



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

**Wednesday, March 12, 2008**

**Regional District Board Room**

Present: Chairperson: Hira Chopra, Directors: Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae, Stefan Ochman, 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.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Petitions, Delegations & Presentations**

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That Mr. Roger McDonnell and Mr. David McCormick, Island North Film Commission be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. McDonnell provided background information on the Island North Film Commission. The Island North Film Commission is a regional initiative that has brought over \$7 million dollars into the region's economy. Mr. McDonnell provided an overview of Commission's activities over the past year. The Commission developed an online locations library and 3 online resource databases. He handed out copies of their booklet that is being circulated throughout the world - 'A World of Looks'. Mr. McDonnell also outlined their pilot project to develop a movie map similar to the one for the Isle of Man. Mr. McDonnell asked Directors to consider a grant-in-aid again this year for the North Island Film Commission. He provided Directors with a short video presentation and answered questions from Directors.

4. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That Susan Fox, Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"



6. Ms. Fox said she is the Centre Administrator for the Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre and introduced Diane Mayba, Vice-Chair of the Board. Ms. Fox said their centre is a child development centre for the Alberni Valley and West Coast communities. Diane Mayba provided Directors with a power point presentation outlining the wide range of programs and services they provide to young children and their families. The vision of the centre is working together for children. The centre is located at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Neill Street. Ms. Mayba said the centre currently provides services for more than 500 families in the region. Seven unique not-for-profit organizations work together to provide over 15 programs for children in the Alberni Valley and West Coast communities. The Centre relies on fundraising and fees for services, but this does not absorb the full costs of operating and maintaining the Centre. Their core funding keeps the building open and the lights on. Ms. Fox spoke to their grant-in-aid application and said their grant-in-aid application to the Regional District is for repairs to their failing roof. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

7. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

8. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by S. Ochman, "That Ms. Edna Cox, Save Our Valley Alliance be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

9. Ms. Cox thanked Directors for allowing her to speak about water this afternoon. She said after the storm events in the region, the Save Our Valley Alliance recognized the vulnerability of our water supply quality and quantity. She said the Alliance is currently focusing on water and will be working to educate citizens about water. Ms. Cox outlined the amount of bottled water that is being consumed. She said that many of the large bottle water companies get their water out of the public water supply and charge for it. Ms. Cox said bottled water isn't good for the environment, increasing garbage at our landfills. She encouraged Directors and the public to drink tap water. Ms. Cox advised that March 22<sup>nd</sup> is World Water Day. Ms. Cox said that SOVA is working to educate the public to drink tap water and to make sure our watersheds are protected. She invited Directors to attend a workshop 'Where does your drinking water come from?' at Echo Centre on April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7 - 9 pm. Ms. Cox answered questions from Directors.

10. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Cox for her presentation.

11. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Luigi Sposato, Integrated Land Management Bureau be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"



12. Mr. Sposato introduced Annette Thingsted and said they were here this afternoon to follow through on their commitment to keep the Regional District up-to-date on their activities to deal with float cabins in Barkley Sound. He discussed ILMB's commitment to engage in a scoping exercise in Barclay Sound. He provided Directors with copies of the draft Barkley Sound Recreational Float Cabins Scoping Report. He asked Directors and staff to review the draft report and provide input. Mr. Sposato provided an overview of their next steps. Once the document is completed they will meet with the Minister of Agriculture and Lands to determine next steps. Mr. Sposato said ILMB will be looking at a phased approach. The delegation answered questions from Directors.
13. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation and advised that Directors and staff will review the report and provide ILMB with input.

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

14. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on February 20, 2008 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

15. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That the To-Do List as of March 5, 2008 be received for information."

"Carried"

#### **Communications/Correspondence for Action**

16. Letter dated March 3, 2008 from the Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board requesting a letter of support for the Interim Measures Extension Agreement negotiations.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Regional District forward a letter to the Parties of the IMEA, supporting the renewal of the Interim Measures Extension Agreement, expressing the Regional District's disappointment that the Electoral Area Director for area 'C' (Long Beach) does not participate on the Board."
17. Letter dated February 29, 2008 from BC Ferries regarding invitation to meet at the AVICC Convention, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be



received.”

“Carried”

### **Communications/Correspondence for Information**

18. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the following correspondence be received for information: Fraser Valley Regional District re: Homelessness Partnering Strategy and Homelessness Partnership Initiative, Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Members’ Advisory: Budget 2008 Delivers Good News for Cities and Communities, Transport Canada re: Airport Capital Assistance Program Application - Tofino/Ucluelet Airport - Runway 10-28 Rehabilitation Project, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Federal Budget 2008, Province of British Columbia Ombudsman re: Files closed from October 1 to Dec. 31, 2007 and Nova Quality Training and Consulting re: Getting to Carbon Neutral Workshop and Tradeshow.”

“Carried”

19. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, “That the Manager of Environmental Services be authorized to attend the Getting to Carbon Neutral Workshop, March 27/28, 2008 in Vancouver.”

“Carried”

20. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, “That a letter be forwarded to the MP requesting the Regional District be kept up-to-date with the new Building Canada funding program.”

“Carried”

### **Reports**

21. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by J. Fraser, “That the World Under 17 Hockey Challenge News Release be received for information.”

“Carried”

22. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Island Coastal Economic Trust Funding Announcement for Dakota Ridge Winter Recreation Area Access Road be received for information.”

“Carried”



### Other Reports

23. Director McRae reported on an economic development meeting he and Director Wong attended with the Councillor General for China. Director McRae said the Councillor General was very enthusiastic and would like to do business in our region. Director Wong said he asked about an offshore student program, but was advised they have no control or direction over schools.

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

"Carried"

24. Director Cote reported that the Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Board is putting on a free workshop - Community Heritage Tourism Strategies on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Echo Centre. She encouraged Directors to attend.

Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That this verbal report be received and Directors be authorized to attend the Community Heritage Tourism Strategies Workshop on Saturday, April 4, 2008."

"Carried"

25. Director Wong reported on his attendance at the Building a Safer Community Workshop he attended recently in Vancouver. He said it was a very good conference and a lot of the covered topics germane to this area including drug and domestic violence issues. Director Wong advised that he has invited some of the guest speakers to come to our region for a workshop.

Moved by G. Wong, seconded by K. McRae, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

### Finances

26. Administrative Memo regarding Finance Warrant No. 466.  
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 466 in the amount of \$446,468.07 dated February 29, 2008."

"Carried"

27. Directors reviewed Finance Warrant No. 466 page by page and staff answered questions. Staff were requested to provide background information on the following payments for the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting: Lady Rose, LB



Woodchoppers and Rollins Machinery. Staff were also asked to provide Directors with a map showing the overall area of Tofino/Ucluelet Airport.

28. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 405.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve the Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 405 in the amount of \$185,019.08 dated February 29, 2008."

"Carried"

29. Grant-in-Aid request from the West Coast Multiplex Society.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

### **Unfinished Business**

30. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors amend the 2008 - 2012 Financial Plan to include a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$7,500.00 to the Island North Film Commission with all areas participating."

"Carried"

31. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors amend the 2008 - 2012 Financial Plan to include a one-time grant-in-aid in the amount of \$11,500.00 to the Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre with all areas participating."

32. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the above motion be amended to read: all areas, except Cherry Creek, participating in the grant-in-aid to Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre."

"Carried"

33. The main motion, as amended, was;

"Carried"



### **New Business**

34. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the following item be allowed for consideration as a late item: Workshop on Nuuchahnulth History, Culture and Way of Life."

"Carried"

35. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That interested Directors be authorized to attend the Workshop on Nuuchahnulth History, Culture and Way of Life, April 21, 2008, 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m. at the Haahuupayak School."

"Carried"

### **Recess to In-Camera**

36. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the meeting be closed to the public to received advice from the Regional District solicitor that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose; law enforcement, disclosure of which the Board considers could be harmful to the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment; and, labour relations or employee negotiations."

"Carried"

37. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:45 p.m.

38. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:33 p.m.

39. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

40. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Hira Chopra,  
Chairperson

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Robert A. Harper,  
Administrator