



AGENDA

Special Meeting of Council

Date: November 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

“On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the area’s Six First Nations.”

Mayor D. Funk called the November 9, Special Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommendation:

THAT the Agenda for November 23, 2021, Special Meeting of Council is approved as presented.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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4. **DELEGATIONS AND PETITION**

4.a. Drax Group Plc - Pinnacle Renewable Energy

Andrea Johnston, Senior Vice-President - North American Capital Development

Karen Brandt, Internal/External Communications

Brad Farquhar, Plant Manager - Burns Lake

5. **REPORTS**

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6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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7. ADJOURN



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October 5, 2021

Dolores Funk, Mayor of Burns Lake
Village of Burns Lake
15 3rd Ave, P.O. Box 570
Burns Lake, BC
VOJ 1E0

Via email: mayor@burnslake.ca

Subject: Update on Drax-Pinnacle Renewable Energy

Dear Mayor Funk:

As you know, on April 13, 2021, Drax acquired Pinnacle Renewable Energy including seven plants in British Columbia - marking an investment of \$830 million in Canada. BC's strong forest policies and climate goals, high-quality fibre, supportive forest-based communities, and Pinnacle's skilled workforce were important factors in our decision to invest here.

The acquisition was transformational for both companies. We now directly employ over 340 British Columbian colleagues, including at our Burns Lake facility, and support thousands of jobs across our supply chains. It also makes us the world's leading biomass generation and supply business, more than doubling our biomass production capacity. Our enlarged supply chain will help support our own requirements at Drax Power Station, whilst also exporting Canadian wood pellets to the growing biomass markets in Europe and Asia. We also hope to see more utilization of pellets for sustainable energy production domestically in Canada.

We also recognise our responsibility to be the world leaders in sustainable biomass. Our responsible sourcing policy commits the Group to deliver positive outcomes for the climate, environment, and the communities in which we operate. This includes continuing to build an inclusive and safe workplace, invest in our facilities and people in British Columbia, as well as support communities through partnerships with First Nations and local businesses.

At Drax, we like to think about not just what biomass can provide today, but also what it will provide tomorrow. We have committed to a world-leading ambition to be carbon negative by 2030. We will achieve this by deploying our innovative bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) technology – allowing us to permanently remove millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere each year. Please see attached a short briefing note on Drax and Drax-Pinnacle.

We are proud to pioneer BECCS at Drax and are ready to share our expertise with our partners. The economic, social, and environmental benefits are enormous. I believe that our experience throughout the entire biomass value chain, will allow us to support local, provincial, and federal government objectives around climate and energy strategy and jobs and economic development, particularly in forest-based communities.

These are exciting times for the biomass sector and we are proud to operate in British Columbia. Together, we can align our efforts in the global fight against climate change and to deliver a green economic recovery while advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, building resilient communities and continue the development of biomass-based materials.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your council colleagues to share our plans for Northern BC and discuss further how Canadian biomass can help us achieve our mutual goals. I would equally be interested in your views on evolving provincial forest policy and fibre supply issues and how the various levels of government could support the biomass sector in BC.

Sincerely,



Andrea Johnston

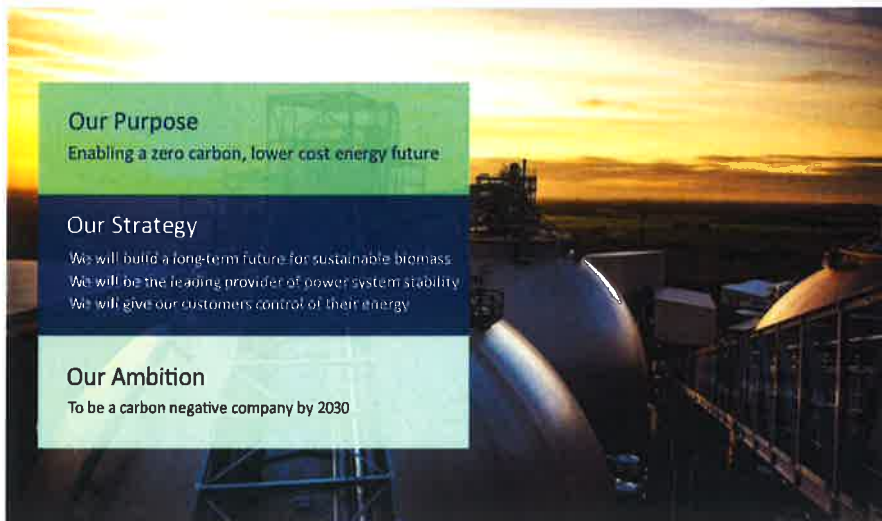
Senior Vice President

www.pinnaclepellet.com

c.c. Ross McKenzie, Group Director of International Affairs
Brad Farquhar, Plant Manager, Burns Lake
Karen Brandt, Strategic Advisor



About Drax



Our Business

DRAX is a £4.2 B (C\$7.3 B) publicly traded UK headquartered company with 3,400 employees in the UK and North America who operates globally across three principal areas of activity – renewable power generation, electricity sales to business customers and compressed wood pellet production and supply to third parties.

Power generation

Drax owns and operates a portfolio of renewable electricity generation assets in England and Scotland including the UK's largest power station, based at Selby, North Yorkshire which supplies five percent of the UK's electricity needs. Having converted Drax Power Station to use sustainable biomass instead of coal it has become the UK's biggest renewable power generator and the largest decarbonisation project in Europe. It is also where Drax has successfully proven it can capture carbon from a 100% sustainable biomass feedstock. Now it has ambitions to go further by using its innovative negative emissions technology - Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) - to permanently remove millions of tonnes of CO₂ each year from the atmosphere and create a negative carbon footprint for the company.

Pellet production and supply

Drax owns and has interests in 17 pellet mills in the US South and Western Canada which have the capacity to manufacture 4.9 million tonnes of compressed wood pellets (biomass) a year. The pellets are produced using materials sourced from sustainably managed working forests and are supplied to third party customers in Europe and Asia for the generation of renewable power. Drax's pellet mills supply around 20% of the biomass used at its own power station in North Yorkshire, UK.

Customers

Through its two B2B energy supply brands, Haven Power and Opus Energy, Drax supplies energy to 250,000 businesses across Britain.



Pinnacle Acquisition and Integration

- The combination of Pinnacle and Drax has been transformational for both companies - marking an investment of £420m (C\$735m) in Canada.



- Creating the world's leading business in sustainable biomass with the vision, technical and operational expertise and financial strength to help meet the growing demand for renewable energy products around the world
- Canadian Operations: 9 pellet plants in BC and Alberta, port terminal in Prince Rupert, over 480 employees, largely in forest dependent rural communities



- DRAX-Pinnacle will continue to prioritize working with a broad range of partners
 - Employees, indigenous communities, JV partners, eNGOs and governments
 - Supporting our communities and colleagues affected by severe weather connected with climate change
- An ongoing commitment to prioritize safe, efficient and sustainable operations
 - Focus on best practice – health and safety, operational efficiency and sustainability
 - Joint approach to capital initiatives
 - Consolidate expertise in low-cost production and third-party supply management
- Actively exploring opportunities to deploy its Bioenergy Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) technology in North America, in collaboration with development partner Bechtel - a leader in engineering, construction and project management
- BECCS is the only technology available now which can deliver the negative emissions the world needs to meet the climate commitments set out in Paris in 2015, whilst also generating the reliable renewable electricity the world needs, supporting clean growth, and creating thousands of jobs

“Negative emissions solutions are an integral and necessary part of all IPCC 1.5°C pathways and must scale rapidly and to an industrial scale to meet this need. In pathways that limit warming to 1.5°C, negative emissions scale rapidly in the short term to achieve global removal of 0.5 to 1.2 Gt of CO₂ per year by 2025, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Negative emissions must also scale to significant volumes in the medium term, removing as much as 6 to 10 Gt of CO₂ globally per year by 2050.”

The Case for Negative Emissions (June 2021)