



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

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Regional District Board Room

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

Staff: Robert A. Harper, Administrator, Wendy Manson, Administrative Assistant, Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services, Rick Stuckenberg, Manager of Planning and Development, Don Anderson, Building Inspector.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That Mr. Don Clark, Crimestoppers be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Clark said he is the President of Port Alberni Crimestoppers. Mr. Clark provided an overview of the Crimestoppers program. Crimestoppers works in conjunction with the RCMP Detachment in Port Alberni and supplies a way for people to anonymously provide information on crimes in the region.

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

5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That Mr. Charlie Haggard be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

6. Mr. Haggard said he was here today to ask Directors to join him in putting together another bid for a second highway linking the Alberni Valley to highway #19. Mr. Haggard said he was convinced that the only way to initiate a new road out of this valley was to conduct his own fact finding mission to seek an alternate route that would lower costs and increase benefits to the citizens of the entire Pacific Rim. Mr. Haggard provided an overview of the feasibility study he



conducted for a second access road from Port Alberni. He urged the City of Port Alberni, Regional District, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Tourist Bureaus, Harbour Commission, Comox International Airport, corporations and business people to do what they can to broadcast the urgent need for a new, safer and more efficient route between the Pacific Rim and #19. Mr. Haggard thanked Directors for allowing him the opportunity present his plan and answered questions from Directors. Director St. Jacques said she sits on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee and invited Mr. Haggard come and make a presentation to the Committee.

7. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Haggard for the presentation and for all his hard work on this plan.
8. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors endorse the route for the second highway to Highway 19 proposed by Charlie Haggard, namely from the Loon Lake turnoff on Highway 4, along the south side of Horne Lake, connecting with Horne Lake Road west of Spider Lake."

"Carried"

9. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Rick and Libby Avis be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

10. Mrs. Avis said they have been working very hard over the past year on trails in the Alberni Valley and she was here this afternoon to provide another update on their work. Mrs. Avis outlined the major trail projects carried out in the Alberni Valley during 2006. The majority of the work has been done by volunteers. She thanked the Regional District for their financial support and in-kind staff time. Mrs. Avis said two major studies have been completed, a new trail is under construction along the Stamp River and substantive ongoing work has been done on existing trails. Mrs. Avis said they have long felt that the trail potential of the Alberni Valley has been greatly underestimated. She said the trail projects carried out in 2006 have two key points in common: the importance of forming partnerships between government and user groups and the need for additional seed funding to help leverage larger amounts of funding from other sources. Mrs. Avis said that in addition to funding and staff time received from the Regional District, they received an additional \$75,000.00 from other sources. She said this money would likely have gone elsewhere without ongoing trail initiatives in the Alberni Valley. Mrs. Avis said they are proposing that trail funding and management opportunities be investigated further and that a



steering committee with representation from both government and user groups would be a logical starting point. Mrs. Avis asked Directors to consider participating in such a venture, with a combination of staff time and seed funding similar to last year. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

11. The Chairperson thanked Rick and Libby Avis and all the volunteers for their hard work on trails in the Alberni Valley.
12. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Mr. Kevin Drews, Westcoaster be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

13. Mr. Drews outlined his online newspaper, Westcoaster.ca. Mr. Drews said he was here this afternoon to speak about Section 94 of the Community Charter and it's relevance to online news services such as Westcoaster.ca. He said that with growing online news readership, Westcoaster.ca believes it's in the public's interest for the provincial government to amend Section 94, Subsection 2A to include online news services such as Westcoaster.ca. This section currently requires municipalities to advertise legal notices in print newspapers only. Mr. Drews asked Directors to consider passing a resolution that will see delegates at the upcoming municipal conferences, both the AVICC and UBCM, debate the inclusion of recognized local online news services in Section 94, Subsection 2A. Mr. Drews answered questions from Directors.
14. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Drews for his presentation.
15. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors submit the following resolution to the AVICC and UBCM for debate:

WHEREAS the Community Charter requires that if a local government needs to publish a notice, it must be in a newspaper that circulates in the community;

AND WHEREAS local online news services also serve the communities and have increasing readership;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to amend the Community Charter to permit a local government to advertize in a recognized local online news service to satisfy the notice provisions of the Charter."

"Carried"



Minutes

16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on November 8, 2006 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

17. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the To-Do List as of January 3, 2007 be received for information."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Action

18. Letter dated November 30, 2006 from the City of Port Alberni requesting cost sharing the Mayor's attendance at the 2007 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Regional District cost share with the City of Port Alberni, the Mayor's attendance at the 2007 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Convention in Calgary, May 31st to June 4th, 2007 at a total estimated cost of \$1,700.00."

"Carried"

19. Letter dated December 21, 2006 from the City of Port Alberni regarding Forwarding a Request for Funding from the Vancouver Island North Infilm Film Commission to the Regional District for Consideration.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be referred to the 2007 grant-in-aid discussions."

"Carried"

20. Letter dated December 10, 2006 from the Beaver Creek Improvement District regarding the Regional District's Resolution B1021 at the Previous UBCM Convention regarding Logging Practices on Private Forest Lands and Watershed Protection.
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by G. Wong, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

21. Letter dated December 1, 2006 from the Municipal Finance Authority regarding Municipal Finance Authority of BC Appointment of Member(s).
Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by K. McRae, "That Director Kokura be



appointed to represent the Regional District on the Municipal Finance Authority for 2007 and Chairperson Chopra be appointed as the alternate.”

“Carried”

22. Letter dated December 14, 2006 from Clayoquot Forest Environmental Ltd. Regarding Request for Restructuring of Referral Fee Rates. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That this correspondence be received and that a letter be forwarded to Clayoquot Forest Environmental Ltd. explaining the Regional District’s revised fee structure and provide examples of fees in other jurisdictions.”

“Carried”

23. Letter dated December 21, 2006 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands regarding an Invitation to Attend the Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, “That Directors Wong and Bennett be authorized to attend the Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop, February 14, 2007 in Langley, BC.”

“Carried”

24. Letter dated November 30, 2006 from MLA, Scott Fraser, Alberni-Qualicum regarding Request for Support on any Legislative Changes to Allow Online Services to be Part of the Public Notice System. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by M. Kokura, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

25. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That a letter be forwarded to BC Hydro President, Ted Olynyk and the union representing the linesmen, thanking them for their efforts during the recent winds storms and resulting power outages.”

“Carried”

26. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the following correspondence be received for information: Ministry of Economic Development & Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative & the Olympics re: Work Experience Program on the West Coast, Minister of Forests and Range & Minister Responsible for Housing re: Geotechnical Assessments of Slope Stability and the 2006 BC Building Code, Official Opposition - Legislative



Assembly of BC re: Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, Municipal Insurance Association of BC re: 2005 Dividend Cheque, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: B104 - On-site Sewage Disposal Regulations, Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting, November 30 - Dec. 5, 2006, re: Seniors Housing & Support Initiative - Funding Opportunities Available for 2007, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities re: BC Ferry Corporation, BC Hydro & VIHA, re: 2005 Resolutions - Annual General Meeting, BC Hydro re: Meeting with AVICC Board on September 29, 2006, Regional District of Central Kootenay re: Provincial Grants in lieu of Taxes to Municipalities, Cariboo Regional District re: Traffic Fine Revenue and Province of British Columbia Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council re: 2% Hotel Tax for the Alberni Valley.”

“Carried”

Reports

27. Inspector Gordon Wellar provided an update on the Port Alberni RCMP Detachment. He outlined a few of their initiatives in November 2006 that were very successful. He said that more initiatives are planned for 2007, including commercial vehicle inspections and crime reduction strategies. The Inspector said the Port Alberni Law Enforcement Consultative Group has been reactivated and their first meeting is scheduled for January 30th. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Port Alberni RCMP Detachment Report for November 2006 and verbal report be received for information.”

“Carried”

28. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, “That the following reports be received for information: E911 Monthly Firecall Totals, 2006 and E911 Yearly Fire & First Responder Calls.”

“Carried”

Other Reports

29. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Sproat Lake Municipal Incorporation Study Committee update from their meeting held on December 7, 2006 be received for information.”

“Carried”



30. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Coastal Communities Network Update be received for information."

"Carried"

31. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the UBCM Member Notice regarding Police Costs: Report Updated be received for information."

"Carried"

ADMINISTRATION

32. Administrative Memo regarding Sewage Disposal Regulations and Administrative Memo regarding Building Bylaw Fee Schedule "A" - PS1005, Fees.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That both correspondence be referred to the Electoral Area Directors' meeting on Thursday, January 18th and come back with recommendations to the Board of Directors."

"Carried"

33. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni Valley Enhancement Association - Support of Funding Application.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors support the Alberni Valley Enhancement Association's application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation for funding of continued improvements to Kitsucksis Creek, Roger's Creek, and some streams crossed by the Log Train Trail."

"Carried"

34. Administrative Memo regarding the ACRD's Web Site Development.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

FINANCES

35. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 451.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 451 in the amount of \$334,989.97 dated November 30, 2006."

"Carried"



36. The Committee-of-the-Whole reviewed Finance Warrant No. 451 and staff answered questions from Directors.
37. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 452.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 452 in the amount of \$350,014.47 dated December 31, 2006."

"Carried"
38. The Committee-of-the-Whole reviewed Finance Warrant No. 452 and staff answered questions from Directors.
39. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance No. 390.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 390 in the amount of \$44,363.75 dated November 30, 2006."

"Carried"
40. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 391.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve the Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 391 in the amount of \$748,267.65 dated December 31, 2006."

"Carried"
41. Director McRae provided an update on the Island Coast Economic Trust Initiative. He said the final draft has been completed and is being reviewed by the Regional Advisory Committee. Director McRae said he will keep Directors well informed on this process.
42. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this meeting now stand adjourned.
43. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator

