



**ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MINUTES**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2006**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM**

Present: Chairperson: Hira Chopra, Directors: Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Stefan Ochman, Dianne St. Jacques, Glenn Wong, Alternate Director: Cindy Solda.

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

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

2. The Administrator reviewed the election process and outlined changes in the Regional District Procedures Bylaw with regards to election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
3. The Administrator conducted the election of Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board for 2006 - 2007.
4. Director Solda nominated Director Chopra for Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2006 - 2007. Director Chopra accepted the nomination.
5. The Administrator requested three times if there were any further nominations for Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
6. There being no further nominations, the Administrator declared Director Chopra, Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2006 - 2007.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**



7. Chairperson Hira Chopra assumed the Chair.
8. The Chairperson conducted the election for Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2006 - 2007.
9. Director Bennett nominated Director St. Jacques for Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2006 - 2007. Director St. Jacques accepted the nomination.
10. Director Edwards nominated Director Wong for Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2006 - 2007. Director Wong accepted the nomination.
11. The Chairperson asked three times if there were any further nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
12. There being no further nominations, the Administrative Assistant distributed ballots to the Board of Directors for election of Vice-Chairperson. The Administrator and Administrative Assistant counted the ballots and the Administrator declared a tie.
13. The Chairperson asked three times if there were any further nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
14. There being no further nominations, the Administrative Assistant distributed ballots to the Board of Directors for election of Vice-Chairperson. The Administrator and Administrative Assistant counted the ballots and the Administrator declared a tie for the second time.
15. The Administrator conducted a coin toss and the Chairperson declared Director Wong elected Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2006 - 2007.

#### **PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Mr. Keith Wyton, Save our Valley Alliance be invited to address the Regional District Board."  
  
"Carried"
17. Mr. Wyton said he was here this afternoon to ask the Regional District to endorse



the position the City of Port Alberni took last week and ask the Province why they allowed the removal of the private lands from TFL 44 and explore the possibility of legal action against the Provincial Government for the damage this decision has caused and continues to cause this community. Mr. Wyton outlined the damages that have been caused by the Province's decision. He said approximately 20 to 30 jobs are lost in the community every time a shipload of logs leave the valley. Mr. Wyton said this community deserves an explanation. He asked the Regional District to join the City in asking the Province why they did this and explore the possibility of legal action. Considerable discussions ensued.

18. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Regional District Board:
- a. Demand that the Provincial Government answer this question: Why did they allow the removal of the private lands from TFL 44?, and,
  - b. Explore the possibility of legal action against the Provincial Government for the damage this decision has caused and continues to cause this community."

"Carried"

19. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Wyton for his presentation.

20. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That Mr. Wayne Crowley be invited to address the Regional District Board."

"Carried"

21. Mr. Crowley said he was here today to specifically discuss the situation in the Beaufort area, Timber West and the water issue. Mr. Crowley said he decided to speak today because he had a look around the Beauforts and there have been fourteen major slides between Cherry Creek and Wolf Creek. Mr. Crowley passed around photos of damages done to McLean's Mill and the Log Train Trail. He asked the Board if they were going to do anything about this. He told Directors to take a good look at the pictures and see the damages. Mr. Crowley said it is time that TimberWest was brought to task. He also circulated pictures showing damages done to his property and said that his watershed has been completely destroyed. Mr. Crowley asked the Board to send a letter to the Minister of Forests demanding that he come to Port Alberni to see the damage. Discussions ensued.

22. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Board of Directors send a letter to the Minister of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture, Private Forest Land



Council and Department of Fisheries and Oceans asking them to come to Port Alberni to examine the damages in the Beaufort Area.”

“Carried”

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

23. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the minutes from the special Board of Directors meeting held on November 8, 2006 be adopted as circulated.”

“Carried”

24. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, “That the minutes from the November 22, 2006 regular Board of Directors meeting be adopted as circulated.”

“Carried”

25. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the To-Do List as of November 29, 2006 be received for information.”

“Carried”

### **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

26. Letter from the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce requesting support for their application to Canada-B.C. Municipal Infrastructure Funding Program. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District support the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce’s application for funding through the Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for the new Visitor Centre in Port Alberni.”

“Carried”

27. Letter dated November 20, 2006 from the District of Tofino requesting support for Bylaw No. 1039, District of Tofino Additional Hotel Room Tax Levy Bylaw, 2006. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors support the District of Tofino’s Additional Hotel Room Tax Levy Bylaw No. 1039, 2006.”

“Carried”



28. Correspondence dated November 21, 2006 from the City of Port Alberni regarding the Martin Mars Water Bombers.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District request the province's immediate action to invest in the Martin Mars Water Bombers to ensure that they remain in British Columbia, continuing to provide BC's forests and communities with their fire fighting capacity."

"Carried"

29. Letter dated November 10, 2006 from the Vancouver Island Regional Library regarding 2007 VIRL Board Appointment.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Director Edwards be appointed to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board for 2007 and that Director Cote be appointed as the alternate."

"Carried"

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

30. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Ministry of Finance re: Increased Property Tax Grants from Provincial Crown Corporations, Ministry of Community Services & Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re: Sproat Lake Incorporation Study Grants, Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance re: Increase Employment for Person with Disabilities, City of Port Alberni re: 2011 Western Canada Summer Games, BC Rural Network re: Invitation to Join, Campbell River EDC Rivercorp re: Positive Aquaculture Awareness."

"Carried"

31. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Board of Directors take out a membership in the BC Rural Network."

"Carried"

32. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District forward a letter to the City of Port Alberni offering support in efforts to have the Pacific Coast University for Workplace Sciences located in Port Alberni."

"Carried"



## REPORTS

33. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Building Report for the month of November 2006 be received for information."
- "Carried"
34. The Administrator provided an update on the 911 Corporation meeting held recently. The main topic was the proposed budget for 2007. The Corporation is proposing a \$50,000.00 increase in the tax requisition with a total tax requisition of 1.7 million. The Administrator said this is an increase of approximately 3% over last year.  
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That this verbal report be received for information."
- "Carried"
35. Director Kokura reported on the Central Region Board meeting in November. He said the Board heard a presentation from Lands and Waters BC regarding the float home issue in the central region. The next meeting of the Central Region Board is December 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this verbal report be received for information."
- "Carried"
36. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board News Brief for November 2006 be received."
- "Carried"
37. Director Bennett reported on the Central West Coast Forest Society annual meeting held on Monday. Mr. Don McMillan was elected Chairperson of the Society. Director Bennett said all the staff have been laid off and the Society is continuing strictly on a volunteer basis.  
  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this verbal report be received for information."
- "Carried"
38. Mr. Ken Whitemann, former Manager of the Pacific Rim Tourism Association spoke to the Board regarding the Association. Mr. Whitemann said he has been



accused of dragging his heels on releasing the books for the Pacific Rim Tourism Association. Mr. Whitemann said that Revenue Canada is doing a GST Audit on the PRTA from 2005 and he is still waiting for information from Revenue Canada on where they are at with the audit. Mr. Whitemann said he is prepared to give the books over to the new members of the Association, but he will need a letter indicating the new PRTA is willing to take on Revenue Canada.

39. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Whiteman for the update on the Pacific Rim Tourism Association.
40. Director Edwards provided an update on the Emergency Planning Committee. The Committee met for a debriefing meeting following the November 15<sup>th</sup> storm. She said that all emergency groups gave reports on how response went. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this verbal report be received."
- "Carried"
41. Inspector Wellar said he was pleased to report that the Law Enforcement Consultative Committee will be meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup> or January 11<sup>th</sup>. He outlined the RCMP's initiatives in the region over the holiday season including: drinking and driving and safety. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this verbal report be received for information."
- "Carried"
42. Director Wong reported that the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce is actively working on the hotel tax levy and they are recruiting for the upcoming election. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this verbal report be received."
- "Carried"
43. Director Edwards provided an update on the Air Quality Council. Mrs. Bernadette Wyton, Chair of the Air Quality Council recently received the Dr. Andrew Thompson award for work she has done on the Council. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this verbal report be received for information."

"Carried"



44. Director Bennett reported that the next meeting of the Regional Aquatic Management Board is December 13<sup>th</sup>. Director Bennett said the synopsis from the Wild Salmon Summit will be coming out soon and he will bring it to the Board. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this verbal report be received for information."

"Carried"

### **STAFF REPORTS**

45. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Administrator's Report dated November 30, 2006 be received for information."

"Carried"

46. Moved by D. S. Jacques, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Planning Department Report dated November 30, 2006 be received for information."

"Carried"

47. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Financial Manager's Report dated November 28, 2006 be received for information."

"Carried"

48. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Manager of Environmental Services Report dated November 14, 2006 be received for information."

"Carried"

49. Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services asked Directors for clarification on the level of repair work they would like done on the Log Train Trail. Mr. Hadfield said there are some repairs that need to be dealt with before the Strategic Planning Session in January. Considerable discussions ensued regarding remedial work on the Log Train Trail. Moved by C. Solda, seconded by T. Bennett, "That staff be instructed to clean-up safety issues on the Log Train Trail at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00."

"Carried"

50. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, "That tipping fees at the Alberni Valley Landfill be waived for one additional day for branches from the recent



storms.”

“Carried”

51. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the meeting be recessed.”

“Carried”

52. The meeting recessed at 3:40 p.m.

53. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the meeting be reconvened.”

“Carried”

54. The meeting reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

#### **OTHER REPORTS**

55. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Alberni Valley Spirit of BC Community Committee Bi-weekly Update - November 24, 2006 be received.”

“Carried”

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

56. Administrative Memo regarding Sproat Lake Parks Commission.  
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

57. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, “That Bylaw 417-1, Electoral Area “D” (Sproat Lake) Parks Commission Amendment be read a first time.”

“Carried”

58. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, “That Bylaw 417-1, Electoral Area “D” (Sproat Lake) Parks Commission Amendment be read a second time.”

“Carried”



59. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, "That Bylaw 417-1, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake) Parks Commission Amendment be read a third time."

"Carried"

60. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Bylaw 417-1, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake) Parks Commission Amendment be adopted."

"Carried"

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

61. RA06009 - Anderson, Rezoning Application, Lot 7, Section 18, Township 1, Barclay District, Plan 32315, 86 South Bamfield Road, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)

Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the public hearing minutes dated December 5, 2006 for Bylaw P1169 be received."

"Carried"

62. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Bylaw P1169, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a second time."

"Carried"

63. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Bylaw P1169, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a third time."

"Carried"

64. RC06008, Arnold, Application for Rezoning, Lot A, District Lot 469, Clayoquot District, Plan 19810, 2355 Tofino-Ucluelet Highway, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach).

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the public hearing minutes for Bylaw P1170 dated December 6, 2006 be received."

"Carried"

65. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That Bylaw P1170, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a second time."

"Carried"



66. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That Bylaw P1170, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a third time."

"Carried"

67. DVC06012, McGregor, Development Variance Application, Lot 2, Block 64, Section 49, Clayoquot District, Plan 510, 6402 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Salmon Beach, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach).

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received and that the Board of Directors concur with the recommendation of the Long Beach Advisory Planning Commission and issue Development Variance Permit No. DVC06012."

"Carried"

68. RF06010, Frechette, Application for Rezoning, Lot 17, District Lot 95, Plan 1021, except part in plan VIP57229, Alberni District, and RF06010, Application for Rezoning, Atherton/McManus, Lot 3, District Lot 57, Plan VIP68974, Alberni District, 6182 Cherry Creek Road, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek).  
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the public hearing minutes for Bylaw P1171 and Bylaw P1167 dated December 4, 2006 be received as amended."

"Carried"

69. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Edwards, "That Bylaw P1171, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a second time."

"Carried"

70. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Bylaw P1171, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a third time."

"Carried"

71. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Bylaw P1167, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot zoning Atlas Amendment be read a second time."

"Carried"



72. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Bylaw P1167, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a third time."

"Carried"

73. Director Cote left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

74. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Board of Directors consider a correction to Development Variance Permit No. DVD06003 as a new item."

"Carried"

75. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Board of Directors correct development variance permit DVD06003 approved on August 23, 2006 by replacing 'front yard set back' with 'side yard set back'."

"Carried"

76. Director Cote re-entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

77. LC06014, Ministry of Fisheries & Oceans, Reserve - Map Reserve Application, Port Albion, Mount Ozzard, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach).  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by C. Solda, "That this correspondence be received and that the Board of Directors concur with the recommendation of the Long Beach Advisory Planning Commission and approve this application subject to compliance to all requirements of the technical agencies and a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans asking them to contact BC Hydro regarding power issues in Barclay Sound."

"Carried"

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

78. The Chairperson thanked Directors for their support and confidence. He asked Directors to let him know if they have any requests or changes to the Regional District Committee appointments for 2007. The Chairperson wished everyone a happy holiday season.  
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Chairperson's verbal and written report for December 2006 be received for information."



“Carried”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

79. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Short Term Action Plan be received.”

“Carried”

**NEW BUSINESS**

80. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by C. Solda, “That the Board of Directors send a letter to the Maa-nulth First Nations and the federal/provincial Treaty Negotiators congratulating them on reaching an agreement and the signing ceremony.”

“Carried”

81. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by C. Solda, “That the following late item be allowed for consideration by the Board of Directors: sending a letter to the Minister of Lands and Water requesting a meeting regarding the float home issue.”

“Carried”

82. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by C. Solda, “That the Board of Directors forward a letter to the Minister of Lands and Water requesting a meeting to discuss the float home issue in the Regional District.”

“Carried”

83. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, “That the following late item be allowed for consideration by the Board of Directors: forwarding a letter to the

federal and provincial government supporting the District of Ucluelet’s request to receive 65 acres at Amphitrite point in lieu of losing 83 acres in the Maa-nulth treaty settlement.”

“Carried”

84. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Board of Directors forward a letter to the federal and provincial government supporting the District of Ucluelet’s request to receive 65 acres at Amphitrite point in lieu of losing 83



acres in the Maa-nulth treaty settlement.”

“Carried”

85. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the following late item be allowed for consideration by the Board of Directors: sending a letter to Bernadette and Keith Wyton congratulating on winning the Dr. Andrew Thompson Award for Community Leader.”

“Carried”

86. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Board of Directors forward a letter of congratulations to Keith and Bernadette Wyton for winning the Dr. Andrew Thompson Award for Community Leader.”

“Carried”

87. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, “That costs be covered for Regional District Directors and staff attending the Maa-nulth signing ceremony in Victoria on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.”

“Carried”

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

88. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the Regional District meeting schedule for the month of January 2007 be received.”

“Carried”

89. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, “That the 2007 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District yearly meeting schedule for 2007 be received.”

“Carried”

90. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by C. Solda, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”

“Carried”

91. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:



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Hira Chopra,  
Chairperson

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Robert A. Harper,  
Administrator