

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020 IN THE BOARDROOM 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC

Directors Present: Director A. Kaehn, Chair
Director D. Alan (via teleconference) (out at 2:59; in at 3:04)
Director J. Atkinson (via teleconference)
Director L. Beckett
Director P. Crook (via teleconference)
Director K. Dunphy (via teleconference)
Director B. Empey
Director A. Frederick (via teleconference)
Director L. Hall (via teleconference)
Director M. Krause (via teleconference)
Alternate Director F. Everitt (via teleconference)
Director K. Sampson
Director O. Torgerson (via teleconference)
Director W. Wilson

Staff Present: J. Martin, Administrator
C. Calder, General Manager of Financial Services (via teleconference)
M. Higgins, General Manager of Community Services (via teleconference)
K. Jensen, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services (via teleconference)
K. Jonkman, General Manager of Development Services (via teleconference)
P. Wildauer, General Manager of Environmental Services (via teleconference)

Minutes Recorded and Produced by: D. Hegel, Confidential Assistant (Corporate Services) (via teleconference)

Media: No media were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)

RES. NO. 831/20 Wilson/Beckett

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

RES. NO. 832/20 Wilson/Beckett

THAT Items No. 6.1A, 8.2, 8.3, 10.1.6, 10.3.2A, 10.3.3A and 13.9 be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, and it was:

CARRIED

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CONSENT AGENDA

RES. NO. 833/20 Everitt/Atkinson

THAT the Consent Agenda, designated as Items No. 3.1 to 3.4, inclusive, be received.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 4.1
NOVEMBER 19, 2020
REGIONAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

RES. NO. 834/20 Torgerson/Alan

THAT the Minutes of the Regional Board meeting held on November 19, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC
CONSIDERATIONS**

No scheduled Public Hearings/Public Considerations.

**ITEM # 6.1
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
WITH VARIANCE NO. 1303
(GRAHAM AND LANGLEY)**

A report was presented regarding Development Permit with Variance No. 1303 on Norman Lake Road (Graham and Langley).

An additional report was presented as Item # 6.1A.

Director Beckett provided an overview including:

- Norman Lake has been experiencing an increase in water quality issues, algae bloom and weed growth similar to other lakes around the area;
- Norman Lake is mostly a summer residence, but it has seen more heavy recreational use from the landowners and people accessing the Dahl Lake Provincial Park which is becoming an increasing concern;
- in the fall of 2019, the subject property was cleared of all vegetation, the seasonal stream was moved, fill was brought in and residents were concerned that sediment was entering the lake;
- Development Permit No. 1266 was issued and, at this time, there has not been confirmation if work has been completed;
- Regional District zoning requires a 60 meter set back from the lake or a 30 meter setback if a perk test confirms sufficiency, but no perk test has been done;
- there appears to be sufficient space on the lot for the cabin to be moved; and
- is not supportive of the front lot line variance for the existing shed.

Director Beckett advised that she would like more information regarding whether 40 meters from the lake and being located within the property allowed set back allows the pit privy to meet the zoning distance from the stream bed of 50 meters or if there is room between the road and the stream bed to move the pit privy into the area and still be far enough from the seasonal stream.

The General Manager of Development Services advised that the Regional Board could postpone consideration of this permit until further information could be obtained from the applicant with regards to a perk test or information from a registered professional providing some comment on alternate locations for the pit privy. She also advised that Administration

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could follow up with the applicant regarding if they would consider or have considered relocating the pit privy to the area between the road and Norman Lake Road.

RES. NO. 835/20 Alan/Torgerson

THAT the report, additional report and all written comments from persons, organizations and authorities be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 836/20 Beckett/Sampson

THAT Development Permit with Variance No. 1303 be postponed until further information can be provided by applicant.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 6.2
PROPOSED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TOWER**

A report was presented regarding a proposed Telecommunications Tower at Valemount Industrial Park on Cedarside Road.

Discussion ensued regarding the tower and if the Board could take any steps to further address the current location.

In response to a query from a Director the General Manager of Development Services advised that at the previous Board meeting the Board had asked staff to request further information from TELUS and have them provide some information as to why the location of the tower was chosen as well to follow up from comments that were received by members of the public. In the comment section of the report TELUS has provided some feedback on why that location was selected and the intent of the tower.

Further discussion ensued regarding sufficient time to allow for further discussions with TELUS on location of the tower.

RES. NO. 837/20 Alan/Torgerson

THAT the report and TELUS Coverage Prediction be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 838/20 Torgerson/Alan

THAT the matter be postponed until further information can be provided to TELUS regarding the location of the tower.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 6.3
AGRICULTURAL LAND
RESERVE EXCLUSION
APPLICATION POLICY,
AGRICULTURAL LAND
RESERVE**

A report was presented regarding Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application Policy, Agricultural Land Reserve.

The General Manager of Development Services responded to queries from Directors regarding the \$5000 application fees including:

- the cost recovery considerations;
- the ability for local governments to obtain additional fees, and
- administrative resources.

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RES. NO. 839/20 Beckett/Krause

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 840/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT Policy RD-15-19 Agricultural Land Reserve Applications, as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 841/20 Wilson/Alan

THAT Policy RD-21-20 Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Applications be approved.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 842/20 Hall/Everitt

THAT Development Applications Procedures Bylaw No. 2776, Amendment Bylaw 3206, 2020 be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 843/20 Krause/Atkinson

THAT the rules be suspended and that Bylaw No. 3206, 2020 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 844/20 Frederick/Beckett

THAT Development Applications Procedures Bylaw No. 2776, Amendment Bylaw 3206, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 7.1
PRESENTATION -
ENBRIDGE REGIONAL
UPDATE**

Ms. Rikki Beaudet, Community and Indigenous Engagement, Enbridge was in remote attendance and made a presentation regarding an update of activities in the region, including:

- operations in BC;
- economic impacts;
- Comprehensive Integrity Program;
- T-South Reliability and Expansion Program;
- commitment to community during COVID-19; and
- COVID-19 mitigation.

Ms. Beaudet responded to queries from the Directors including:

- the cause of the gas line explosion in Shelley;
- the project status of the \$2.5 billion natural gas liquids extraction plant in Chetwynd; and
- that the Prince George Enbridge office is a permanent office.

Ms. Beaudet advised that she would follow up with the Sustainability Team to see if Enbridge is looking at installing fiber optics along their pipelines for surveillance and monitoring and if there would be an opportunity for rural communities to connect into the fiber optic for enhanced rural connectivity.

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Director Atkinson advised that the Enbridge Project Compressor Station 3 in McLeod Lake has been a huge boost and lifeline to the community of Mackenzie by supporting restaurants, hotels and small business during the summer.

The Chair advised that Enbridge has been respectful to the Hixon community and has supported all the local businesses and charities.

The Chair thanked Ms. Beaudet for her presentation and wished her a safe and happy holiday.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

ITEM # 8.1 APPOINTMENT TO PRINCE GEORGE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A report from the Chairperson was presented regarding an appointment to the Prince George Airport Authority (PGAA).

RES. NO. 845/20 Hall/Everitt

THAT the report from the Chairperson and letter dated November 19, 2020 from the Prince George Airport Authority be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 846/20 Hall/Everitt

THAT Ms. Emily Cheung be endorsed as the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George nominee to the Prince George Airport Authority Board for the term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

CARRIED

ITEM # 8.2 2021 APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

A report from the Chair and Vice-Chair regarding the 2021 Standing Committee appointments was presented as an additional item.

RES. NO. 847/20 Wilson/Beckett

THAT the report from the Chair and Vice-Chair and the 2021 Standing Committee appointments be received.

CARRIED

ITEM # 8.3 2021 APPOINTMENTS TO SELECT AND GENERAL COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES

A report from the Chair and Vice-Chair regarding the 2021 appointments to Select and General Committees and external agencies was presented as an additional item.

RES. NO. 848/20 Sampson/Empey

THAT the report from the Chair and Vice-Chair be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 849/20 Atkinson/Crook

THAT the 2021 appointments to Select Committees be approved.

CARRIED

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RES. NO. 850/20 Dunphy/Frederick

THAT the 2021 appointments to General Committees be approved.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 851/20 Alan/Torgerson

THAT the 2021 appointments to External Agencies be approved.

CARRIED

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

ITEM # 9.1 FRASER BASIN COUNCIL UPDATE

A report from a Director Alan was presented regarding an update on Fraser Basin Council.

Director Alan provided an overview of the report and advised that the Wood Smoke Education Resources online portal is an issue with smaller remote areas and is hoping that there will be some resources made available for smaller communities.

RES. NO. 852/20 Alan/Beckett

THAT the Director's report be received.

CARRIED

ITEM # 9.2 REGIONAL GRANT IN AID - BC CANCER CENTRE OF THE NORTH

Director Beckett advised that Regional District has provided a Regional Grant-in-Aid to the BC Cancer Centre for the North and that she recently attended a presentation as a thank you. The presentation was an opportunity for researchers to explain their research regarding world leading radiation therapy research and the first stage has been published in the Lancet medical journal.

ITEM # 10.1.1 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MCBRIDE AND DISTRICT HOUSING SOCIETY

A report was presented regarding a Letter of Support for McBride and District Housing Society.

RES. NO. 853/20 Alan/Frederick

THAT the report and letter dated November 27, 2020 from the McBride and District Housing Society be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 854/20 Alan/Frederick

THAT a letter of support be provided to the McBride and District Housing Society for their application to BC Housing for funding to build an affordable housing complex in McBride.

CARRIED

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**ITEM # 10.1.2
VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE
APPLICATION FOR
MUNICIPAL AND
REGIONAL DISTRICT TAX**

A report was presented regarding Village of McBride application for Municipal and Regional District Tax.

RES. NO. 855/20 Frederick/Alan

THAT the report and letter dated December 2, 2020 from the Village of McBride be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 856/20 Frederick/Alan

THAT the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George support the application from the Village of McBride for the establishment of a Municipal and Regional District Tax.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 10.1.3
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
TELUS**

A report was presented regarding Letter of Support for TELUS.

Discussion ensued expressing concern supporting TELUS due to the lack of making investments in rural communities without the support of government grants.

Director Beckett advised that there have been many requests for letters of support over the months and she anticipates there will be more and finds the timeline for getting the letter sent is tight.

RES. NO. 857/20 Alan/Torgerson

THAT the report and letter dated December 8, 2020 from TELUS be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 858/20 Alan/Torgerson

THAT the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George support the application from TELUS to the Universal Broadband Fund for improvements to the Valemount Radio site for enhanced Internet service to the area.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 859/20 Beckett/Sampson

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer respond to any requests from internet service providers regarding support for grant applications to broadband funding programs.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 10.1.4
SHELLEY STREET
LIGHTING LOCAL SERVICE
ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW
NO. 1208, AMENDMENT
BYLAW NO. 3204, 2020**

A report was presented regarding Shelley Street Lighting Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1208, Amendment Bylaw No. 3204, 2020.

RES. NO. 860/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

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RES. NO. 861/20 Empey/Dunphy

THAT Shelley Street Lighting Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1208, Amendment Bylaw No. 3204, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 10.1.5
OPENNESS,
TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
OPEN AND ELECTRONIC
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

A report was presented regarding Openness, Transparency and Accountability for Open and Electronic Meetings of the Board.

In response to a query from a Director the Administrator provided an overview of media attendance. He further advised that the Regional District is endeavouring to continue to have transparency and noted that this is the first time the public has not been able to attend an open meeting as a result of the recent Provincial Health Order.

Discussion ensued and Municipal Directors commented on various options that their municipalities are using to enhance public involvement.

In response to a query from a Director the General Manager of Development Services advised that there are currently five applications awaiting public hearings and that some of the applicants have mutually agreed to hold off and there are a couple of public hearings that could proceed once the Public Health Order restricting public attendance is lifted.

In response to a query from a Director the Administrator advised that the Regional District has been using Zoom for public hearings; however, the goal is to have in-person capabilities to be as inclusive as possible.

RES. NO. 862/20 Sampson/Beckett

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 863/20 Sampson/Beckett

THAT Regional Board meetings will continue to meet the principles of openness, transparency and accountability as follows:

- e-agendas will be posted on the Regional District public website one week prior to meeting;*
- draft minutes of a meeting will be posted on the Regional District's website within one week of the meeting;*
- notice will be provided to the public of the restriction of public attendance and providing information on the provision of draft unapproved minutes for information of the proceedings;*
- Community Consultation Committees will continue to be utilized for public input regarding local services; and*
- media will be allowed to attend open meetings to report on the proceedings.*

CARRIED

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**ITEM # 10.1.6
2021 - AFFILIATE
ORGANIZATIONS**

A report regarding 2021 - Affiliate Organizations was presented as an additional item.

Director Beckett advised that the North Central Local Government Association recently scheduled the AGM Convention for May 5-6, 2021 and that the resolution deadline is scheduled for the end of February.

RES. NO. 864/20 Wilson/Everitt

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 10.2.1
2020 – 2024 FINANCIAL
PLAN BYLAW NO. 3161,
AMENDMENT BYLAW NO.
3207, 2020**

A report was presented regarding 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3161, Amendment Bylaw No. 3207, 2020.

RES. NO. 865/20 Alan/Beckett

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 866/20 Krause/Hall

THAT the 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3161, Amendment Bylaw No. 3207, 2020, be now introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 867/20 Atkinson/Crook

THAT the rules be suspended and Bylaw No. 3207 be given second and third readings.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 868/20 Frederick/Torgerson

THAT the 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3161, Amendment Bylaw No. 3207, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 10.3.1
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS CS-20-16
NEW WATER TENDER FOR
THE PILOT MOUNTAIN
VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

A report was presented regarding a Request for Proposals CS-20-16 New Water Tender for the Pilot Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

RES. NO. 869/20 Wilson/Beckett

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 870/20 Wilson/Beckett

THAT Invitation to Tender CS-20-16 New Water Tender for the Pilot Mountain Volunteer Fire Department be awarded to Hub Fire Engines & Equipment Ltd. in the amount of \$374,306.00 (excluding taxes).

CARRIED

UNAPPROVED

**ITEM # 10.3.2
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS CS-20-19
NEW CHIEF COMMAND
VEHICLE FOR THE
PINEVIEW VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
AREA D RESCUE SERVICE**

A report was presented regarding a Request for Proposals CS-20-19 New Chief Command Vehicle for the Pineview Volunteer Fire Department and Area D Rescue Service.

An additional report was presented as item No, 10.3.2A.

RES. NO. 871/20 Empey/Dunphy

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 872/20 Empey/Dunphy

THAT Request for Proposal CS-20-19 New Chief Command Vehicle for the Pineview Volunteer Fire Department and Area D Rescue Service be awarded to 1223464 BC Ltd. dba Mertin Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac in the amount of \$72,061.13 (excluding taxes).

CARRIED

**ITEM # 10.3.3
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS CS-20-23
NEW RESCUE VEHICLE
FOR THE SHELL-GLEN
FIRE/RESCUE**

A report was presented regarding a request for Proposals CS-20-23 New Rescue Vehicle for the Shell-Glen Fire/Rescue.

An additional report was presented as Item No. 10.3.3A.

RES. NO. 873/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 874/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT Request for Proposal CS-20-23 New Rescue Vehicle for Shell-Glen Fire/Rescue be awarded to Intercontinental Truck Body (BC) Inc. in the amount of \$180,825.00 (excluding taxes).

CARRIED

**ITEM # 10.3.4
PILOT MOUNTAIN
VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

A report was presented regarding Pilot Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

RES. NO. 875/20 Wilson/Alan

THAT the report and email dated December 5, 2020 from the Pilot Mountain Fire Protection Community Consultation Committee be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 876/20 Wilson/Alan

THAT Ron Ammundsen be appointed as Fire Chief of the Pilot Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

Director Alan as a Zoom attendee was placed in the Zoom waiting room where she could not hear or see the meeting at 2:59 due to a perceived conflict of interest having a pecuniary interest with the Whistle Stop Gallery Society.

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ITEM # 10.4.1
CULTURAL CONTRACTS

A report was presented regarding Cultural Contracts.

Director Krause and Director Beckett thanked the staff for all their work and the sites for their cooperation and acknowledge all the challenges that everyone went through this year because of COVID.

RES. NO. 877/20 Krause/Beckett

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 878/20 Krause/Hall

THAT a Cultural Contract be entered into with the Fraser-Fort George Museum Society for a two-year period ending December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 879/20 Beckett/Everitt

THAT a Cultural Contract be entered into with the Prince George Regional Art Gallery Association for a two-year period ending December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 880/20 Krause/Sampson

THAT a Cultural Contract be entered into with the Central BC Railway and Forest Industry Museum Society for a two-year period ending December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 881/20 Beckett/Wilson

THAT a Cultural Contract be entered into with the Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society for a two-year period ending December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 882/20 Krause/Atkinson

THAT a Cultural Contract be entered into with the Mackenzie and District Museum Society for a two-year period ending December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 883/20 Beckett/Frederick

THAT a Cultural Contract be entered into with the Valley Museum and Archives Society for a two-year period ending December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 884/20 Krause/Frederick

THAT a Cultural Contract be entered into with the Whistle Stop Gallery Society for a two-year period ending December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

Director Alan was readmitted to the meeting via Zoom at 3:04 p.m.

UNAPPROVED

**ITEM # 12.1
ADAPTATION, RESILIENCE
& DISASTER MITIGATION
PROGRAM – DORE RIVER
FLOOD AND EROSION
MITIGATION GRANT
APPLICATION**

A report was presented regarding Adaptation, Resilience & Disaster Mitigation Program – Dore River Flood and Erosion Mitigation Grant Application.

RES. NO. 885/20 Alan/Frederick

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 886/20 Alan/Frederick

THAT a grant application be prepared and submitted to the Adaptation, Resilience & Disaster Mitigation Program for the Dore River Flood and Erosion Mitigation Project.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 13.1
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA A**

A report was presented regarding Grants-in-Aid for Electoral Area A.

RES. NO. 887/20 Wilson/Beckett

THAT the report, Grant Schedule and grant application form for Electoral Area A be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 888/20 Wilson/Beckett

THAT the Grant for Electoral Area A, as listed in the December Grant Schedule, be approved.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 13.2
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA C**

A report was presented regarding Grants-in-Aid for Electoral Area C.

RES. NO. 889/20 Beckett/Sampson

THAT the report, Grant Schedule and grant application form for Electoral Area C be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 890/20 Beckett/Sampson

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

CARRIED

**ITEM # 13.3
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA D**

A report was presented regarding Grants-in-Aid for Electoral Area D.

RES. NO. 891/20 Empey/Dunphy

THAT the report, Grant Schedule and grant application form for Electoral Area D be received.

CARRIED

UNAPPROVED

RES. NO. 892/20 Empey/Dunphy

THAT the Grant for Electoral Area D, as listed in the December Grant Schedule, be approved.

CARRIED

ITEM # 13.4
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA E

A report was presented regarding Grants-in-Aid for Electoral Area E.

RES. NO. 893/20 Hall/Atkinson

THAT the report, Grant Schedule and grant application forms for Electoral Area E be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 894/20 Alan/Dunphy

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area E as listed in the December Grant Schedule be approved.

CARRIED

ITEM # 13.5
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA F

A report was presented regarding approval for a Prince George Community Foundation Grant for Electoral Area F.

RES. NO. 895/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT the report and email dated December 1, 2020 from Director K. Dunphy, Electoral Area F, Willow River-Upper Fraser be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 896/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT an Electoral Area F Community Grant-In-Aid of \$25,000 be allocated to the Willow River-Upper Fraser Community Endowment Fund.

CARRIED

ITEM # 13.6
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA F

A report was presented regarding Grants-in-Aid for Electoral Area F.

RES. NO. 897/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT the report, Grant Schedule and grant application forms for Electoral Area F be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 898/20 Dunphy/Empey

THAT the Grants for Electoral Area F as listed in the December Grant Schedule be approved.

CARRIED

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ITEM # 13.7
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA G

A report was presented regarding approval for a Prince George Community Foundation Grant for Electoral Area G.

RES. NO. 899/20 Crook/Atkinson

THAT the report and email dated December 3, 2020 from Director P. Crook, Electoral Area G, Crooked River-Parsnip be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 900/20 Crook/Atkinson

THAT an Electoral Area G Community Grant-In-Aid of \$15,000 be allocated to the Crooked River-Parsnip Community Endowment Fund.

CARRIED

ITEM # 13.8
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA G

A report was presented regarding Grants-in-Aid for Electoral Area G.

RES. NO. 901/20 Crook/Atkinson

THAT the report, Grant Schedule and grant application form for Electoral Area G be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 902/20 Crook/Atkinson

THAT the Grant for Electoral Area G, as listed in the December Grant Schedule, be approved.

CARRIED

ITEM # 13.9
GRANTS: ELECTORAL
AREA H

A report regarding Grants-in-Aid for Electoral Area H was presented as an additional item.

RES. NO. 903/20 Alan/Torgerson

THAT the report, Grant Schedule and grant application form for Electoral Area H be received.

CARRIED

RES. NO. 904/20 Alan/Torgerson

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

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

RES. NO. 905/20 Empey/Sampson

THAT the Correspondence Sections, designated as Items No. 15.1 to 16.1 inclusive, be received.

CARRIED

UNAPPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

**ITEM # 18.1
NAV CANADA LETTER OF
SUPPORT**

Director Hall advised that he received a letter from NAV Canada regarding the launch of several air nautical studies across the country to evaluate the level of service and continuation of staffing and are looking at the air traffic control at Prince George Airport. He has had brief conversation with Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding this and will be giving an update at the Prince George Council meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020. Gordon Duke, President & Chief Executive Officer - Prince George Airport Authority will also be attending the council meeting on Monday to provide a presentation to council.

Director Hall noted that he would like to get letters of support from all Regional Districts in the area, Mayor and Council in the area and North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) to maintain current operational status of the air traffic control tower in Prince George.

Director Beckett advised that Councillor Ramsay is planning on bringing this forward to the NCLGA executive and that the NCLGA is certainly prepared to put a letter together from the NCLGA.

Director Empey advised that this has been an issue in the past.

RES. NO. 906/20 Hall/Sampson

THAT a letter of support be provided to the City of Prince George regarding maintaining the current operational status of the Prince George air traffic control tower.

CARRIED

**ITEM # 18.2
VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE**

Director Frederick thanked the board for the support they are giving to both McBride and District Housing Society and the Village of McBride's application for Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) and advised that the Dore River residents are also very appreciative of the support from the Regional District.

**ITEM # 18.3
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
AND ELECTORAL AREA
FORUM**

Director Becket advised that registration is now open for the virtual Local Government Leadership Academy and Electoral Area Forum and noted that she attended the last Electoral Area Directors Forum that was held in conjunction with UBCM and was impressed with the interaction and how smoothly it went and she encourages everybody to register.

**ITEM # 18.4
NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
BROADBAND AND
CONNECTIVITY WEBINAR**

Director Beckett advised that North Central Local Government Association will be hosting a Broadband and Connectivity Webinar on January 18, 2021 and registration is free.

**ITEM # 18.5
BC HYDO CLEAN POWER
2040 PUBLIC SURVEY**

Director Beckett advised that she sent a notice via email regarding BC Hydro Clean Power 2040 Public Survey and Input Session and noted that this is a high-level direction plan for BC Hydro and she believes it is really important that people participate.

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Director Torgerson advised that he participated in the interior portion of BC Hydro integrated resource planning document. Since most of the infrastructure servicing in the Village is directed from the South, he wanted to ensure the Village was participating in the process.

**ITEM # 18.6
CONNECTIVITY SURVEY**

The Administrator advised that the Connectivity Survey is out and that the Regional District is doing their best to get the word out and if everyone could remind their contacts and networks to participate in the survey. He also advised that part of the survey includes being able to do a speed check on your internet connectivity and noted that so far around 3500 people have done the connectivity speed testing.

**ITEM # 18.7
EXCHANGE OF HOLIDAY
WISHES**

Directors exchanged wishes for a safe and wonderful Christmas and holiday season and thanked staff for all their work throughout the unusual year.

The Administrator extended wishes for a Merry Christmas and best of the holidays on behalf of the Regional District staff and thanked the Board for their patience and support through this very unusual year as we navigated through COVID. He anticipates that the challenges of COVID will continue until next summer which will present seasonal challenges at the Regional District.

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

RES. NO. 907/20 Everitt/Alan

THAT the meeting be adjourned – 3:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services

UNAPPROVED