



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT
Committee-of-the-Whole
Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Regional District Board Room

Present: Chairperson: Hira Chopra, Directors: Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae, Stefan Ochman, Dianne St. Jacques, Glenn Wong.

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

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

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Mrs. Rhonda Johnston be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mrs. Johnston said she was here this afternoon on behalf of the Alberni Valley Arts Council and handed out copies of the new guide that has been produced by the Council. Mrs. Johnston said the Council received funding through Community Futures to put together a brochure of local artists.

4. The Chairperson thanked Mrs. Johnston for her presentation.

5. The Chairperson introduced the new Economic Development Officer for the City of Port Alberni, Mr. Pat Deakin.

6. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Mr. Pat Deakin be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

7. Mr. Deakin said as the new Economic Development Officer for the City of Port Alberni his main focus is the development of an Economic Development Strategy and business retention/attraction strategy. Mr. Deakin said he will not be restricting his efforts to the City only, the rest of the region will have a huge role to play in the City's Economic Development Strategy. Mr. Deakin discussed with Directors the shortage of industrial land in the City. He invited Directors to give him a call if they have any industrial zoned land in their area that they would like



to see industrial development on. Mr. Deakin said he has three requests for Directors consideration today. The first is to be included in the Somass Basin Water Manager study. The second request is to grant him access to studies/photos under the previous Economic Development Commission function. Mr. Deakin invited Directors to attend the Community Economic Development Forum on Saturday, November 24th at Echo Centre, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Mr. Deakin answered questions from Directors.

8. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Economic Development Officer be given access to the old Economic Development Commission studies and photos."

"Carried"

9. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Deakin for his presentation.

Adoption of Minutes

10. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 10, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

11. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the To-Do List as of November 7, 2007 be received for information."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Action

12. Invitation from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to attend a Land Management Workshop on Thursday, December 6th, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm in Nanaimo at the Coast Bastion Inn.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That Directors interested in the FCM Land Management Workshop on December 6, 2007 in Nanaimo be authorized to attend."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Information

13. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the following



correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Tsawwassen First Nation Agreement Legislation Introduced, re: Emergency Planning Program for Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal, re: Building Canada Plan - Infrastructure Framework Agreement, Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: FCM's Green Municipal Corporation Opens Carbon Offset Market to Canadian Municipalities, Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities re: Recent Activities, Ombudsman re: Files Closed from July 1st to Sept. 30, 2007, Ministry of Forests and Range re: New Action Plan Shifts Coastal Forest Industry, Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues re: The BC Asia Twinning Tool Kit, Ministry of Health re: Global Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide, South Island Woodlot Association Host Committee re: Thank you for Support, 2009 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge re: New Release, Province of BC Legislative Assembly re: Loss of Tax Revenues to Municipalities with Ports, Fire Services Liaison Group re: Model Project, BC Rivers Alliance re: Ecological Critique of Current Private Hydroelectric Power Development Strategies in BC, Regional District of Nanaimo re: Initiation of Regional Growth Strategy Review."

"Carried"

Reports

14. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Fisheries Resource Committee minutes dated October 10, 2007 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

15. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the following Island Coastal Economic Trust News Releases be received for information: Funding for Mid-Island Business Retention and Expansion Project, re: Funding for Parksville and Qualicum Beach 2010 Film Project, re: \$1 Million Contribution to the Port of Nanaimo Centre, re: International Yellow Cedar Marketing Initiative."

"Carried"

Other Reports:

16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Port Alberni RCMP - October 2007 Highlights be received for information."

"Carried"



17. Director St. Jacques reported that West Coast Directors had the opportunity to meet with the Honourable Gary Lunn, Federal Minister and Member of Parliament for Sannich Gulf Islands on November 9th during his visit to the Wyndansea Oceanfront Golf Resort. The topic of discussion was the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport and funding opportunities.
18. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That a letter be forwarded to the Honourable Gary Lunn thanking him for meeting to discuss the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport and a letter be forwarded to Elke Loof-Koehler, Marine Drive Properties thanking her for arranging the meeting."

"Carried"

19. Director McRae provided an update on the Island Corridor Foundation. He said the three main issues they are currently dealing with are: increasing freight, infrastructure and the railroad from Port Alberni to Parksville.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

Administration

20. Administrative Memo regarding Proposed Liquid Waste Management Plan - Sproat Lake.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole support the request of Electoral Area D (Sproat Lake) to undertake a feasibility study (Stage One Plan) to look at a Liquid Waste Management Plan (Development Concepts and Options) and staff shall apply for grant(s) and include this project in the Budget for 2008."

"Carried"

21. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole support the request of Electoral Area A (Bamfield) to undertake a feasibility study (Stage One Plan) to look at a Liquid Waste Management Plan (Development Concepts and Options) and staff shall apply for grant(s) and include this project in the Budget for 2008."

"Carried"



Finances

22. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 462.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 462 in the amount of \$987,384.74 dated October 31, 2007."

"Carried"

23. Directors reviewed Finance Warrant No. 462 and staff answered questions from Directors.

24. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 401.
Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 401 in the amount of \$58,592.41 dated October 31, 2007."

"Carried"

25. Administrative Memo regarding Options for Insurance for Building Inspection Liability.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received and staff be requested to investigate and report back on the liability to the Regional District with changes to the BC Building Code and the Home Owner Protection Office."

"Carried"

26. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That a letter be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities enquiring if they have received letters of concern from other local governments with regards to changes to the BC Building Code."

"Carried"

New Business

27. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following issue be allowed for consideration as a late item: authorizing Directors to attend the Maa-nulth First Nation Treaty Settlement signing ceremony in Victoria."

"Carried"



28. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Directors be authorized to attend the Maa-nulth First Nation Treaty Settlement signing ceremony at the BC Legislature in Victoria on the 21st of November, 2007."

"Carried"

29. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That the following be considered as a late item: authorizing Directors to attend the Somass Watershed Management Plan meetings and inviting Pat Deakin, City of Port Alberni Economic Development Officer to attend these meetings."

"Carried"

30. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That Directors be authorized to attend the Somass Watershed Management Plan meetings and that an invitation be extended to the City of Port Alberni Economic Development Officer, Mr. Pat Deakin."

"Carried"

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

"Carried"

32. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator