

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2025 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 (remote)
 Director B. Empey
 Director A. Kaehn
 Director V. Mobley (remote)
 Director G. Runtz
 Director K. Sampson
 Alternate Director S. Scott
 Director O. Torgerson
 Director S. Yu (remote)

Staff Present: C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer
 S. Rich, Supervisor, Information Technology

Minutes Recorded and M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services
Produced by:

1. **Call to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

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

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

2. **Closed Session Items**

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

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT the February 20, 2025 Regional Board meeting be closed to the public to permit consideration of agenda items pursuant to Sections 90(1)(a), (c) and (o), and 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

3. **Recess**

The meeting moved into closed session at 10:54 a.m.

The meeting moved into open session and the Chairperson called for a recess at 11:25 a.m.

Directors Present:	Director L. Beckett, Chairperson Director D. Alan Director J. Atkinson Director K. Dunphy (remote) (1:40 p.m. – 3:33 p.m.) Director B. Empey Director A. Kaehn Director J. Kirk (remote) Director V. Mobley (remote) Alternate Director T. Klassen Director G. Runtz Director K. Sampson Alternate Director S. Scott Director O. Torgerson Director S. Yu (remote) (1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2:56 p.m. – 3:33 p.m.)
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 S. Rich, Supervisor, Information Technology
Minutes Recorded and Produced by:	D. Hegel, Confidential Assistant (Corporate Services)
Media:	Colin Slark, Prince George Citizen

1. **Reconvene - Open Session**

The Chair reconvened the meeting 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 advised that she attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference held February 10 to 13, 2025, in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She noted that Tanya Talaga, an acclaimed Indigenous journalist and author, served as the keynote speaker for the opening address, where she delivered a presentation focused on reconciliation.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Regional Board agenda for February 20, 2025 be amended as follows:

- *Item No. 7.1 – Application for Non-Farm Use in the ALR-102683 – Replacement Backgrounder, Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) Application No. 102683 Attachments and new correspondence item;*
- *New Item No. 10.2 - Local Watershed Governance and Climate Resilient Ecosystems;*
- *New Item No. 11.3.2 – Columbia Basin Trust – Village of Valemount Resident Directed Grant Application;*

- *New Item No. 11.3.3 - 9-1-1 Emergency Response – Centralized Call-Answer Contract Services;*
- *Moving Item 12.2 - 155 George Street HVAC Assessment and Sustainable Replacement Options Analysis Update & PowerPoint Presentation to be considered immediately following agenda item 4.1;*

And that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda

M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services responded to a query from the Board regarding the Regional District's Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership.

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Scott

THAT the Consent Agenda, Items No. 3.1 to 3.3, inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

- 3.1** Building Permit Statistics for January 2025
- 3.2** 2025 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Membership
- 3.3** 9-1-1 Call Answer and Fire/Rescue Statistics for January 2025

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 January 23, 2025 Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Scott
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Minutes of the Regional Board meeting held on January 23, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

12. Environment and Parks

12.2 155 George Street HVAC Assessment and Sustainable Replacement Options Analysis Update

Director Dunphy entered the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Dmitrii Konkov, Professional Engineer from McCuaig & Associates Engineering was in remote attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding 155 George Street HVAC Assessment and Sustainable Replacement Options including a historical overview of the Regional District building, an analysis of the existing HVAC system, electrical capacity; energy model; sustainable replacement options; and available incentives and rebates.

D. Konkov responded to queries from Directors regarding the proposed HVAC replacement options regarding whether the Regional District would retain the natural gas back up should the Board approve a connection to the City of Prince George District Energy System, the expected lifespan of each option listed in the report, the financial implications of reverting to electricity in the event of a shut down of the District Energy System, the consideration of geothermal alternatives, and whether any of the systems are manufactured in Canada.

Director Yu exited the meeting at 2:00p.m.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Klassen

THAT the report dated February 3, 2025 regarding "155 George Street HVAC Assessment and Sustainable Replacement Options Analysis Update", be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Public Hearings/Public Considerations

No scheduled Public Hearings/Public Consideration.

6. Development Services

6.1 Proposed Subdivision Frontage Waiver – Old Tete Jaune Road

Director Torgerson provided an overview of the application and advised that the proposed frontage waiver is reasonable given the current operation of the CN Rail line through the property.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025 regarding "Proposed Subdivision Frontage Waiver – Old Tete Jaune Road" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT a waiver to the 10% frontage requirement of Zoning Bylaw No. 2892, 2014 be approved for subdivision of The East ½ of District Lot 473, Cariboo District, Except Plan A72 and Parcel A (M26239).

CARRIED

6.2 Proposed Temporary Use Permit No. 289

Director Alan advised that there have been no complaints or concerns expressed by the public regarding the proposed application to permit a temporary campground use on the property.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated February 3, 2025 regarding "Proposed Temporary Use Permit No. 289" be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Alan declared the summary of the Public Consultation Meeting held on January 28, 2025, regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 289 to be fair and accurate.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the summary of the Public Consultation held on January 28, 2025 regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 289 be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT Temporary Use Permit No. 289 be issued to 754224 Alberta Ltd., Inc. No. 754224 Alber to allow Campground use on Block A District Lots 7127 and 7128 Cariboo District for a three-year period.

CARRIED

6.3 Proposed Temporary Use Permit No. 290

Director Torgerson advised that the applicant maintains a provincial forest service road for all user groups and that there have been no complaints from the public.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025 regarding the proposed "Temporary Use Permit No. 290" be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Alan declared the summary of the Public Consultation Meeting held on January 28, 2025, regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 290 to be fair and accurate.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the summary of the Public Consultation held on January 28, 2025 regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 290 be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT Temporary Use Permit No. 290 be issued to Valemound Sand and Gravel Ltd. to allow Preliminary Resource Processing use on Part of Lot 1, District Lots 480, 5682, Cariboo District, Plan 8448, Except Plan 17811, Plan 25095 and Part of District Lots 480 and 5682, Cariboo District for a three-year period.

CARRIED

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

7.1 Application for Non-Farm Use in the ALR-102683

Director Torgerson provided an overview of the application and advised that the marathon is a newly introduced event in the Valemound region, which has gained significant popularity. The event will utilize the applicant's land as both the starting and finishing lines.

In response to a query from a Director concerning the use of crown land for the event, Director Torgerson confirmed that the necessary permits have been obtained.

K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services noted that Regional District staff have received a referral from the crown regarding the proposed use on crown land and will reply back to the Province accordingly. Additionally, it was noted that Administration can work with the applicant to improve their application to the Agriculture Land Commission, allowing for a clearer specification of the intended use of the property.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025 regarding "Application for Non-Farm Use in the ALR - 102683" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT Application 102683 for Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Land Reserve on The Fractional South West 1/4 of District Lot 7357 Cariboo District Lying East of Plan CG132 be authorized to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT the main motion be amended by adding the words "and that the Regional Board supports approval of the subject application."

CARRIED

Main motion, as amended.

CARRIED

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT Board directs Administration to work with the applicant on their application to the Agricultural Land Commission to highlight the use of the agricultural land for the purpose of gathering for an event on the subject property.

CARRIED

8. Public Appearances

There were no scheduled Public Appearances.

9. Chairperson's Report

The Chair advised that there was no report.

10. Directors' Reports

10.1 Proposed Resolution for Submission to the North Central Local Government Association

Director Kirk advised that this resolution is a joint submission with Comox Valley Regional District.

Discussion ensued concerning small water systems and the challenges faced by small communities, including the high costs for the installation of filtration systems.

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the report dated February 7, 2025 regarding "Proposed Resolution for Submission to the North Central Local Government Association" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Board approves the resolution titled "Sustainable Funding for Small Water Systems", as attached to the report dated February 7, 2025 to be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration at the 2025 Convention and Annual General Meeting and subsequently the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

CARRIED

10.2 Proposed Resolutions for Submission to the North Central Local Government Association

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of water management through the implications of climate change.

The Chairperson advised that this resolution submission could potentially be made jointly by the Bulkley Nechako Regional District.

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Sampson

THAT the report dated February 19, 2025 regarding "Proposed Resolutions for Submission to the North Central Local Government Association" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the Board approves the resolution titled "Local Watershed Governance Organizations", as attached to the report dated February 19, 2025 to be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration at the 2025 Convention and Annual General Meeting and subsequently the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

CARRIED

Moved by Scott
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Board approves the resolution titled "Biodiverse Climate Resilient Ecosystems", as attached to the report dated February 19, 2025 to be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration at the 2025 Convention and Annual General Meeting and subsequently the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

CARRIED

11. **Administration**

11.1 **Corporate Services**

11.1.1 **Regional District Representation on the Prince George Public Library Board**

M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services responded to queries from Directors regarding the potential appointment of a staff member to the Prince George Public Library Board, responsibilities of a Board member, and the public application process for appointing a community representative to the Board.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of appointing an individual to the Board who possesses a strong passion for the Prince George Public Library services.

Moved by Scott
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated January 29, 2025 regarding "Regional District Representation on the Prince George Public Library Board" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Board authorizes Administration to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Prince George Public Library, substantially in the form of the agreement attached to the report dated January 29, 2025.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Board directs Administration to undertake a public recruitment process for consideration to appoint a representative of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George on the Prince George Public Library Board.

CARRIED

11.2 Financial Services

There were no reports for Financial Services.

11.3 Public Safety

11.3.1 Salmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department Outbuilding Construction

Moved by Mobley
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the report dated February 5, 2025 regarding "Salmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department Outbuilding Construction" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Mobley
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Board approves the exemption of the Salmon Valley Volunteer Fire Department outbuilding from the post disaster designation as outlined in the British Columbia Building Code.

CARRIED

11.3.2 Columbia Basin Trust – Village of Valemount Resident Directed Grant Application

Director Torgerson provided an overview of the grant application.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT the report dated February 14, 2025 regarding "Columbia Basin Trust – Village of Valemount Resident Directed Grant Application" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT the Regional Board supports the application submitted by the Regional District to the Village of Valemount Resident Directed Grants Program through Columbia Basin Trust for grant funding to support the Valemount & District Fire Protection Service in acquiring wildland firefighting equipment.

CARRIED

11.3.3 9-1-1 Emergency Response – Centralized Call-Answer Contract Services

Directors expressed their enthusiasm regarding the 9-1-1 service, highlighting that this initiative represents a significant advancement in the repatriation of 9-1-1 services in Northern British Columbia.

Moved by Klassen
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the report dated February 14, 2025 regarding “9-1-1 Emergency Response – Centralized Call-Answer Contract Services” be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Torgerson left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Scott

THAT the Regional Board approves entering into a one-year contract with Emergency Communications for British Columbia (E-Comm) for the provision of 9-1-1 Call-Answer services for a term of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 substantially in the same form as attached to the report dated February 14, 2025.

CARRIED

12. Environment and Parks

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

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the report dated February 7, 2025 from the Chair of the Environment and Parks Standing Committee be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Torgerson returned to meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Board approves Contract ES-25-02 - Scrap Metal Recycling Services be awarded to Richmond Steel Recycling Ltd. for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2028.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Board approves Contract ES-25-03 – Caretaker Services – Chief Lake Regional Transfer Station be awarded to Shelton Rafferty, Owner, R and M Maintenance Services, for the total amount of \$6,000 per month (excluding taxes) from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2028.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Scott

THAT the Board approves a competitive bid process be entered into for earthworks services in support of Cell Two Development at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill.

CARRIED

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Board approves a competitive bid process be entered into for the purpose of engaging consulting services for solid waste asset management planning.

CARRIED

12.2 155 George Street HVAC Assessment and Sustainable Replacement Options Analysis Update

Director Yu entered the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed connection to the City of Prince George District Energy System and concerns regarding whether the system might become obsolete in the future due to the ongoing challenges within the forest industry and access to wood waste fiber that fuels the system.

G. Layte Liston, Senior Manager of Environmental Services responded to queries from the Board regarding the potential reduction of the air intake in the Regional District HVAC System and noted that the intention was to achieve cost savings by carrying out the entire project simultaneously.

Further discussion ensued.

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Kaehn

THAT the Board approves Administration to move forward and negotiate a draft term sheet and determine a Class B cost estimate to connect to the City of Prince George's District Energy System (DES).

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Yu

THAT consideration of the main motion be postponed to the March or April Board meeting and that the Regional Board directs Administration to return information regarding a potential retrofit to the HVAC System's air intake.

Motion to postpone the main motion as set out above.

CARRIED

13. Community Services

13.1 Summit Lake Community Association – Request for Parking Service for Summit Lake

C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer responded to a query from a Director regarding whether the parking facilities at Summit Lake would be classified as a taxable service.

In response to a query from a Director regarding timeline for the feasibility study, K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services advised that the community is aware of two other feasibility studies that have received prior approval to proceed with the feasibility process (Pineview Improvement District water and Miworth Community fire protection).

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the report dated February 10, 2025 regarding "Summit Lake Community Association – Request for Parking Services for Summit Lake" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Mobley

THAT the Board authorizes Administration to prepare a report on developing a feasibility study on establishing a parking service for the Summit Lake community.

CARRIED

14. Community Grants-in-Aid

14.1 Grants: Electoral Area A (Salmon River-Lakes)

Moved by Mobley
Seconded by Kirk

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025, Grant Schedule and associated grant application forms for Electoral Area A be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Mobley
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area A, as listed in the February Grant Schedule, as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

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

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025, Grant Schedule and associated grant application form for Electoral Area C be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Grant for Electoral Area C, as listed in the February Grant Schedule, attached to the report dated February 6, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

14.3 Grants: Electoral Area D (Tabor Lake-Stone Creek)

Moved by Empey
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025, Grant Schedule and associated grant application forms for Electoral Area D be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Empey
Seconded by Alan

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area D, as listed in the February Grant Schedule, as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

14.4 Grants: Electoral Area E (Woodpecker-Hixon)

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025, Grant Schedule and associated grant application forms for Electoral Area E be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Kirk

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area E, as listed in the February Grant Schedule, as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

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

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025, Grant Schedule and associated grant application forms for Electoral Area F be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Alan

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area F, as listed in the February Grant Schedule, as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

14.6 Grants: Electoral Area G (Crooked River-Parsnip)

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025, Grant Schedule and associated grant application forms for Electoral Area G be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Mobley

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area G, as listed in the February Grant Schedule, as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by Kirk
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT Paragraph No. 8 (b) of Policy RD-16-20 'Community Grants-In-Aid' be waived for the issuance of the grant to Mackenzie Fire Fighters Association, as listed in the February Grant Schedule for Electoral Area G.

CARRIED

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

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Runtz

THAT the report dated February 6, 2025, 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 February Grant Schedule, as attached to the report dated February 6, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence for Consideration

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Sampson

THAT the Correspondence for Consideration, designated as agenda Items No. 15.1 to 15.4, inclusive, be received for information.

CARRIED

15.1 Letter dated January 29, 2025 from Kim Grimwade, Director, Hixon Community Association regarding a request for a Letter of Support for Hixon Hall interior upgrade.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George provide a letter of support for the Hixon Community Association's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for funding for an air conditioning unit, associated ceiling ducting, dropped ceiling and lighting replacement to help with climate control within the Hixon Community Hall.

CARRIED

15.2 Letter dated January 30, 2025 from the NLCA Trail Committee, Nadsilnich Lake Community Association regarding a request for a Letter of Support for Off-Road Vehicles – Province of British Columbia Grant for the extension of Sno-Cat Shed.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Alan

THAT the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George provide a letter of support to the Nadsilnich Lake Community Association for their proposed Sno-Cat shed extension project.

CARRIED

15.3 Email dated January 31, 2025 from Lindsay Timmermans, Event Coordinator, City of Prince George regarding a request for a Letter of Support for the City of Prince George's Bid to host the 2030 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games.

Director Sampson provided an overview of the City of Prince George's bid to host the 2030 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games and noted that this event represents a significant opportunity for the community, with expectations of attracting more than 1,700 athletes across various sports disciplines, which will ultimately benefit the local economy.

Discussion ensued regarding whether discussions have taken place between The City of Prince George and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation on the possibility of co-hosting the event, as well as the timeline for submitting the bid proposal.

Further discussion ensued regarding the support letter template provided by the City of Prince George and concerns about the extent of commitment required from staff and volunteers outlined in the template.

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Yu

THAT the Regional District provide a letter of support to Special Olympics Canada in support of the City of Prince George's bid to host the 2030 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games.

Moved by Sampson
Seconded by Yu

THAT the main motion be amended to include "and that the Regional District incorporate into the letter of support the relationship with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the consideration for the level of support that could be provided by the Regional District.

Main motion, as amended.

CARRIED

15.4 Letter dated February 5, 2025 from Kristine Brownscombe, Director, Hixon Community Association regarding a request for a Letter of Support for Northern Development Trust (NDIT) Fabulous Festivals and Events Grant.

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George provide a letter of support for the Hixon Community Association's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Fabulous Festivals and Events grant program for a grant of up to \$2,500 for hosting the 44th Annual Fall Fair scheduled for August 9, 2025.

CARRIED

16. Correspondence for Information

Moved by Alan
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the Correspondence for Information, under agenda Items No. 16.1, 16.2, 16.3, and 16.4, be received for information.

CARRIED

16.1 Provincial Government

16.1.1 Email dated January 21, 2025 from Wayne Crossland, Land and Resource Coordinator BC Caribou Recovery Program, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship regarding an Invitation to Consult on Ministerial Orders for UWR u-7-001 and WHA 7-018.

16.1.2 Letter dated January 27, 2025, from the Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests and Letter dated January 17, 2025 from the RDFFG Chair regarding a visit to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

16.2 Local Government

16.2.1 Letter dated January 28, 2025 from Aimee Watson, Board Chair, Regional District of Central Kootenay to the Minister of Forests regarding the Cooperative Community Wildfire Response Program.

In response to a query from a Director, C. Calder, Chief Administrative Officer and K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services advised that a letter has been drafted which outlines the Regional District's role in emergency preparedness funding through Electoral Area participation as well explains that wildfire response is a provincial responsibility.

16.3 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

16.3.1 Letter dated January 13, 2025 from Councillor Trish Mandewo, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding response to 2024 resolution.

K. Jonkman, General Manager of Community and Development Services responded to a query from a Director regarding the response from the Agricultural Land Commission to resolution 2024-NR3.

16.3.2 Letter dated December 18, 2024 from Lynsay Pacey, Program Officer, Union of BC Municipalities regarding the October 2024 Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation agreement approval and funding.

16.4 General

16.4.1 Email dated January 21, 2025 from Jan Simpson, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post.

16.4.2 Email dated January 23, 2025 from Chris Alemany, Society of Open Social Servers of BC regarding SocialBC.ca.

16.4.3 Letter dated February 3, 2025 from Doug Campbell, Chair, E-Comm Board of Directors regarding an Update on E-Comm's Governance Review.

16.4.4 Email dated February 3, 2025 from Robert A. Nyden regarding Discontinuity Adherence to Daylight Savings in the Fraser-Fort George Regional District.

17. Newsletters

There were no newsletters.

18. Information (Available on Side Table)

There was no information available on the side table.

19. New Business

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Sustainable Communities Conference

Director Yu advised that he had the opportunity to engage with Tanya Talaga during the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference, where she delivered a significant keynote address on truth and reconciliation and that there may be opportunities for her to speak locally at the North Central Local Government Association or other events.

50 Year Anniversary of the Pineview Snow Frolics

Director Empey advised that the 50th Annual Pineview Snow Frolics were held from February 1 to 9, 2025 noting that this event was originally established to provide winter activities for the community and has since evolved into the Pineview Recreation Commission's largest annual fundraiser, contributing significantly to the funding of various programs available to residents.

20. Adjournment

Moved by Kaehn
Seconded by Empey

THAT the meeting be adjourned - 3:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services

UNADOPTED