



MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE & REGIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

**January 9, 2020
Regional District Office, Cranbrook, BC**

PRESENT:	Chair R. Gay	Electoral Area C
	Director M. Sosnowski	Electoral Area A
	Director S. Doehle	Electoral Area B
	Director J. Walter	Electoral Area E
	Director S. Clovechok	Electoral Area F
	Director G. Wilkie	Electoral Area G
	Alternate Director R. Popoff	City of Cranbrook
	Director W. Graham	City of Cranbrook
	Director A. Qualizza	City of Fernie
	Director D. McCormick	City of Kimberley
	Director D. McKerracher	District of Elkford
	Director A. Miller	District of Invermere
	Director D. Wilks	District of Sparwood
	Director K. Sterzer	Village of Canal Flats
	Director C. Reinhardt	Village of Radium Hot Springs
ABSENT:	Director L. Pratt	City of Cranbrook
STAFF:	S. Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
	S. Moskal	Corporate Officer
	C. Thom	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order

Chair Rob Gay called the meeting to order at 4:28 pm.

Addition of Late Items

MOVED by Director Doehle
SECONDED by Director Qualizza

THAT the following late item for the agenda be approved:

- Letter of Support - Tough Country Communications

OPPOSED: Director Wilks

CARRIED

Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED by Director Miller
SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT the agenda for the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes

December 5, 2019 Meeting

MOVED by Director Sterzer
SECONDED by Director McKerracher

THAT the Minutes of the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting held on December 5, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Invited Presentations & Delegations**East Kootenay E-Mobility Visioning Workshop Outcomes**

Megan Lohmann, Community Energy Association, provided an updated on the E-Mobility workshop. She explained that the workshop was designed to identify corridors and specific areas that require more charging capacity and to identify signature projects that could be piloted in the East Kootenay to demonstrate innovative and emerging technologies, such as off-grid battery charging, cold weather applications, remote charging opportunities and hub-style charging. Ms. Lohmann noted that additional consultation will be provided to the communities and commercial sector in advance of the next call for infrastructure funding.

Kootenay Clean Energy Transition

Megan Lohmann, Community Energy Association, provided an update on the Retrofit Tri-Regional Opportunity noting they are seeking funding towards the Kootenay Clean Energy Transition Project. Ms. Lohman stated the approach will focus on heat pumps, residential solar, level 2 charging, envelope improvements and support capacity building, training, workforce and market transformation.

New Business**Kootenay Clean Energy Transition Pilot Project Funding**

48945

MOVED by Director Sosnowski

SECONDED by Director Graham

THAT up to \$15,000 per year be allocated for two years to the Kootenay Clean Energy Transition Pilot Project with funds to come from the Climate Action Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

Alternate Director Popoff left the meeting at 5:03 pm and returned to the meeting at 5:07 pm.

Cheque Register - December 2019

48946

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director Reinhardt

THAT the cheque register for the RDEK General Account for December 2019 in the amount of \$1,393,087.39 be approved as paid.

CARRIED

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Indigenous Cultural Safety & Humility

48947

MOVED by Director Walter

SECONDED by Director Wilkie

THAT a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant application for \$25,000 be submitted for Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility training for emergency program staff, with the RDEK to provide overall grant management.

CARRIED

Imagine Kootenay Partnership - Letter of Support

48948

MOVED by Director Clovechok

SECONDED by Director Sterzer

THAT a letter of support for the Imagine Kootenay program be provided to Columbia Basin Trust.

CARRIED

Board Remuneration Review Panel Recommendations

48949

MOVED by Director Wilkie

SECONDED by Director Wilks

THAT the recommendations of the public Board Remuneration Review Panel, as outlined in the December 22, 2019 report from the CFO, be accepted;

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and further, that a new Board remuneration bylaw and an amendment to the Board travel and accommodation allowances policy reflecting these changes be prepared for Board consideration.

CARRIED

Telecom Order CRTC 2019-288

48950

MOVED by Director Sterzer

SECONDED by Director Clovechok

THAT a letter be sent to Science and Economic Development Canada requesting that Telecom Order CRTC 2019-288 be referred back to the CRTC to reconsider its decision on wholesale resale rates by:

- applying an economic development lens to ensure that revised wholesale rates do not adversely impact investments required to keep Canada in the top ten internet speeds on world indices, thus preserving our ability to compete in the digital economy;
- applying a rural lens to ensure that revised wholesale rates do not adversely impact investment by Network Owners in the expansion of networks in rural and remote communities; and
- balancing all the government's policy objectives, namely affordability, competition, investment, innovation, growing the digital economy and rural and remote connectivity.

OPPOSED: Director Wilks

CARRIED

Late Agenda Items

Tough Country Communications - Letter of Support

48951

MOVED by Director Doehle

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT a letter of support be provided to Tough Country Communications for an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission Broadband Fund for the Wardner and Elko fibre project.

CARRIED

Adjourn to Closed

MOVED by Director Wilks

SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT the meeting adjourn to a Closed Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting to consider the following matter:

Rural Site Maintenance Contract – Section 90(1)(j) of the *Community Charter* – information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to closed at 5:31 pm.

Chair Rob C. Gay

Shannon Moskal, Corporate Officer