



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

Wednesday, July 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, Dianne St. Jacques, Glenn Wong.

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

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

Adoption of Minutes

2. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Cote, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on June 11, 2008 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

3. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by P. Cote, "That the To-Do List as of July 3, 2008 be received for information."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Action

4. Letter dated July 2, 2008 from the Province of British Columbia, Office of the Premier regarding Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention - Comments on Programs and Meetings with Ministers.

Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, "That the following meetings be requested at the UBCM Convention:

- a. Minister Falcon, Minister of Transportation regarding Billboards at the entrance to the Alberni Valley, Highway Connector and Bamfield Road issues;
- b. Minister Abbott, Minister of Health Services regarding Health Issues in the Region including: West Coast General Hospital Addition for CT Scanner and Negative Pressure Chamber Rooms at West Coast General Hospital;



- c. Minister Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development regarding Bell Road Water and Tofino/Ucluelet Airport Access;
- d. Minister Pat Bell, Ministry of Forests and Range regarding watershed protection.”

“Carried”

- 5. Letter dated May 23, 2008 from the Aboriginal Sports & Recreation Association of BC regarding Support Letter for Aboriginal Team BC Athlete.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

- 6. News Release dated July 7, 2008 from the Office of the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities regarding \$272 Million for Smaller British Columbia Communities.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, “That this correspondence be received and contents noted and staff investigate funding through this program for Bell Road and Bamfield water.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Information

- 7. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the following correspondence be received for information: The Council of Senior Citizens’ Organization of BC re: Conference on Seniors Health, Housing and Income in a Global Age-Friendly Community, September 15 -16, 2008, Emergency Management BC re: Flood Protection Program, British Columbia Aviation Council and Council of Tourism Associations re: 2008 BC Aviation Council Annual Conference, September 29th to October 1st, 2008, Ministry of Forests and Range, BC Forest Service re: Open Fire Restricted in Coastal Fire Centre, The Corporation of the City of Courtenay re: Supporting Resolution for Proposed New Highway, Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Urgent Request for Submissions to Save Universal, Public Postal Service, Vancouver Island Economic Alliance re: State of the Island Economic Summit, October 21 - 22, 2008, Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC and Ministry of Health re: Funding for the Kakawis Family Development Centre.”

“Carried”



8. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Regional District authorize one West Coast Directors to attend the 2008 BC Aviation Council Annual Conference, September 29th to October 1st in Richmond, BC."

"Carried"

9. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Regional District endorse the following resolution from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review:

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters)

WHEREAS it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service - the exclusive privilege.

WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses.

WHEREAS the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office - the public.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post - the public."

"Carried"

10. Director McRae entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Reports

11. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the minutes from the Alberni Valley Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on June 26, 2008 be received."

"Carried"



Other Reports

12. Director McRae reported that he attended a farewell in Parksville for athletes heading to the Olympics in Beijing. He said there were ½ dozen athletes there including Port Alberni's Travis Cross and the athletes were give a really good send off.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

Administration

13. Administrative Memo regarding Elections Bylaw.
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this correspondence be received and the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Bylaw A1064."

"Carried"

14. Administrative Memo regarding BC Product Stewardship Council - Annual Meeting.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

15. Administrative Memo regarding Landfill Gas Recovery - Proposed Changes to the Landfill Gas Management - Climate Change - Ministry of Environment.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

16. Administrative Memo regarding Grant Information - Towns for Tomorrow and Local Motion - ActNow BC.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

17. Administrative Memo regarding Proposed Water Servicing Expansion - Esowista Reserve and the new Ty-Histanis Community.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this correspondence be received and the Committee-of-the-Whole endorse the Regional District entering



into a servicing agreement with the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation whereby the Regional District would continue supplying water to the Esowista Reserve and supply water to the new Ty-Histanis Community on the following conditions:

- a. Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and the Regional District will each pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating and maintaining the water system based on their respective water consumption;
- b. Capital upgrades to the well, pumps and water treatment system required to meet the additional demands of supplying water to the new Ty-Histanis Community will be the responsibility of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, and;

staff will continue negotiations for a service agreement.”

“Carried”

18. Administrative Memo regarding Bear Aware Funding - Provide Funding to the BC Conservation Corps to Continue Programs in the Alberni Valley.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, “That this correspondence be received and that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the Board of Directors to provide continued support to the BC Conservation Corps to allow Bear Aware informational work and programming to continue in the Alberni Valley in the amount of \$2,500.00 in 2008.”

“Carried”

19. Administrative Memo regarding Request to Increase Bamfield Water Operators Contract.
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors add an additional \$150.00 per month (\$1800 per year) to the contract amount for the water operator for the Bamfield Water System (Richard Zoet).”

“Carried”

Finances

20. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 470.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 470 in the amount of \$772,083.46 dated June 30, 2008.”

“Carried”



21. Directors reviewed Finance Warrant No. 470 and staff answered questions. Staff were requested to provide further information on three cancelled cheques and a payment to Price's Alarms.

22. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 408.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve the Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 408 in the amount of \$653,806.61 dated June 30, 2008."

"Carried"

23. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

24. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert A. Harper,
Administrator