



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Alberni Valley Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Regional District Board Room

Present: Chairperson: Glenn Wong, Directors: Hira Chopra, Penny Cote, Patty Edwards, Mike Kokura, Ken McRae.

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

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

Delegation

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by H. Chopra, "That Mr. Bill Surrey and Mr. Ron Mani, Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association be invited to address the Committee."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Surrey said the AV Drag Racing Association sent a letter to the Regional District on September 19, 2008, requesting a renewal of their lease at the Alberni Valley Airport for an additional ten years. Mr. Surrey said the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association is proposing a week long event in the Alberni Valley in the down town area, similar to the Salmon Festival. He advised that the Association is still only planning 1 weekend per year for the Drag Racing event at the Airport. Mr. Mani said the Association needs a long term agreement to justify some of the expenses they are making at the Alberni Valley Airport, such as plans to increase parking. Mr. Surrey said the Association has more members than ever and the event is run completely by volunteers. The event provides fundraising opportunities for various community organizations, including the Alberni Valley Wrestling Club. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

4. Moved by H. Chopra, seconded by K. McRae, "That staff be instructed to work with the Alberni Valley Drag Racing Association on a 10 year lease at the Alberni Valley Airport for consideration by the Alberni Valley Committee and the Board of Directors."

"Carried"

Director Kokura voted in the negative.

5. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation and wished them all the best for with their event this August.

Ongoing Business

6. The Chairperson reminded Electoral Area Directors if they have any issues they wish to discuss at the upcoming Electoral Area Directors Forum in Vancouver to forward them to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in order for their issues to be included on the agenda.
7. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss information that is prohibited from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act."

"Carried"

8. The meeting was closed to the public at 2:00 p.m.
9. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 2:50 p.m.
10. Director Cote reported on an issue at Sproat Lake with Carp. There is a huge population of Carp at Sproat Lake in the West Bay area. She said an 18 lb. Carp was caught at the lake. The Ministry of Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, neighbours and First Nations are all getting involved and want to help to address this issue. There are plans to corral the Carp and catch them with the assistance of the First Nations. Director Cote advised that she will be coming to the Board of Directors with a request for funding for gas money for the First Nations to come out to the lake can catch the Carp.
11. Moved by H. Chopra, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

12. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Glenn Wong,
Chairperson

Robert Sabine,
Chief Administrative Officer