



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009

REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

Present: Chairperson: Hira Chopra, Directors: Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae, Stefan Ochman, Eric Russcher, Glenn Wong.

Staff: Robert Sabine, Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Secretary, Marcel Cyr, Planner, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Don Anderson, Acting Manager of Environmental Services, Laurie L'Heureux, Emergency Coordinator.

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

PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Mr. Leif-Matthias Herborg, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Ministry of Environment be invited to address the Regional District Board."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Herborg provided a general overview of Invasive Species in British Columbia. He said there are 18 species introduced freshwater fish alone in British Columbia, including coi carp groundfish. The Ministry of Environment manages these species through public education, enforcement, fisheries regulations and eradication. Mr. Herborg said coi carp are bottom feeders, eating food such as small insects. Coi carp can increase turbidity and destroy aquatic vegetation. The highest impact of Carp has been found in shallow lakes. Mr. Herborg said they have confirmed reports of Carp in Sproat Lake, but this is not in the Ministry's database yet. He said Carp are not particularly widespread in the Province yet. Mr. Herborg provided an overview of management options for invasive species. Chemical treatment is one option, but is targeted for small lakes; Sproat Lake is too big. Other options are physical removal in the spring during spawning and public education. The delegation answered questions from Directors. Director Cote advised that a local group did some netting of the Coi, but the net provided by the Ministry was too small. Director Cote said she would like the Ministry to get more involved with the netting to keep the numbers down. Mr. Herborg said the Ministry would like to assist where they can, but there is not very much money available.



4. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Herborg for his presentation.
5. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Karin Maier and George Frank, Mainstream Canada be invited to address the Regional District Board."

"Carried"
6. Ms. Maier said she is in charge of Environmental and Community Relations for Mainstream Canada and introduced Mr. George Frank. Ms. Maier provided an overview of Mainstream Canada operations in Tofino and Port Alberni. Their head office is in Norway and all their products are fresh salmon. They have a processing plant in Tofino which is the second largest producer of Salmon Farming in British Columbia. She said they have three hatcheries, one is located at Great Central Lake, Boot Lagoon. They employ 250 direct employees; 150 of the employees are on the West Coast. Their focus is sustainable aquaculture. She provided an overview of their caging system. She invited Directors and Staff to visit their site in Tofino.
7. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

8. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors Meeting held on July 22, 2009 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"
9. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the To-Do List as of August 19, 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

10. Correspondence dated August 19, 2009 from Lisa Gallic, Tseshaht First Nations requesting a letter of support to BC Hydro verifying their office address change. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Board of Directors forward a letter to the Tseshaht First Nation verifying the physical service location address of the Tseshaht Offices as 5091 Tsuma-as Drive."

"Carried"



11. Letter dated August 14, 2009 from BC Hydro regarding Invitation to Meet in Conjunction with the 2009 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in Vancouver.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

12. Letter dated August 18, 2009 from Minister Shirley Bond, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Open Skies Summit.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

13. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Vancouver Island Regional Library regarding Library Funding Plight Taken to the Web."

"Carried"

REPORTS

14. Director McRae provided a brief update on the Coastal Communities Network. They have had several discussions regarding Hake and the Network is moving ahead.
15. Director McRae reported that next meeting of the West Island Woodlands Advisory Group is scheduled for October 8, 2009.
16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by E. Russcher, "That these verbal reports be received."

"Carried"

STAFF REPORTS

17. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Planning and Development Report dated August 20, 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"



18. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the July 2009 Building Report be received for information."

"Carried"

19. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Financial Manager's Report dated August 20, 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"

20. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Acting Manager of Environmental Services Report be received for information."

"Carried"

OTHER REPORTS

21. Director Bennett reported that a lot of money has been put into the Port Albion dock with funding from Island Coastal Economic Trust.

22. Director Wong reported that the ribbon cutting for the new CT Scanner is scheduled for mid September.

23. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by T. Bennett, "That these verbal reports be received."

"Carried"

ADMINISTRATION

24. Administrative Memo regarding Contract Award - Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Board of Directors award the contract for services to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan to B.A. Blackwell and Associates for the sum of \$30,000.00 plus GST broken down as follows:

- a. \$15,000.00 (CWPP Grant through UBCM)
- b. \$15,000.00 (in-kind services from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and City of Port Alberni)

"Carried"



25. Administrative Memo regarding Rescinding Resolution Fencing Contract West Coast Landfill.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

26. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the following motion passed at the July 22, 2009 Board of Directors meeting be rescinded:

That the Board of Directors approve and award Mid Island Fencing the contract to replace the main remote operating gate at the West Coast Landfill for the price of \$9,150.00 plus GST."

"Carried"

27. Administrative Memo regarding West Coast Landfill Main Operating Gate. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the Board of Directors approve and award Fenceline Products Ltd. the contract to replace the main remote operating gate at the West Coast Landfill for the price of \$8,283.31 plus GST."

"Carried"

28. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association License of Use at the Alberni Valley Airport.

Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received and referred to the Alberni Valley Committee for review and recommendation back to the Board of Directors."

"Carried"

29. Administrative Memo regarding Tofino/Ucluelet Airport Kiosk Lease Rate. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors approve a lease rate of \$350.00 per month for the kiosks in the new terminal building at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport."

30. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the main motion be amended to include a 3 year term for the kiosk lease rate."

"Carried"

31. The main motion, as amended, was

"Carried"



FINANCES

32. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Financial Statements dated January 1st to July 31, 2009 be received."

"Carried"

PLANNING MATTERS

33. DVB09005 - Development Variance Application, Kalugin, 9010 Bryson Road, the east ½ of District Lot 73A, Alberni District, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort). Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors consider issuing a variance permit for relaxation of the front yard setback under Rural (A2) District from 50 feet to 13 feet 6 inches for the East ½ of District Lot 73A, Alberni District to permit the exiting 8 foot by 8 foot accessory power utility building to remain in it's current location."

"Carried"

34. RC09006 - Rezoning Application, Barkley Project Group Ltd., Unsurveyed Crown land lying in the vicinity of Kennedy River, Highway 4 & Canoe Creek, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach). Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors proceed with first reading of Bylaw P1240 subject to meeting technical referral agency requirements, and the public hearing for Bylaw P1240 be delegated to the Director for Electoral Area "C", his Alternate Director or the Chairperson of the Regional District Board."

"Carried"

35. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Bylaw P1240, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a first time."

"Carried"

36. RE09001 - Rezoning Application, Shoquist, 5787 Beaver Creek Road, Lot A, District Lot 22, Alberni District, Plan VIP 83888, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek). Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Board of Directors is, at this time, disposed to deny Rezoning Application RE09001, prior to doing so, the Board wishes to offer the applicants the opportunity to present their own case as to why this matter should not be denied."

"Carried"



37. Administrative Memo regarding Development Variance Permit No. DVF09004, Faris - 5978 Renton Road South, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek), Opposition letter from a Neighbour.
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received and a copy of the memo be forwarded to the complainant."

"Carried"
38. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, "That Bylaw P1232, Cherry Creek Official Community Plan Amendment be adopted."

"Carried"
39. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Bylaw P1234, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be adopted."

"Carried"
40. DVF09004 - Development Variance Application, Faris, 5978 Renton Road South, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek).
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Board of Directors issue Development Variance Permit No. DVF09004."

"Carried"
41. WC09007 - Licence of Occupation for Sea Kayaking Operation, University of Calgary Outdoor Centre, Little Espinoza Inlet & Vargas Island, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach).
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors recommend that the license be granted subject to the following:
- a. No dumping of human or other waste in waters;
 - b. Low/no impact no trace camping practices be implemented;
 - c. Technical referral agency comments/requirements are satisfied (including, but not limited to the Ministry of Environment, and BC Parks);
 - d. Agreement from the Ahousaht First Nation, and;
 - e. Proof of long term parking arrangements in the District of Tofino."
- "Carried"
42. WC09009 - Licence of Occupation for Industrial Log Handling: Drop Zone for Heli-logging, Coulson Forest Products Ltd., Pipestem Inlet, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach).



Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors recommend that the License be granted subject to:

- a. The implementation and execution of Best Management Practices for Helicopter Log Drop Sites in Marine Waters in British Columbia;
- b. Compliance with all other requirements of referral agencies;
- c. No adverse effects on water quality and/or the environment;
- d. No structures being located in the foreshore tidal area where there is evidence of shellfish and marine plant culture where log dumping activities may adversely effect these cultures, and;
- e. No obstruction of navigable waters either by wood debris or structures."

"Carried"

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

43. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Chairperson's Report for July/August 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

44. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Regional District forward a letter to Mayor Causon, Oak Bay and President of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities thanking him for meeting with the Regional District Board on July 22, 2009."

"Carried"

MEETING SCHEDULE

45. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the Regional District meeting schedule for the month of September 2009 be received."

"Carried"

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA

46. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to labour or other employee relations and litigation or potential litigation affecting the Regional District."

"Carried"



47. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:26 p.m.
48. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:04 p.m.
49. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by E. Russcher, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."
50. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert Sabine,
Chief Administrative Officer