



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

Wednesday, November 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, 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.

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

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Mr. Graham Gillespie, Department of Fisheries and Oceans be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Director Bennett entered the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

4. Mr. Gillespie said he is a Shellfish Research Biologist for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. He said there is a new resident in the Somass Estuary, the New Zealand mud snail. Mr. Gillespie provided Directors with background information on the New Zealand mud snail. The New Zealand mud snail is an invasive specie that spreads quickly and can clog systems that intake water from lakes or rivers. Mr. Gillespie said it's believed they got here on a boat or boat trailer. He passed around information on the mud snails. Mr. Gillespie said eradication of the mud snail is not feasible. The most feasible option is to limit their dispersal from their current distribution by educating the public to clean their gear and boats etc. Mr. Gillespie answered questions from Directors.

5. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Gillespie for his presentation.

6. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That Mr. Pat Deakin, Economic Development Officer, City of Port Alberni be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"



7. Mr. Deakin thanked Directors for their time this afternoon. He said that one year ago the Federal Government introduced a program for single resource communities to diversify their economy. Community Economic Trust is a job opportunity program to put laid off forestry workers back to work. Mr. Deakin said the City applied for funding through the program for trail building to link the Log Train Trail to the historic CNPR inlet trail. Mr. Deakin said they are currently in the process of hiring laid off forestry workers for the trail project. Mr. Deakin asked the Regional District to consider entering into use agreement with Island Timberlands on the private land portion of the CNPR trail. The agreement with Island Timberlands is required to do the work on the trail and to receive ICET funding for that work. Mr. Deakin said there would be no additional insurance costs to the Regional District and the Alberni Valley Outdoor Club and Alberni Valley Enhancement Association have committed to do the maintenance of the trail. Mr. Deakin said a clause could be built into the agreement that if maintenance of the trail failed, the use agreement would be rescinded. Mr. Deakin answered questions from Directors.

8. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by K. McRae that the Regional District enter into a use agreement with Island Timberlands for their private lands on the CNPR trail with a maintenance clause built into the agreement.”

“Carried”

9. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by D. St. Jacques, “That Mr. Robert Duncan, Hupacasath First Nation and Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Catalyst Paper be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole.”

“Carried”

10. Mr. Duncan and Mr. Fitzpatrick provided an overview of the transfer of the dams at Great Central Lake from Catalyst Paper to the Hupacasath First Nation. Mr. Fitzpatrick provided a brief history of the dams. They were built in 1925 and a seismic upgrade was done in 1998. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that since Catalyst built their treatment plant, they haven’t needed the dams. He said the Great Central Lake dam is in pretty good condition. He provided an overview of Catalyst’s maintenance and emergency procedures for the dams. Mr. Fitzpatrick discussed the 2007 Dam Safety review and the reason for lowering the Great Central Lake dam by three feet. Mr. Duncan said there are several reasons the Hupacasath are acquiring the dams at Great Central Lake. The dams are within their traditional territory and the Hupacasath has a passion for the protection of salmon. They also see potential economic opportunity from the dams. Mr. Fitzpatrick said the closing date for the offer to purchase is March 2009. He said the Great Central Lake dam is in very good shape, but the Robertson Creek



Hatchery dam is reaching the end of it's useful life. He said the Hupacasath is currently commissioning an engineering study to replace Robertson Creek Dam. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

11. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

Adoption of Minutes

12. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on October 8, 2008 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

13. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the To-Do List as of November 5, 2008 be received for information."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Action

14. Letter from Ucluelet Video Services requesting a letter of support. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received and the Regional District forward a letter to Ucluelet Video Services supporting their application for funding through Network BC to provide internet service to Thorton Road, Long Beach."

"Carried"

15. Correspondence from Alberni Sport Fish Advisory Committee requesting a letter of support/request to have the Regional District invite the Fisheries Minister to visit the region. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That the Regional District forward a letter to the new Fisheries Minister, Honourable Gail Shea, congratulating her on her new position and invite her to visit the region."

"Carried"

16. Invitation from the Province of British Columbia and the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations to attend a historic signing ceremony on November 13, 2008 in Tofino. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by D. St. Jacques, "That this correspondence be received and the Chairperson be authorized to attend the Tla-o-qui-aht First



Nation and Province of British Columbia signing ceremony on November 13, 2008 at the Tin Wis Resort, Tofino, BC.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Information

17. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by G. Wong, “That the following correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Green Communities Committee Update, re: Premier Campbell’s Statement on the Economy, re: RCMP Contract Renewal: Update on Discussions, Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum) re: Copy of Correspondence to Minister Pat Bell, Ministry of Forest & Range regarding Safety Issues on the Bamfield Road, Island Timberlands re: WIWAG Meetings with Island Timberlands, Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society re: Thank you for Grant-in-Aid, Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: National Do Not Call List - Update on Municipal Impact, Office of the Premier re: North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust, Regional District of Nanaimo re: News Release Arrowsmith Park Memorandum Signed, Quad Riders ATV Association of BC re: Request to Help in Locating Suitable Areas in which to Hold Courses, Fraser Basin Council re: Smart Planning for Communities - Introducing Your Sustainability Facilitators and Trails Strategy Committee - Tourism Culture & the Arts/BC Parks/Transportation and Infrastructure re: Trails Strategy for BC.”

“Carried”

Reports

18. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the following Island Coastal Economic Trust News Releases be received for information: Funding for Tourism Marketing for Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast 2010 and Beyond, Funding for Port of Nanaimo Cruise Ship Facility, Funding for Campbell River’s Downtown Revitalization and Funding for Port Hardy Harbour Seine Float Project.”

“Carried”

Administration

19. Administrative Memo regarding December Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”



20. Administrative Memo regarding Hupacasath First Nations Request to be added to the Curbside Recycling Program.
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors support the request for the Hupacasath First Nations Reserve to be included in the Valley's Curbside Recycling Program and direct staff to make arrangements with the contractor and Hupacasath First Nations to provide this service."

"Carried"

21. Administrative Memo regarding Trees for Tomorrow Grant.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Regional District apply for \$50,000.00 funding through the Trees for Tomorrow Grant program."

"Carried"

22. Administrative Memo regarding Bamfield Sewage Proposal.
Moved by S. Ochman, K. McRae, "That this correspondence be deferred until the November Board of Directors meeting."

"Carried"

Finances

23. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 475.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 475 in the amount of \$701,741.23 dated October 31, 2008."

"Carried"

24. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 412.
Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve the Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 412 in the amount of \$47,690.52 dated October 31, 2008."

"Carried"

25. Moved by D. St. Jacques, seconded T. Bennett, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to labour or other employee relations."

"Carried"



26. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:35 p.m.
27. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:04 p.m.
28. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"
29. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Bob Harper,
Administrator