

**MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY
GOVERNANCE & REGIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE IN CRANBROOK BC ON
JUNE 6, 2019**

PRESENT

Chair Rob Gay	Electoral Area C
Director Mike Sosnowski	Electoral Area A
Director Stan Doehle	Electoral Area B
Director Jane Walter	Electoral Area E
Director Susan Clovechok	Electoral Area F
Director Gerry Wilkie	Electoral Area G
Director Lee Pratt	City of Cranbrook
Director Wesly Graham	City of Cranbrook
Director Ange Qualizza	City of Fernie
Director Don McCormick	City of Kimberley
Director Dean McKerracher	District of Elkford
Director Allen Miller	District of Invermere
Director David Wilks	District of Sparwood
Director Karl Sterzer	Village of Canal Flats
Director Clara Reinhardt	Village of Radium Hot Springs

STAFF

Shawn Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Moskal	Corporate Officer
Connie Thom	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Chair Rob Gay called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ADDITION OF LATE ITEM

Late Item	MOVED by Director Clovechok SECONDED by Director Doehle
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THAT the following late item for the agenda be approved

- Broadband Infrastructure Taxation
- CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda	MOVED by Director Clovechok SECONDED by Director Miller
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THAT the agenda for the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes	MOVED by Director Miller SECONDED by Director Pratt
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THAT the Minutes of the Governance & Regional Services Committee meeting held on May 2, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS

Director Dean McKerracher arrived to the meeting at 2:07 pm

Dr. Tony Sperling and **Mairi Dalglish**, presented the Draft RDEK Solid Waste Management Plan. Dr. Sperling noted the next steps is for community and stakeholder consultation and the results of the consultation will be presented to the Solid Waste Management Plan Review Advisory Committee along with the final Solid Waste Management Plan in Fall and Winter 2019.

Director Wesly Graham left the meeting at 2:16 pm and returned to the meeting at 2:18 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

48524
Draft
SWMP

MOVED by Director Wilks
SECONDED by Director Doehle

THAT the draft Solid Waste Management Plan include a comment identifying that the RDEK will consider new technologies, as they arise, in order to bring efficiencies to the plan.

CARRIED

48525
Cheque Register

MOVED by Director Sterzer
SECONDED by Director McKerracher

THAT the cheque register for the RDEK General Account for May 2019 in the amount of \$3,492,661.30 be approved as paid.

CARRIED

48526
CV & EV
Transit Systems

MOVED by Director Sterzer
SECONDED by Director Miller

THAT the Chair and CAO be authorized to sign the 2019/2020 Annual Operating Agreement with British Columbia Transit for operation of the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley transit systems.

CARRIED

Director Ange Qualizza left the meeting at 3:03 pm.

48527
Cranbrook Pro Rodeo
Special Event Licence

MOVED by Director Walter
SECONDED by Director Sterzer

THAT a Special Event Licence be issued to Wycliffe Exhibition Association for the Cranbrook Pro Rodeo to be held at the Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds from August 16 – 18, 2019;

and further, the Special Event is hereby exempt from Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 of Noise Control Regulation Bylaw No. 1396, during the following dates and times:

- August 16, 2019 – 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- August 17, 2019 – 5:00 pm to 1:00 am
- August 18, 2019 – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

CARRIED

Director Ange Qualizza returned to the meeting at 3:04 pm.

48528
CBT Funding
Recommendations

MOVED by Director Doehle
SECONDED by Director Sterzer

THAT the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs 2019/2020 Funding Recommendations Report be approved and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign agreements with the successful proponents.

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS

48529
Broadband
Infrastructure

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Doehle

THAT an application be submitted to be a delegate at the upcoming meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance & Government Services in Kimberley to express the Board's concern that the taxation of broadband infrastructure inhibits the business case for private investment in broadband connectivity in rural communities and requesting that the Province either exempt broadband telecommunication assets from property taxation or alter the valuation scheme for broadband infrastructure that serves rural communities.

CARRIED

LATE ITEMS (continued)

48530
Broadband
Infrastructure

MOVED by Director Clovechok
SECONDED by Director Miller

THAT the following resolution be submitted to the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities' Annual Convention:

WHEREAS the cost to deploy broadband infrastructure to support connectivity services is significant and revenue opportunities in rural areas are often not adequate to provide a return on investment that would attract private investment, resulting in underserved rural communities throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS both the Provincial and Federal Governments have made universal access to broadband services a priority including through the provision of infrastructure grants to encourage private investment in rural areas; however, the ongoing property taxation of broadband infrastructure creates a significant additional cost which further inhibits the already strained business case for private investment in broadband connectivity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to either exempt broadband telecommunication assets from property taxation or alter the valuation scheme for broadband infrastructure serving rural communities.

CARRIED

48531
Broadband
Infrastructure

MOVED by Director Doehle
SECONDED by Director Walter

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Citizen's Services expressing concern that the taxation of broadband infrastructure inhibits the business case for private investment in broadband connectivity in rural communities and requesting that the Province either exempt broadband telecommunication assets from property taxation or alter the valuation scheme for broadband infrastructure that serves rural communities.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Chair Rob C. Gay

Shannon Moskal, Corporate Officer