



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

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

**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, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development.

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 Ms. Ellen Brown, Site Manager, West Coast General Hospital be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Ms. Brown provided Directors with a status report on the following services at West Coast General Hospital: Nursing, Allied Health Professionals, Support Services, Psychiatry, CT Scanner, Negative Pressure Rooms and Diabetes Monitoring Program. Ms. Brown outlined future plans at West Coast General Hospital. She advised that VIHA will be conducting a review of Community Hospitals. She said Community Hospitals have an essential role in the health authority, providing medical, surgical, rehabilitation, convalescent as well as palliative care to patients close to their home. Ms. Brown advised that the service review at West Coast General Hospital should start at the end of 2008 or early 2009 and will be headed up by Grant Hollet. The review will be a process of looking at the current services and specialties offered at WCGH and what is needed to ensure sustainability in the long term. Ms. Brown answered questions from Directors.
4. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Brown for meeting with Directors this afternoon and said the Regional District wants to work with her and the Vancouver Island Health Authority.



### **Adoption of Minutes**

5. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on April 9, 2008 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

6. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the To-Do List as of May 7, 2008 be received for information."

"Carried"

7. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, "That staff be instructed to arrange a meeting with West Coast Directors and the appropriate Provincial Government representatives to deal with the access issue at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport."

"Carried"

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

8. Correspondence dated April 28, 2008 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Electoral Area Directors Meeting.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Directors be authorized to attend the Electoral Area Directors Meeting in Richmond on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>."

"Carried"

9. Letter dated April 18, 2008 from the Mount Klitsa Garden Club requesting broom busting support.  
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Regional District comply with the request of the Mount Klitsa Garden Club to waive tipping fees at the Alberni Valley Landfill for one week in June during Broom Busting Week."

"Carried"

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

10. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by G. Wong, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Province of BC/Malaspina University-College re: Province to Establish Vancouver Island University, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Response from Finance Minister Carol



Taylor on the Carbon Tax, re: Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting, April 9 - 11, 2008, re: Negotiations on the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, City of Trail re: Negotiations on the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities re: 2008 AVICC Resolution Disposition, Canada-British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund re: Bamfield Water System Upgrade/Bell Stuart Road Water System, Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Largest Ever Survey on Municipal Issues Shows Canadians Want Federal Support for Cities and Communities, Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce re: Catface Porphyry Copper Project, Ministry of Environment re: BC Expands List of Regulated Recyclable Products, Government of BC re: BC Timber Sales, Jacques Louis Swann re: Landscape with Nut Trees, BC Hydro re: BC Hydro's Regional Report to Communities, Comox Valley Regional District re: Highway 19 Connector and City of Burnaby re: Highway Maintenance Specifications."

"Carried"

11. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Forests inviting them to make a presentation to the Regional District on their proposed 5-year BC Timber Sales Plan in the Alberni-Clayoquot region."

"Carried"

12. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by G. Wong, "That a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation supporting the resolution from the City of Burnaby regarding Highway Maintenance Specifications."

"Carried"

### **Reports**

13. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following News Releases from the Island Coastal Economic Trust be received for information: ICET Announces \$1.7 Million Contribution to the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre in Port Alberni, \$7.8 Million Waterfront Development Project at Port McNeill, Funding for Nanaimo Airport, \$1 million Contribution to the Port of Nanaimo Centre, Funding for Alberni Valley Trails Project - Historic Alberni Inlet CNPR Trail, Funding for Alberni Valley Trails Project - Stamp River and Signage Project and Support for Bamfield Harbour Authority Dockside Services Project."

"Carried"

14. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the 2009 - World Under 17



Hockey Challenge Spring 2008 report be received.”

“Carried”

15. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the minutes from the Highway Connector Committee meeting held on April 16, 2008 be received.”

“Carried”

### **Other Reports**

16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, “That the 2007 Year-End Report from Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society be received.”

“Carried”

17. Director Ochman reported on his attendance at the Local Marine Advisory Council meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Topics discussed included: level of service, review of services, weather report consultation and Environment Canada modifications in weather reporting.

Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

18. Director Wong reported on recent meetings with the Site Administrator at West Coast General Hospital. He also provided a report on the Equipment Review Committee meeting held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion to meld the Equipment Review Committee and Community Health Committee into one Committee to address all health issues in the region. The next meeting of this Committee will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Regional District Office.

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

“Carried”

### **Finances**

19. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 468.

Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 468 in the amount of \$881,542.18 dated April 30, 2008.”

“Carried”



20. Directors reviewed Finance Warrant No. 468 page by page and staff answered questions.
21. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 406.  
Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 406 in the amount of \$52,036.16 dated April 30, 2008."

"Carried"

**Unfinished Business**

22. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, "That staff be directed to come back with a recommendation on working with the City of Port Alberni to implement a Nuisance Bylaw in the Regional District."  
  
"Carried"
23. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by G. Wong, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to labour relations or employee negotiations."  
  
"Carried"
24. The meeting was closed to the public at 2:44 p.m.
25. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 3:27 p.m.
26. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."  
  
"Carried"
27. The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Hira Chopra,  
Chairperson

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Robert A. Harper,  
Administrator