



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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

Present: Chairperson: Hira Chopra, Directors: Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Ken McRae, Stefan Ochman, Glenn Wong,
Alternate Directors: Dario Corlazzoli, Wayne Crowley.

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

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

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That Mrs. Bernadette Wyton be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mrs. Wyton said her husband Keith is away today and she was here to speak on his behalf. She introduced members of the Save Our Valley Alliance and said they have been meeting since the end of last year to look at watershed protection issues in the region. Mrs. Wyton said there are 7 citizens on their committee and their mandate is to ensure watershed protection. Mrs. Wyton said watershed management is a huge task and outlined their next steps. She invited Directors to attend the 1st Anniversary Celebrations of SOVA on Saturday, March 24th, 7:00 pm at the Cherry Creek Hall. Mrs. Wyton answered questions from Directors.

4. The Chairperson thanked Mrs. Wyton for her presentation and thanked the Save Our Valley Alliance for the work they are doing for the community.

5. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That Mr. David McCormick, Alberni Valley Motor Sports Complex Society be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

6. Mr. McCormick said he was here on behalf of Alberni-Clayoquot Community Futures and the AV Motor Sports Complex Society and introduced Mr. Rob Stevens, a member of the Society. Mr. McCormick thanked the Regional District for ongoing support for a motor sport park in the Alberni Valley. He outlined the



economic benefits to the region. Mr. McCormick provided an update on the proposed motor sport park and said they are looking at a variety of sites in the Alberni Valley, including the Alberni Valley Airport site.

7. The Chairperson thanked Mr. McCormick for the presentation.

Adoption of Minutes

8. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on February 14, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

9. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That the To-Do List as of March 8, 2007 be received for information."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Action

10. Letter dated March 1, 2007 from Leslie Wright, Mt. Klitsa Garden Club requesting assistance with a broom-busting project this spring in Port Alberni.
Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That staff be instructed to work with the Mt. Klitsa Garden Club and come back to the Committee-of-the-Whole with a recommendation."

"Carried"

11. Letter from the Pacific Rim Arts Society requesting financial support to assist in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Pacific Rim Summer Festival, July 1 - 15, 2007.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this correspondence be received and the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors contribute \$1,000.00 from the special events grant-in-aid budget (region wide) to the Pacific Rim Arts Society for their 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Pacific Rim Summer Festival, July 1 - 15, 2007."

"Carried"

12. Letter dated March 5, 2007 from the Alberni Valley Bid Committee - 2009 U-17



World Hockey Challenge requesting a letter of support for the Alberni Valley to host the 2009 Under 17 World Hockey Challenge.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this correspondence be received and that a letter of support be forwarded to the Alberni Valley Bid Committee supporting their bid to host the 2009 Under 17 World Hockey Challenge in the Alberni Valley."

"Carried"

13. Letter dated March 13, 2007 from the Ucluelet First Nation inviting Directors to attend a Community to Community Forum, Finding Common Ground, March 29th in Ucluelet.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received and Regional District Directors and staff be authorized to attend the Community to Community Forum on March 29th at the Ucluelet First Nation Community Hall."

"Carried"

14. Correspondence dated March 13, 2007 from David McBride, South Island Woodlot Association requesting Funding Assistance for their Conference/AGM/Trade Show to be held in Port Alberni, September 27 - 30, 2007.

Moved by W. Crowley, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received and Mr. McBride, South Island Woodlot Association be invited to speak to the Committee-of-the-Whole regarding their funding request."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Information

15. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the following correspondence be received for information: City of Port Alberni re: Proposed Highway Connector Route, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: 2006 Resolutions, Ministry of Economic Development & Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative and the Olympics re: Information Package on the BC/Alberta Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, Ann Gagnon re: Air Quality in the Valley, Dylan Green, Tofino Bus re: Cancellation of Hearing, Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing re: Removal of Private Land from Tree Farm Licence 44, Town of Qualicum Beach re: Invitation to Attend BC Communities in Bloom Awards and Conference, Sept. 28 - 30/07."

"Carried"



16. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That Mr. Stuart Macpherson, Executive Director, Private Managed Forest Land Council be invited to meet with the Regional District Board to provide an update on watersheds in our region."

"Carried"

Reports

17. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the Fisheries Resource Committee meeting held on February 28, 2007 be received for information."

"Carried"

Other Reports

18. Director McRae provided an update on the Coastal Communities Network meeting over the weekend. He said the Coastal Communities Network will be doing things a little different. They are going to have two Regional District representatives and most of their meetings will be held via video conferencing. He said they are hoping to get more coastal communities and First Nations involvement. Director McRae advised that Western Diversification has Legacy Trust with 7 million dollars sitting there. The Coastal Communities Network would like Western Diversification to start releasing these funds.
19. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That a letter be forwarded to the Western Economic Diversification Canada requesting they start releasing the Fisheries Legacy Trust fund as soon as possible."

"Carried"

20. Director Cote provided Directors with an update on the Heritage Museum and information on Heritage Registries. Director Cote said she would like the Regional District to adopt a heritage register similar to the City of Port Alberni.

21. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That these verbal reports be received for information."

"Carried"

Administration

22. Administrative Memo regarding New Policy for Discussion - Official Community Plan Amendment Procedures.



Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be referred to the next Electoral Area Directors Meeting for a detailed review."

"Carried"

23. Administrative Memo regarding Proposal for the Expansion of Stamp Falls Park. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That staff be directed to:
- a. Write to the Province, Ministry of Environment, to ask that the Crown Land shown in the map appended be added to the Stamp Falls Park;
 - b. File an application to the Province, Integrated Land Management Bureau, for a "Notation of Interest" under the Land Act for a future park (could be a regional or provincial park)."

"Carried"

Finances

24. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 454. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 454 in the amount of \$297,682.82 dated February 28, 2007."

"Carried"

25. The Committee-of-the-Whole reviewed Finance Warrant No. 454 page by page and staff answered questions from Directors.
26. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 393. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 393 in the amount of \$76,797.46 dated February 28, 2007."

"Carried"

Unfinished Business

27. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the Manager of Environmental Services be instructed to arrange a tour of the Tofino/Ucluelet



Airport and West Coast Landfill for Regional District Directors, Ucluelet Council and Tofino Council.”

“Carried”

New Business

28. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by K. McRae, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole forward a letter to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation supporting their efforts to take over the contract to maintain the Bamfield Road.”

“Carried”

29. Moved by W. Crowley, seconded by K. McRae, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole send a letter to the Ministry of Environment and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans inviting them to send representatives to meet with the Regional District Board to discuss watershed management in the Beaufort area and impact on water quality.”

“Carried”

30. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole forward a letter to Minister Coleman requesting the status of watershed assessment plans being developed by the Private Management Forest Land Council.”

“Carried”

Question Period

31. Sherry Lyons, property owner in the Great Central Lake Road area spoke against the proposed Motor Sport Park at the Alberni Valley Airport site. She expressed concerns with noise and impacts on the area. She said there has been very little chance for public input on this proposal.

32. Kristine Sampson, property owner in the Great Central Lake Road area also spoke against the proposed Motor Sport Park at the Alberni Valley Airport site. She feels there was a lack of proper consultation on this proposal. She expressed concerns with the proposed location and impacts on property values.

33. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by J. Fraser, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”

“Carried”



34. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator