



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

**Wednesday, April 9, 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, Alternate Director: Dario Corlazzoli.

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 P. Edwards, seconded by J. Fraser, "That Teg Basra be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Basra said he owns property with billboards at the entrance to the City of Port Alberni. Mr. Basra spoke in favour of the billboards. He said they serve a good purpose and stop people from driving right through Port Alberni to the West Coast. Mr. Basra said most tourists just drive right through Port Alberni because they don't know what businesses and services are available. The signage gets tourists to stop and spend time in Port Alberni. Mr. Basra said there are only 30 seconds of road with signage at the entrance to the city. He said billboards are all over Vancouver Island and British Columbia. Mr. Basra said he has received over 30 calls from businesses interested in putting up advertising signs on his property. Mr. Basra said this is a cheap form of advertising and signs generate jobs. Mr. Basra answered questions from Directors.

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

5. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Mike Carter and Knox Coupland, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

6. Mr. Coupland thanked Directors for the opportunity to speak this afternoon. He said the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce is against the billboards. Mr.



Coupland introduced Chamber Manager, Mike Carter. Mr. Carter said the Chamber of Commerce has a booth at the Alberni District Fall Fair and for the past two years the biggest complaint they have received is the billboards at the entrance to the city. Mr. Carter said the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is on record supporting the Regional District's efforts to get the Ministry of Transportation to enforce the 300 meter sign laws. He said the Chamber supports free enterprise and effective marketing, but the billboards need to come down. The billboards are a deterrent and is affecting tourism in the area. Mr. Carter said the Alberni Valley has one of the most unsightly entrances in the Province. Mr. Carter shared other options the Chamber is investigating for business advertising. The delegation answered questions from Directors and Mr. Carter introduced Dorothy Brooks.

7. Ms. Brooks said she has lived in the Alberni Valley for 50 years. She said there are 40 illegal billboards littering highway 4. She said these signs have always been illegal and it's the neglect of the Ministry of Transportation and past Regional Directors who have not enforced the rules. She asked Directors to get the Ministry of Transportation to enforce the laws and get the billboards back 300 metres. She passed out photos of the entrance to the City of Port Alberni and the entrance to the City of Campbell River. Ms. Brooks answered questions from Directors.
8. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Brooks for her presentation.
9. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by D. Corlazzoli, "That Mr. Christopher Donison, Music by the Sea be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."  
  
"Carried"
10. Mr. Donison said he is the Artistic Director and Executive Director of Music by the Sea. He thanked Directors for approving their grant-in-aid application. He said the Regional District's support is key for their organization to receiving funding from the federal and provincial government. Mr. Donison said Bamfield is a beautiful location for this event and provided Directors with an overview of the event. Nine concerts will be held with all types of music. He said this music is best appreciated in an acoustic environment. Mr. Donison outlined their long term vision for Music by the Sea and discussed the cultural, educational and economic benefits of the event. He showed Directors a copy of the Visitors Choice magazine and said Bamfield will be on the cover this year. Mr. Donison answered questions from Directors.
11. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Donison for his presentation.



### **Adoption of Minutes**

12. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by D. Corlazzoli, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on March 12, 2008 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

13. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the To-Do List as of April 2, 2008 be received for information."

"Carried"

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

14. Correspondence regarding the Transforming Communities Through Tourism Workshop, April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 2, 2008, Squamish, BC.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

15. Memorandum dated February 28, 2008 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding 2008 Resolutions Process.  
Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

16. Memorandum dated March 19, 2008 from the First Nations Summit and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Community to Community Forum Funding Now Available.  
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received and the Regional District forward an application for funding through the Community to Community Forum Program to hold a community meeting in Bamfield with the Huu-ay-aht First Nation to discuss the implications of treaty."

"Carried"

17. Letter dated April 3, 2008 from the Town of Port McNeill regarding a resolution at the AVICC Convention.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "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: Tuesday Walkers re: Greenmax Trail, Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia re: MFA Hires New CAO, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: RCMP Contract Discussions: Local Government Representatives & Working Group, re: Extension of Gas Tax Agreement, Cariboo Regional District re: Endorsed Resolution, Private Managed Forest Land Council re: Erosion Assessment, Pacific Rim Arts Society re: Final Report on 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pacific Rim Summer Festival 2007 and Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team re: Protecting Garry Oak Publications."

"Carried"

### **Reports**

19. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the following Island Coastal Economic Trust News Releases be received: Funding for Powell River's Wharf at Westview Waterfront Redevelopment Project and Funding for Deep Bay Field Station for Shellfish Farming."

"Carried"

### **Administration**

20. Administrative Memo regarding Board Remuneration Review Committee. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors ask three individuals to review Bylaw A1059, cited as 'Board Remuneration, Expenses and Benefits, 2005' and provide their advice on changes, if any, that should be made to the bylaw, and further that the Chairperson select the three individuals to conduct this review."

"Carried"

21. Administrative Memo regarding Community Wide Cleanup - Follow-up on the Request to Waive Tipping Fees - Tseshaht First Nation's Ongoing Community Clean-up. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That staff be instructed to prepare a bylaw for consideration by the Board of Directors to waive tipping fees at the Alberni Valley Landfill for a 4 day spring clean-up."

22. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, "That the above motion be amended to a 2 day spring clean-up."

"Carried"



23. The main motion, as amended, was;  
“Carried”
24. Administrative Memo regarding Ucluelet/Tofino Airport Map.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That this correspondence be received.”  
“Carried”
25. Administrative Memo regarding Curbside Recycling Services - Determination of Areas to Include in the RFP for this New Service for Cherry Creek and Beaver Creek.  
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by S. Ochman, “That this correspondence be received.”  
“Carried”
26. Administrative Memo regarding Proposed Sign Bylaw.  
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by T. Bennett, “That this correspondence be received and the Committee-of-the-Whole request staff to prepare a sign bylaw for consideration by the Board of Directors.”

“Carried”

### **Finances**

27. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 467.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 467 in the amount of \$354,640.42 dated March 31, 2008.”  
“Carried”
28. Directors reviewed Finance Warrant No. 467 page by page and staff answered questions.
29. Administrative Memo regarding Questions on Finance Warrant No. 466.  
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”



30. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss personal information of an employee or agent of the Regional District."

"Carried"

31. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:05 p.m.

32. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 3:40 p.m.

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

"Carried"

34. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Hira Chopra,  
Chairperson

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Robert A. Harper,  
Administrator