



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

West Coast Directors Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Tofino Council Chambers

Present: Chairperson: Tony Bennett, Directors: John Fraser, Eric Russcher.

Staff: Rob Sabine, Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development, Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Secretary.

Other: Mayor Ken McRae, City of Port Alberni

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Delegation

2. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by J. Fraser, "That Mr. Kendall Kelly, West Coast Multiplex Society be invited to address the West Coast Committee."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Kelly thanked Directors for the opportunity to present today. He said this presentation was a follow-up to a meeting held in Port Alberni with Regional District staff recently, mainly to do with the location of the proposed Multiplex. Mr. Kelly provided Directors with a package including a map outlining their preferred location for the proposed facility on the Long Beach Golf Course leased area. He said the intent of the Society is to work with the Long Beach Golf Course to produce a recreation hub. Mr. Kelly advised that the West Coast Multiplex Society has a couple of hurdles in applying for grant money for the proposed project. The first requirement is commitments from all communities to support the project in principle and the second is to find a suitable site location. Mr. Kelly said a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is enclosed in the package he circulated to Directors. He requested the Regional District to consider taking the lead in signing the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Kelly advised there is no financial commitment to the Regional District by signing the MOU. Mr. Kelly said it is imperative they get their grant application in as soon as possible. Mr. Kelly answered questions from Directors. Discussion regarding location of the proposed facility ensued.
4. Mr. Keith Gibson, Long Beach Golf Course advised that the Long Beach Golf Course supports the proposed project and the location on the Golf Course leased area. Mr. Gibson said that they would prefer to use part of the Airport apron located next to the

golf course for the proposed facility. Considerable discussions ensued regarding a proposed location at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport for the proposed Multiplex. Mr. Sabine advised that the Regional District would have to contact Transport Canada to find out if the apron could be closed down and this may take some time.

5. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.
6. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, "That staff be instructed to investigate the ability of shutting down the apron next to the Long Beach Golf Course."

"Carried"

7. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the West Coast Committee recommend that the Board of Directors enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the District of Tofino, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, District of Ucluelet, Ucluelet First Nation, Ahousaht First Nation, Hesquiaht First Nation, Toquaht First Nation confirming ongoing support for moving forward with the West Coast Recreation Centre."

"Carried"

Reports

8. The Manager of Planning and Development circulated a letter from the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) regarding the Stage 1 Funding Application for the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport. He provided an overview of the letter. The ICET has requested the Regional District to review the application and prioritize and/or downsize the funding request. He reported that the ICET also has concerns about the current management model for the Airport. Discussion ensued. Director Russcher agreed that the funding request needs to be downsized. He said the priorities should be the terminal building and lighting and the two applications should to be separated.

9. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the Regional District pursue funding through the Island Coastal Economic Trust for the terminal building and lighting at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport and the two applications be submitted separately."

"Carried"

10. There was discussion regarding a management model for the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport. Staff were asked to get further information on the process of forming an airport commission. Discussions ensued. Mayor McRae provided an overview of the process

for ICET applications. Mayor McRae said that ICET needs to know who is running the airport.

11. The Chairperson thanked Mayor McRae for attending the meeting and Airport tour today and for his hard work with ICET to obtain funding for the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport.
12. Mr. Trevor Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Ucluelet First Nations advised they are supportive of a more formal way to deal with the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport. He said the Ucluelet First Nation would be interested in bringing more financial resources to the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport if there was First Nations involvement on an airport authority. Mr. Jones said the Ucluelet First Nation would like to work with the Regional District on a more formal airport authority. Director Fraser said it would be good to have both Ucluelet and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations involvement on an airport authority.
13. The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the access issue at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport. He advised that there has not been much further progress made. The Regional District Solicitor has sent out two letters to senior levels of government and follow-up phone calls. Mr. Sabine said the Regional District is a junior level of government waiting for a senior level of government to sort out the issue. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by J. Fraser, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

New Business

14. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the preferred site for the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport terminal building is the cleared site near taxi-way G and staff be requested to investigate the practicality of this site given the time lines."

"Carried"

15. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the West Coast Committee allow Atleo Air Service Ltd. to lease the original portion of the Ucluelet/Tofino Airport site on the tarmac for their hanger."
16. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

17. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Tony Bennett,
Chairperson

Robert Sabine,
Chief Administrative Officer