



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

**Wednesday, June 6, 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.

Staff: Robert A. Harper, Administrator, Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Secretary, Rick Stuckenberg, Manager of Planning and Development, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services, Mike Irg, Planner.

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

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

**Petitions, Delegations & Presentations**

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That Mr. Stuart Macpherson, Executive Director, Private Managed Forest Land Council be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Macpherson introduced Mr. Trevor Swan, Chair and Mr. Rod Davis, Vice-Chair of the Private Managed Forest Land Council. Mr. Macpherson said they put together a power point presentation for the meeting today and turned the meeting over to Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis provided Directors with an overview of the following: history of the Private Managed Forest Land Act, the Private Managed Forest Land Council, management objectives on Private Managed Forest Land, Private Managed Forest Land legislation and regulation, private managed land forestry vs. crown land forestry and an overview of Council investigations in the Alberni Valley in 2006 and 2007. The delegation answered questions from Directors. Considerable discussions ensued. Directors stressed that the Private Managed Forest Land should have the same or similar regulations as crown land. Discussions ensued.



4. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That Mr. Wayne Crowley be allowed to speak."  
  
"Carried"
5. Mr. Crowley said he has pictures of the damage that was done by TimberWest in the Beaufort area. He said two coho salmon runs have been lost due to TimberWest's bad logging practices. He said the Private Managed Forest Land Council has allowed TimberWest to do the worst logging ever seen. He said that all the problems in the Beaufort area are from poor logging practices.
6. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Davis and Mr. Swan for making a presentation to the Regional District today and said Directors are pleased to hear that there will be changes coming to private logging regulations.
7. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Ms. Trish Balcaen, Manager, Ministry of Forests South Island Forest District be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."  
  
"Carried"
8. Ms. Balcaen introduced Dann Biggs, Stewardship Officer for the Ministry of Forests South Island. Ms. Balcaen said she understands she is here today to speak to the issuance of a road building permit to the Thompson's by the Ministry of Forests. She provided background information on the Thompson's woodlot and the proposed road. Ms. Balcaen said that within legislation there is no ability for the Ministry of Forests to disallow this road. Ms. Balcaen answered questions from Directors.
9. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That Mr. Wayne Crowley be allowed to speak."  
  
"Carried"
10. Mr. Crowley said that this road is being built in his watershed and that proper diligence hasn't been done. Mr. Crowley said he did not receive proper notification on this issue. Mr. Crowley said he has pictures and facts and encouraged the public to go out there and see what is happening.
11. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Balcaen for meeting with the Committee-of-the-Whole this afternoon.



12. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That Mr. Ken Rutherford, Vice-Chair of the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission and Mr. Ken Watson, City Manager and Mr. Scott Smith, City Planner, City of Port Alberni be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

13. Mr. Rutherford thanked Directors for inviting him to speak today regarding the City of Port Alberni's heritage registry and the possibility of working with the Regional District to develop a heritage registry. Mr. Rutherford outlined what is involved in getting a registry going in the region. He said a heritage registry is an official list of heritage resources and helps communities keep their historic places. Mr. Rutherford said some property owners have concerns with restrictions being placed on their property. He stressed that the registry is a tool to be used by the Building and Planning Departments and that property owners still have a say in what they want to do on their property. He said the registry is a management tool for the Community. Mr. Smith said the heritage registry is an excellent tool to help City staff understand the heritage values of the community.
14. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

15. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on May 9, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the To-Do List as of May 30, 2007 be received for information."

"Carried"

#### **Communications/Correspondence For Information**

17. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Comox-Strathcona Regional District re: BC Ferries Capital Costs, Ministry of Economic Development & Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative & the Olympics re: ACRD Adopted Resolution, Vancouver



Island Health Authority re: West Nile Virus, Honourable R. Thorpe, Minister of Small Business & Revenue & Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services re: Single Business Licence for British Columbia by 2008, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada re: Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation - Construction of Sewage Line, Fisheries and Oceans BC re: Beaufort Range Debris Slides, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities re: 2007 AVICC Resolution Disposition, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Funds Support Local Government Interests in Treaties, Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Notice of 2007 Annual General Meeting, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands re: Unauthorized Float Cabins within Barclay Sound.”

“Carried”

### **Reports**

18. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, “That the E911 Monthly Firecall Total 2007 be received.”

“Carried”

19. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the E911 Yearly Fire & First Responder Calls be received.”

“Carried”

### **Other Reports**

20. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That the News Release and Review of the Port Alberni Forest Industry Report by the Ministry of Forests be referred to the next Regional District meeting.”

“Carried”

### **Administration**

21. Administrative Memo regarding Building Bylaw Amendments.  
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by D. St. Jacques, “That this correspondence be referred to the Electoral Area Directors meeting on June 20, 2007.”

“Carried”



22. Administrative Memo regarding Turn it Off Challenge - June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> - BC Hydro Power Smart.  
Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

23. Administrative Memo regarding Barkley Sound Float Homes - Letter of Concern - Jennifer Wenstob.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

### **Finances**

24. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 457.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 457 in the amount of \$433,259.95 dated May 29, 2007."

"Carried"

25. Directors reviewed Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 457 page by page and staff answered questions from Directors.

26. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 397.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 397 in the amount of \$128,169.01 dated May 29, 2007."

"Carried"

27. Administrative Memo regarding Bamfield Water System Billing Information.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"



### **New Business**

28. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole consider the following as a late item: applying for Community to Community Forum funding through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities."

"Carried"

29. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole apply for Community-to-Community Forum funding through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to hold a forum between the City of Port Alberni, Tseshaht First Nation, Hupacasath First Nation and Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to discuss sustainability planning for the Alberni Valley."

"Carried"

30. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That staff be instructed to investigate funding options to hold a public meeting in Bamfield with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation to discuss the implications of treaty."

"Carried"

31. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, "That staff be instructed to investigate the implementation of a Heritage Registry in the Regional District."

"Carried"

32. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by M. Kokura, "That a letter be forwarded to Minister Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands requesting a meeting to discuss the role of the Private Managed Forest Land Council."

"Carried"

33. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to labour or other employee relations."

"Carried"

34. The meeting was closed to the public at 4:04 p.m.

35. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:34 p.m.



36. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by J. Fraser, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

37. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Hira Chopra,  
Chairperson

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Robert A. Harper,  
Administrator