



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

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Regional District Board Room

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

Staff: Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Secretary, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Don Anderson, Acting 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 Geri Thomas, Derek Appleton and Shaunee Casavant, West Coast Native Health Care Society be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Appleton thanked Directors for the opportunity to speak this afternoon. He said they were hoping to address the Regional Hospital District. Mr. Appleton said the West Coast Native Health Care Society recently built an assisted living facility at Rainbow Gardens. He invited Directors on behalf of the Chair to view the new facility. Mr. Appleton said their plan from day one was to use existing Rainbow Gardens staff to provide care to the residents of the new facility. Their proposal to staff the facility was submitted to the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) for approval. Mr. Appleton advised that VIHA did not accept their staffing proposal and the facility is currently being staffed by VIHA. Ms. Casavant said she helped to get the new Assisted Living Facility up and running. She said at the last moment they were advised by VIHA that they were not going to be providing care services to the facility. Mr. Appleton said VIHA will not talk to the Society regarding this issue. Mr. Appleton made two request to the Board of Directors. The first was to endorse the proposal from Rainbow Gardens to provide personal care to the patients at the new assisted living facility and the second was to assist with negotiations with VIHA on this issue. Ms. Thomas provided an overview on their philosophy of care. She said the most natural fit for this facility is for residents to be cared for by Rainbow Gardens staff. The delegation answered questions from Directors.
4. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.



5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Mr. Kendall Kelly, West Coast Multiplex Society and Mr. Allistair Haughton, ARG Services be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

6. Mr. Kelly reported on the accomplishments of the West Coast Multiplex Society to date. They now have a memorandum of understanding with all of the Coastal Communities except two of the First Nation, these are coming shortly. He advised that Dr. James Lunney, MP has identified this project as one of their main priorities for funding. Mr. Kelly said they need the road access issue at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport resolved in order to get their funding. Mr. Kelly introduced Mr. Allistair Haughton, ARG Services who provided an overview of a biomass opportunity that could substantially lower the operating costs of the proposed new facility. Mr. Haughton said his company looks at sustainable cost effective solutions. For the West Coast Multiplex Society they are looking at converting waste to energy. Mr. Haughton said they use an instrument called Batch Oxidation (BOS) which converts waste to clean energy. The system is environmentally safe and clean. He outlined the regional benefits and answered questions from Directors.
7. Director Ochman entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m.
8. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.
9. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That staff be instructed to continue gathering information on the biomass opportunity for the proposed West Coast Multiplex facility."

"Carried"

Adoption of Minutes

10. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting held on June 10, 2009 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

11. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That the To-Do List as of July 2, 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"



Communications/Correspondence for Action

12. Letter dated June 23, 2009 from the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board regarding Facilities Planning.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by E. Russcher, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

13. Correspondence dated June 24, 2009 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Police Services: Cost and Accountability.
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be referred to the next Electoral Area Directors Meeting."

"Carried"

14. Correspondence dated June 24, 2009 from Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding 2009 UBCM Community Excellence Awards Application Now Available.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received and contents noted."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Information

15. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Community Energy Association re: 2009 Award Invitation; Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Federal Infrastructure Funding Update, re: RCMP Contract Renewal Update; Island Coastal Economic Trust re: Funding Support for Geo-Exchange District Energy Utility for Upper Gibsons, re: Funding support for Purple Banner Studio and Gallery Guide; Western Forest Products Ltd. re: TFL Draft Management Plan #5 and City of Port Alberni re: Letter to the Community from Mayor and Council."

"Carried"

Reports

16. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the minutes from the Emergency Planning Committee Meeting held on June 25, 2009 be received."

"Carried"



Finances

17. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 483.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 483 in the amount of \$955,903.76 dated June 30, 2009."

"Carried"

18. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 419.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve the Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 419 in the amount of \$653,390.31 dated June 30, 2009."

"Carried"

19. Administrative Memo regarding Contribution Towards Purchase of Pacific Rim Health Cooperative Building.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by I. Patterson, "That staff be requested to arrange a meeting between the Alberni Valley Committee and the Pacific Rim Health Care Cooperative to explore funding options from the Regional District towards the Cooperative's acquisition of the City owned building on Elizabeth Street."

"Carried"

New Business

20. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: forwarding a letter of support regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty."

"Carried"

21. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the Regional District forward a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans with a copy to Paul Sprout, Regional Director, supporting the recommendations from the Aquatic Management Board Sub-Committee and Area G Trollers with regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty."

"Carried"



22. Moved P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: report on the Electoral Area Directors Forum."

"Carried"
23. Director Cote reported on the Electoral Area Directors Forum held in Vancouver on June 26, 2009. She said it was an excellent session and well worth attending. Director Cote advised Directors that she will put copies of the literature received at the forum in their boxes for information.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"
24. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: report on the Sproat Lake Community Association Meeting."

"Carried"
25. Director Cote reported on the Sproat Lake Community Association Meeting held recently. She said there were concerns raised with Emon Services plans to chip seal the roads at Sproat Lake. She said a petition was drawn up at the meeting against chip sealing. She said that chip seal doesn't work very good on the roads. Director Cote said that the Ministry of Highways is not listening to the concerns of the Sproat Lake Community Association.
26. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, "That staff be instructed to arrange for Emcon Services to meet with the Regional District Board regarding road conditions in the Region."

"Carried"
27. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to labour relations or employee negotiations."

"Carried"
28. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:34 p.m.
29. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 3:40 p.m.



30. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

31. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Wendy Thomson,
Deputy Corporate Secretary