



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Committee-of-the-Whole
Minutes

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Regional District Board Room

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

Staff: Robert A. Harper, Administrator, Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Secretary, Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That Mr. Ken Cameron, Homeowner Protection Office be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Cameron provided Directors with background information on the Homeowner Protection Office (HPO) and outlined important changes coming to the Homeowner Protection Act. Mr. Cameron said the main objectives of these changes are to enhance professionalism, curtail owner/builder abuse and provide more efficient tools to deal with non-compliance. Changes to the act include: more stringent requirements for anyone wishing to build a home under the owner/builder exemption, authority for improved HPO enforcement through compliance orders and monetary penalties and authority for HPO to cancel, refuse, renew, restrict and place conditions on licences. Mr. Cameron answered questions from Directors.

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

5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Mr. Tom McEvay and Mr. Ron Paulsen be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

6. Mr. McEvay thanked Directors for the opportunity to speak this afternoon on behalf of the Host Committee for the 2009 Under 17 World Hockey Challenge. Mr. McEvay said the Host Committee and Bid Committee are thrilled to have won the right to host the 2009 Under 17 World Hockey Challenge. He said that Port



Alberni is the first BC Community to ever host this event which will bring the best young male 16 year old hockey players in the world to our community for 10 days December 27, 2008 to January 5, 2009. This prestigious event will feature 5 Canadian regional teams plus Russia, the United States, Slovakia, Finland and Germany. Mr. McEvay said thirty-two games will be played, with 16 in Port Alberni and the other 16 played in the partner communities of Cowichan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Comox Valley and Campbell River. Mr. McEvay outlined the tremendous economic opportunities this event will bring to the region. The delegation asked the Regional District for a letter of support for their Stage 1 funding application through the Island Coastal Economic Trust. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

7. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Regional District forward a letter to the Island Coastal Economic Trust supporting the 2009 U17 World Hockey Challenge Stage 1 Funding Application."

"Carried"

8. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their hard work on behalf of the community.

Adoption of Minutes

9. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on September 12, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

10. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the To-Do List as of October 4, 2007 be received for information."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Information

11. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: 2007 - 2008 UBCM Executive, Coastal Clarion re: The Latest News from BC's Coastal Forest Industry, Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re: Approved Application for Infrastructure Planning Grant - Millstream Water System Evaluation Study."

"Carried"



Reports

12. Director Bennett provided an update on the Fisheries Resource Committee meeting held earlier today. Mr. Gary Logan, Groundfish Coordinator with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans gave a presentation on DFO's three year Pilot Integration Program.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this verbal report be received and the Board of Directors appoint the Chair of the Fisheries Resource Committee to the Somass Roundtable pre and post report sessions."

"Carried"

13. Director Bennett reported on a recent phone conversation he had with the InFilm Board. He said the InFilm Board is currently investigating a funding formula that is more equitable for member communities.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

14. The Chairperson reported on his attendance at a Town Hall Meeting in Bamfield on October 4th to discuss the poor condition of the Bamfield Road. All the major players were at the meeting including the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Transportation, Coast Guard and First Nations representatives. The Chairperson said it was a successful meeting with approximately 100 people in attendance. A sub-committee has been formed to look at options to improve the road.

Moved by K. Wyton, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

Administration

15. Administrative Memo regarding Landfill Tipping Fees - Review of Existing Fees for Discussion.

Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the Board of Directors that the Regional District adjust the tipping fees for the Alberni Valley Landfill and the West Coast Landfill to reflect

increases in service costs and proposed service changes after the Solid Waste



Plan has been approved and new services levels have been established as part of the Solid Waste Management Plan Process.”

“Carried”

16. Administrative Memo regarding Solid Waste Management Plan - Support for Draft Report for Public Consultation.
The Manager of Environmental Services provided an overview of the Draft Plan and time lines for adoption of the Plan and answered questions from Directors. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole support in principal, the Draft - Solid Waste Management Plan and the presentation of this information to the public as part of the Public Consultation process.”

“Carried”

17. Administrative Memo regarding Property Tax Exemption Bylaw F1075.
Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

Finances

18. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 461 in the amount of \$293,685.64 dated September 30, 2007.”

“Carried”

19. Directors reviewed Finance Warrant No. 461 and staff answered questions.
20. Administrative Memo regarding Breakdown of August 2007 Payment to VISA.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

21. Administrative Memo regarding Cost Breakdown of Ortho Photo Project.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”



New Business

22. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, "That the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: instructing staff to investigate the cost of the Regional District obtaining insurance protection against the new building code."

"Carried"

23. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, "That staff be instructed to investigate insurance options to protect against changes to the new building code."

"Carried"

24. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

25. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator