



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Regional District Board Room

Present: Chairperson: Hira Chopra, Directors: Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae, Stefan Ochman, Dianne St. Jacques, Glenn Wong, NTC Representative: Kelly Poirier.

Staff: Robert A. Harper, Administrator, Wendy Thomson, Administrative Assistant, Rick Stuckenberg, Manager of Planning and Development, Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services.

Other: Inspector Gordon Wellar, Officer in Charge, Port Alberni RCMP.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Edwards, "That Mr. Bill Fox, Coastal Marine Assets Manager, Pacific Rim National Park be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Fox provided Directors with a power point presentation outlining the extensive damage that was done to the West Coast Trail from the December 11th wind storm. He showed photos of windfalls and landslides which have taken up portions of the trail. Mr. Fox said there are approximately 2000 trees down on the trail and they usually only have 50 to 60 trees down each year. Mr. Fox said the storm has impacted cable systems and 10 bridges on the trail. He said there are two crews on the ground today doing clean up and they are working with First Nations, archeologists and Parks Canada Environmental Assessment staff. Mr. Fox said the West Coast Trail may open on May 1st. He answered questions from Directors. The Chairperson asked if the federal/provincial government has any funding to assist with the clean-up. Mr. Fox advised that they have put in an application for emergency funding and are hoping to hear shortly.

4. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Fox for his presentation.

5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Mr. Bob Collins, Back Country Horseman be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"



6. Mr. Collins said he was here on behalf of the newly formed Back Country Horseman Society. The mandate of the Society is to maintain existing trails in the Alberni Valley and to look at opportunities to establish new trails. Mr. Collins said their group is interested in working with all other user groups on the trail. He said their Society hopes that the Regional District Board, when approving subdivisions in the Valley, consider giving priority to linear parks, especially where they already exist. Mr. Collins said they are anticipating about 50 to 60 members in their Society and invited Directors to become members. Mr. Collins answered questions from Directors.
7. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Collins for his presentation.
8. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Mr. Charlie Haggard be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"
9. Mr. Haggard provided Directors with an update on where things are at with the proposed second route from Port Alberni to Highway 19. He said the feasibility study is completed and he is meeting with Ministry of Transportation engineering staff next Tuesday in Nanaimo to see if this route is possible. Mr. Haggard said the next step after that is for the government to see if it's affordable. Mr. Haggard said he believes that the proposed route is doable. He said it's a slow process, but we need to keep it in the public eye and come up with a lobbying strategy. Mr. Haggard said he will be making presentations to various organizations in the region including Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Haggard answered questions from Directors.
10. M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Chairperson be authorized to attend the meeting with Mr. Haggard and Ministry of Transportation engineering staff next Tuesday in Nanaimo."

"Carried"
11. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That a meeting be arranged between the Chairperson and the three Mayors to recommend committee members for the Connector Road Committee for the Board's consideration."

"Carried"
12. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Mrs. Gillian Trumper be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"



13. Mrs. Trumper said she was here today to provide an update on the Crystal Meth Task Force. She said they currently have two committees working, the Treatment and Rehabilitation Committee and the Education Committee. In June 2007 these Committees will come back to the Crystal Meth Task Force with their findings on what is needed in the region and these findings will be forwarded to the government. Mrs. Trumper said she will also provide this information to the Regional District and the City of Port Alberni. Mrs. Trumper advised that a headline group from Vancouver is doing a performance in Port Alberni next Wednesday, February 21st, 7:00 pm, EJ Dunn School. She said all of the people doing the performance have struggled with crystal meth or other addictions. There will also be booths at the event with the various addiction services available in the region and some volunteer councillors. Mrs. Trumper said if anyone is interested in attending to please call 724-6166. After this performance, the group will travel to the West Coast for a performance. There is no charge for the event, donations are accepted with the monies raised going to the Nights Alive program. Mrs. Trumper answered questions from Directors.
14. The Chairperson thanked Mrs. Trumper for her presentation.

Adoption of Minutes

15. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on January 10, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

16. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the To-Do List as of February 7, 2007 be received for information."

"Carried"

Communication/Correspondence - For Action

17. Letter dated January 24, 2007 from the Federation of Mountain Clubs of BC regarding Mount Arrowsmith Ski Park Clean-up.

Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received and that Mr. Rothermel be invited to meet with the Board of Directors and direct staff to work with the group to discuss the clean-up suggestions."

"Carried"



18. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole write a letter to the Nanaimo Regional District asking if they have a desire to take over Mount Arrowsmith Ski Park."

"Carried"

19. Letter dated February 1, 2007 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Log Export Crisis in BC.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Information

20. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Save Our Valley Alliance re: Letter of Complaint to the Association of BC Forest Professionals, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands re: Recent Landslides in the Beaufort Range, Update on Tire Recycling Plant Marketing, Select Standing Committee on Health re: Report entitled: A Strategy for Combating Childhood Obesity and Physical Inactivity in BC, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: RCMP Accountability: Community Performance Plans, re: Consultation on Possible Additions to the Species at Risk Act, re: School Community Connections Program Deadline for Phase 1 Applications, Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing re: Log Exports, City of Port Alberni re: Martin Mars Water Bombers, Sproat Lake Community Association re: Group Water Testing, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans re: Recent Landslides in the Beaufort Range, TimberWest re: Invitation to Hold Meeting at Beaver Creek."

"Carried"

21. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That a letter be forwarded to Minister Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, with a copy of the letter from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans which states that the Provincial

Government is responsible for forestry on private lands and watershed protection, and, stress to Minister Bell that forestry in the Beaufort range is their responsibility."

"Carried"



22. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That a letter be forwarded to the Bamfield Community School supporting their proposed Exploratory Funding application through the Union of British Columbia."

"Carried"

Reports

23. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the Quarterly Electoral Area Directors Meeting dated January 18, 2007 be received."

"Carried"

Other Reports

24. Director McRae provided an update on the Economic Trust Initiative. They will be making a final decision this Friday on how the money will be spent. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

Administration

25. Administrative Memo regarding Solid Waste Management Plan - Progress Update. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

26. Administrative Memo regarding Float Homes - Barkley Sound/ILMB Scoping Process. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this correspondence be received and that the Integrated Land Management Bureau, Project Charter, dated January 23, 2007 be received."

"Carried"

27. Administrative Memo regarding Clayoquot Sound Coastal Plan - Terms of Reference. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That staff be directed to:

- a. provide suggestions, where applicable, to amend the draft Terms of



Reference so that the technical planning concerns of the Regional District would be addressed;

- b. participate in the Clayoquot Sound Coastal Plan.”

“Carried”

- 28. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole request an emergency meeting with Minister Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands to discuss funding for coastal planning prior to the completion of the Regional District budget process.”

“Carried”

- 29. Administrative Memo regarding Watershed Planning and Stewardship Committee.
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, “That this correspondence be received and that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors:
 - a. Approve the establishment of a Watershed Planning and Stewardship Committee, the Interim Terms of Reference (attached), and include \$135,000.00 in the 2007 budget for the staff position to carry out the planning;
 - b. That staff issue a proposal call for a consultant to guide the start-up phase of the Watershed Planning and Stewardship Committee, and, report the proposal call results to the Board for their consideration in the 2007 budget.”

- 30. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by K. McRae, “That the above motion be tabled and that staff be instructed to contact the Nanaimo Regional District to get information what they are doing for watershed planning.”

“Carried”

- 31. Administrative Memo regarding Terms of Reference - Watershed Protection Stewardship Committee.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That this correspondence be deferred.”

“Carried”



32. Administrative Memo regarding Alternate Route from Port Alberni to Highway 19. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors strike a sub-committee to develop a lobbying strategy to convince the Province to build an alternate route from Port Alberni to Highway 19."

"Carried"

33. Administrative Memo regarding Gas Tax Rebate. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That this correspondence be referred to the Electoral Area Directors meeting on February 19, 2007."

"Carried"

34. Administrative Memo regarding Change of Date for the Financial Plan Public Consultation. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received and that the Committee-of-the-Whole concur with changing the date of the Special Board Meeting to March 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Regional District Board Room."

"Carried"

Finances

35. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 453. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 453 in the amount of \$539,560.85 dated January 31, 2007."

"Carried"

36. The Committee-of-the-Whole reviewed Finance Warrant No. 453 page by page and staff answered questions from Directors.

37. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 392. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 392 in the amount of \$139,190.44 dated January 31, 2007."

"Carried"



38. Administrative Memo regarding Payments to ICompass and the Agricultural Land Commission.
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

39. Administrative Memo regarding 2007 - 2011 Financial Plan Review.
The Administrator outlined the portion of the 2007 - 2011 Financial Plan for services that are paid for by all of the municipalities and electoral areas. He also discussed the financial plan review timetable. Directors will have the first look at the full budget package at the February 28th Board of Directors Meeting.
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

New Business

40. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the following issues be allowed for consideration as a late items: letter from Maggie Paquet and presentation from Mr. Ben York regarding the Bear Aware Program and an update on the Sproat Lake Incorporation Study."

"Carried"

41. Mr. Ben York said he is the Conservation Officer in Port Alberni and he was here this afternoon on behalf of Maggie Paquet to discuss the Bear Aware Program. He discussed the nuisance and safety issues with bears in the region and outlined the Bear Smart Community Initiative through the Provincial Government. Mr. York said communities in BC are taking responsibility to keep their communities safe. He said there is an opportunity through this initiative for the Alberni Valley to have a resource person who would help steer the program through the community. Mr. York said the BC Conservation Foundation would hire the resource person and manage the bear smart program, in exchange they are looking for a commitment from local government that they will participate in the program and are willing to put time, money and in-kind contributions into the program. He said Maggie Paquet currently has an agreement with the City of Port Alberni, but they need the rural areas in the Alberni Valley to get involved. Mr. York said they would need \$2,500.00 and in-kind office space from the Regional District. Mr. York answered questions from Directors.

42. Director McRae left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.



43. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole participate in the Bear Aware Program in the Alberni Valley with in-kind services and up to a maximum of \$2,500.00 cash to be funded through the Alberni Valley Landfill education fund."
44. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the above motion be amended to include the Bamfield electoral in the Bear Smart Program."
- "Carried"
45. The main motion as amended, was,
- "Carried"
46. Director Cote provided an update on the Sproat Lake Incorporation Study. The committee is meeting this Thursday and another public meeting is being held on the 22nd of February.
47. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."
- "Carried"
48. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator