A report was presented regarding Indigenous Engagement Requirements Plan.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the report dated October 1, 2024 regarding "Indigenous Engagement Requirements Plan" be received for information.

CARRIED

14. Community Grants-in-Aid

14.1 Grants: Electoral Area C (Chilako River-Nechako)

A report was presented regarding grants for Electoral Area C - Chilako River-Nechako.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated October 2, 2024, Grant Schedule and associated grant application forms for Electoral Area C be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Kirk

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area C, as listed in the October Grant Schedule, be approved.

CARRIED

14.2 Grants: Electoral Area F (Willow River-Upper Fraser)

A report was presented regarding grants for Electoral Area F - Willow River - Upper Fraser.

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Mobley

THAT the report dated October 2, 2024, Grant Schedule and associated grant application form for Electoral Area F be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Alan

THAT the Grant for Electoral Area F, as listed in the October Grant Schedule, be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Kirk

THAT Policy RD-19-20 'Recreation Grants', section 8(b) – "Award", be waived for the issuance of the Recreation Grant, as listed in the October Grant Schedule for Electoral Area F.

CARRIED

14.3 Grants: Electoral Area H (Robson Valley-Canoe)

A report was presented regarding grants for Electoral Area H - Robson Valley-Canoe.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the report dated October 2, 2024, Grant Schedule and associated grant application forms for Electoral Area H be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area H, as listed in the October Grant Schedule, be approved.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence for Consideration

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Correspondence for Consideration, designated as agenda Item No. 15.1 be received.

CARRIED

15.1 Letter received September 17, 2024 from the Barkerville Heritage Trust regarding the Barkerville Procurement Process – Request for Letter of support

In response to a query from a Director regarding providing a letter of support, the Chairperson noted that she had the opportunity to speak with the Chair of the Barkerville Heritage Trust and they advised that they are seeking letters of support from the various

organizations that provide appointees to their board and that the Lhtako Dene Nation have already provided a letter of support.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Regional District provide a letter of support to the Barkerville Heritage Trust for their contract bid on the combined Barkerville/Cottonwood Heritage Site Management Agreement (HSMA) with the Province of BC.

CARRIED

Appointment to Barkerville Heritage Trust Board

The Chairperson advised that Barkerville Heritage Trust spoke to Regional District Administration regarding the reappointment of Kirk Gable to their Board and have asked the Regional District to support Kirk Gable's reappointment for another three year term.

M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services, noted that in 2021, the City of Prince George and the Regional District had jointly appointed K. Gable to the Barkerville Heritage Trust for a three-year term, which concluded in May of this year and that the request for re-appointment was delayed due to the rescheduling of the Barkerville Heritage Trust's Annual General Meeting to November.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the appointment of Kirk Gable as the joint representative for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and City of Prince George to the Barkerville Heritage Trust be approved for an additional term.

CARRIED

16. Correspondence for Information

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Correspondence for Information, designated as agenda Items No. 16.1.1 to 16.3.1, inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

16.1.1 Letter received September 18, 2024 from MLA Shirley Bond regarding her retirement as MLA for Prince George-Valemount

16.1.2 E-mail received September 12, 2024 from Ministry of Forests/BC Wildfire Service regarding a Provincial Wildfire Update

16.1.3 E-mail received September 25, 2024 from the Ministry of Children and Family Development regarding Foster Family Month in British Columbia

Director Atkinson spoke regarding the shortage of available foster homes in British Columbia, opportunities for local governments to address the issue and concerns regarding the limited notice for events and initiatives that can impact local government's ability to advocate and effectively share information in their communities and on their social media platforms.

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Sampson

THAT Administration send a letter to the Ministry of Children and Family Development requesting that notification of Foster Family Month and other initiatives be sent a full month in advance to assist local governments in their support and advocacy of these initiatives

CARRIED

- 16.1.4** Letter received September 20, 2024 from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education regarding a third-year veterinary student at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Director Alan noted that the funding for the third-year veterinary student was a positive result of the meeting held at the Union of BC Municipalities with the Ministry of Agriculture and Foods, as well as the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Development.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Regional Board send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Food and Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills thanking them for their one-time funding to support a third-year veterinary student.

CARRIED

- 16.2.1** Letter received September 25, 2024 from Mayor Goetz, City of Merritt

- 16.3.1** Email received September 17, 2024 from the College of New Caledonia regarding Student Awards

17. Newsletters

There were no newsletters.

18. Information (Available on Side Table)

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Skakun

THAT the Correspondence for Information Available on Side Table, designated as agenda Item No. 18.1 to 18.3, inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

- 18.1** Thank you letter from Regional District Electoral Area G (Crooked River-Parsnip) Bursary Recipient
18.2 Fall 2024 Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) Accomplishments Update
18.3 Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society - Program Brochures
18.4 Thank you letter from Regional District Electoral Area D (Tabor Lake-Stone Creek) Bursary Recipient

19. New Business

Regional Youth Parliament

Director Alan spoke regarding the Regional Youth Parliament, an initiative aimed at educating young people in public speaking and parliamentary procedures and inquired about utilizing the Regional District's Boardroom for their annual debates.

Veterinarian Shortage in Valemount

Director Torgerson advised that the Robson Valley is experiencing a reduction in veterinary services due to the loss of a veterinary practice in the Jasper wildfire.

Union of BC Municipalities

Director Ramsay announced her successful election as First Vice President of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) in September. She also shared that she will be traveling to Cambodia from November 1-9, 2024, as part of a delegation from UBCM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) initiative, which aims to enhance the role of women in local leadership positions.

The Board extended congratulations to Director Ramsay on her election as the First Vice-President of UBCM, as well as to Director Kirk for her re-election as Electoral Area Representative.

Regional District Property Taxes

Moved by Mobley
Seconded by Skakun

That Administration inquire and work with BC Assessment to determine if there are any properties in Electoral Area A – Salmon River-Lakes that are currently receiving property tax exemptions or have received property tax exemptions in the last 5 years outside of the Regional District's Property Tax Exemption Bylaws.

CARRIED

Recess

The Chairperson called for a recess of the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Directors Present: Director L. Beckett, Chairperson
Director D. Alan
Director J. Atkinson
Director K. Dunphy
Director B. Empey
Director A. Kaehn
Director J. Kirk
Director V. Mobley
Director C. Ramsay
Director K. Sampson
Director O. Torgerson

Directors Absent: Director G. Runtz
Director B. Skakun
Director S. Yu

Staff Present: C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services
K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services
S. White, General Manager of Financial Services
L. Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services
H. Erasmus, Manager of Communications and Culture
B. Harasimiuk, Manager of Inspection Services and Sustainable Practices
G. Layte Liston, Senior Manager of Environmental Services

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Media: No media were in attendance

Reconvene

The Chairperson reconvened the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Closed Session Item

Consideration of Agenda Item(s) under Sections 90 of the *Community Charter*

A report dated October 8, 2024 was presented regarding “Consideration of Agenda Item(s) under Section 90 of the *Community Charter*”.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the October 17, 2024 Regional Board meeting be closed to the public to permit consideration of supplemental agenda item(s) pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e), (g) and (i) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public and moved into closed session at 4:36 p.m.

The meeting re-opened to the public and the Chairperson called for adjournment.

Adjournment

Moved by Mobley
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services