

**Resource Municipalities Coalition
Meeting Minutes
September 28th, 2022
City of Fort St John, Council Committee Meeting Room
&
Via Zoom
1:00 pm (MST)**

Present:

Executive Members

Mayor Atkinson	Mayor Fraser (virtual)
Mayor Foster (virtual)	Mayor Ackerman

CAOs

Moira Green (virtual)	Diane Smith
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Others

Bob Brash – truck Loggers Association
Mike Whalley – Executive Director
Recording Notes: Mike Whalley

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm (MST) by acting chair Mayor Fraser.

2. Additions to the Agenda

3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda for September 28th, 2022.

“THAT, the amended Agenda of September 28th, 2022, be approved as presented.”

Moved/seconded,
Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

August 10th, 2022 RMC meeting minutes.

“THAT, the minutes of the August 10th, 2022 Resource Municipalities Coalition meeting be adopted as received.”

Moved/Seconded
Carried

5. Financial Statement

The YTD financial snapshot review.

“THAT, the YTD financial report for the Resource Municipalities Coalition of September 28” be accepted as presented.”

Moved/Seconded

Carried

6. Presentation

Due to technical difficulties, a presentation on immigration was unable to take place. This will be rescheduled in the new year or at the next scheduled RMC meeting following the October 15th municipal elections.

7. Work in Progress and Old Business

a.

- i. Northern BC Rail Analysis – Discussion on potential opportunity for the North Peace Rural Roads Coalition to advance the Planning and Advocacy recommendation of the Rail Analysis. This meeting between Executive Directors took place with a proposal presented to the RMC. The view of the majority was that our Executive Director should continue to champion the work rather than contracting another body to do so.

The Executive further discussed releasing the document to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery, and Innovation, as well as forward the document to all NDIT communities.

Further discussion on the release of the document noted that the province of BC was interested in the work as it moved forward with the Goods Movement Strategy in the new year as well as a review by Chris Hoff of Transport Canada. This led to a motion to distribute the information to the Business Council of British Columbia, BC Chamber of Commerce, Geoscience BC, COFI and CAPP.

“THAT, the Executive Director provide a copy of the Northern BC Rail Analysis to various organizations that influence industry within the province for use to improve rail service within the prescribed area of the Analysis.”

Mover/Seconded

Carried

- ii. Northern Health – The Executive Director was able to schedule a meeting with Northern Health Board of Directors for October 17th in Prince George and is awaiting confirmation and particulars associated to the meeting.
- iii. Discussion I n regard to our Employment Challenges piece of the Works in Progress was discussed and Mayor Ackerman noted a report from NDIT to soon be released and the Executive discussed that once released, the Executive Director should review the report and cross reference the material with material developed by the Northern Lights College on the same topic.

8. Correspondence

The was no correspondence for September 28th, 2022.

9. Reports

- a. Is there enough space for renewables article was provided for information only.

10. New Business

The was no new business for September 28th, 2022.

11. Upcoming Events

- a) Municipal Elections – October 15, 2022, BC
- b) FNMPC “The Values Driven Economy Conference – April 24-25, 2023, Vancouver, BC

Next RMC November 15th, 2022 in partnership with a Truck Loggers Association networking event in Fort St John.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm (MST).



Mayor Rob Fraser
District of Taylor
Acting Chair Resource Municipalities Coalition