



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

**Wednesday, September 10, 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, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Services, Brenda Fortais, Recycling Coordinator.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Petitions, Delegations & Presentations**

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That Diane Tetarenko and Rudy Mayser, Integrated Land Management Bureau be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Mayser said he is a planning team leader with the Integrated Land Management Bureau and introduced Diane Tetarenko, Adventure Tourism Manager. Mr. Mayser provided Directors with an update on the Barclay Sound and Great Central Lake float home issue. He reported that ILMB recently received funding to hire a staff person to focus on the float home issue. The next step for Barclay Sound is to review the findings of the scoping report, focus on the issues and find solutions. At Great Central Lake, they will continue on engaging with the Regional District, stakeholders and First Nations to discuss the issues. A couple of technical reports have been received for Great Central Lake regarding sockeye habitat around the lake. Mr. Mayser said the first order of business is to review the findings of these reports and then they will commence a scoping exercise similar to the one done for Barclay Sound. Once the scoping exercise is complete, ILMB will start exploring solutions for Great Central Lake. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

4. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Mr. Neil Malbon, Alberni Pacific Railway be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"



6. Mr. Malbon made a presentation to Directors on the proposed Arrowsmith Explorer steam train run. The project will provide an excursion steam train service running between Port Alberni and Qualicum Beach. The distance is approximately 45 miles one way with a travel time of five hours. Mr. Malbon said there will be stops along the way in Coombs and Parksville. In year one, they are proposing four round trips, in year six, 28 round trips. He reported that the project has been approved for Island Coastal Economic Trust funding (Phase 1) for \$1.4 million and they are well on their way with the detailed stage 2 application. Mr. Malbon said they applied for funding through Western Economic Diversification for \$540,000.00, but they have been asked to re-apply for funding through this program. Mr. Malbon said he is looking for a letter of support from the Regional District. He outlined the benefits to local businesses and other opportunities that will be created from this project. Mr. Malbon answered questions from Directors.
7. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Malbon for his presentation.
8. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Regional District forward a letter to Alberni Pacific Railway supporting the Arrowsmith Explorer steam train service between Port Alberni and Qualicum Beach."

"Carried"

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

9. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on August 13, 2008 be adopted as circulated."
10. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the To-Do List as of September 3, 2008 be received for information."
11. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That staff be instructed to forward a letter to the Ministry of Transportation requesting they take action against illegal billboards in the region."

"Carried"



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

12. Letter dated August 29, 2008 from the Tseshaht First Nation, Hisinksi for Economic Development Corporation.  
Moved by K. McRae, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That Chairperson Hira Chopra be appointed to the Hisinksi Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for a 1 year term."

"Carried"

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

13. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Municipal Insurance Association re: 2007 Dividend Cheque, Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment and Local Government Program Services re: Community Tourism Program (Phase 2) Historic Alberni Inlet CNPR Trail Project."

"Carried"

### **Reports**

14. Drew Hadfield, Manager of Environmental Service introduced Brenda Fortais who has been hired as the Recycling Coordinator for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. Mr. Hadfield provided Directors with an update on the recycling program and plans for educating the public. He reported that the recycling program is off to a good start in the Alberni Valley. Approximately 3 ½ tonnes per day of recyclable materials have already been diverted from the Alberni Valley Landfill. Mr. Hadfield answered questions from Directors.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

### **Finances**

15. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 410.  
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 472 in the amount of \$1,181,264.76 dated August 31, 2008."

"Carried"



16. Directors reviewed Finance Warrant No. 472 page by page and staff answered questions.
17. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 410.  
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 410 in the amount of \$63,741.92 dated August 31, 2008."

"Carried"

### **New Business**

18. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the following items be allowed for discussion as late items: BC Hydro 2 tier system and internet training for new Directors."  
  
"Carried"
19. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That staff be instructed to arrange internet training for Directors."  
  
"Carried"
20. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by K. McRae, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to labour or other employee relations, negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a Regional District service that are at their preliminary stages, disclosure of which the Board considers could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public, and, information that is prohibited from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act."

"Carried"

21. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:01 p.m.
22. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:24 p.m.
23. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

24. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



Certified Correct:

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Hira Chopra,  
Chairperson

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Robert A. Harper,  
Administrator