



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Electoral Area Directors
2007 - 2011 Financial Plan Meeting

Minutes

Monday, February 19, 2007

Regional District Board Room

Present: Chairperson: Glenn Wong, Directors: Patty Edwards, Penny Cote, Tony Bennett, Mike Kokura.

Regrets: Director: Stefan Ochman

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. and Director Wong chaired the meeting.

Correspondence

2. Administrative Memo regarding Gas Tax Rebate.
The Administrator provided an overview of the Gas Tax Rebate and outlined the restrictions on uses for the funding.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

3. Administrative Memo regarding 2007 - 2011 Financial Plan Discussions.
The Administrator provided an overview of the draft five year financial plan for the following services paid for exclusively by the electoral areas: McLean Mill Grant-in-Aid, Regional Library, Building Inspection and Rural Land Use Planning.

McLean Mill Grant-in-Aid

4. Directors reviewed the draft budget for McLean Mill. There was discussion around other revenue generating options for the mill, such as overnight camping.
5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Electoral Area Directors approve the \$30,000.00 grant-in-aid for McLean Mill and send a letter to the City of Port Alberni requesting they investigate revenue generating options for McLean Mill."

“Carried”

Regional Library

6. Directors reviewed the draft budget for the Regional Library Service. The Administrator outlined the options available to the Regional District as far as participation in the Library service. There was discussion regarding the Regional Library and School District No. 70 sharing services.
7. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Electoral Area Directors approve the draft 2007 - 2011 Financial Plan for the Regional Library Service.”

“Carried”

Building Inspection

8. The Administrator highlighted some of the changes in the Building Inspection budget for 2007. An allowance has been added to back-fill for the Building Inspector when he is away. He said that staff are currently reviewing the rates for building inspection and he has budgeted for a new vehicle for the Building Department.
9. Directors reviewed the budget and staff answered questions from Directors. There was also discussion about options to limit liability against the Regional District with respect to building inspection.
10. The Electoral Area Directors approved the proposed 2007 - 2011 Financial Plan for the Building Inspection service.

Rural Land Use Planning

11. The Administrator provided an overview of the proposed budget for Rural Land Use Planning. He outlined a number of initiatives being planning for 2007 including: Clayoquot Sound Coastal Plan, Alberni Valley Vision, Float homes (Stage 1), Aerial Photography, Area C Zoning Bylaw and Regulatory Bylaw Review. Discussion ensued regarding the increase in the Planning Budget over last year. The Manager of Planning and Development provided an update on the initiatives planned for 2007. There was discussion around the possibility of moving some of the initiatives over to 2008. Staff will investigate offsetting some of the initiatives until 2008.

Other Business

12. There was discussion around possible uses for the gas tax rebate. The Administrator said one project to consider is putting money into a micro-hydro project.

13. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That a letter be forwarded to First Nation Band Councils in the region enquiring if there is interest in exploring partnering with the Regional District in a micro-hydro project."

"Carried"

14. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

15. The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Glenn Wong,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator