



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

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Regional District Board Room

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

Staff: Rob Sabine, CAO, Don Anderson, Acting Manager, Environmental Services, Mike Irg, Manager, Planning & Development, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Tracy Bond, Secretary

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

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Mr. Ken Whiteman be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Whiteman advised the Committee that he was here today to ask for assistance from the Regional District with respect to Feral Cats at the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. Whiteman would like to see the Regional District contribute on a one-time basis towards the spaying and neutering of these cats. There are currently six mothers and eight kittens and one mother for sure is pregnant. The cost to the Regional District would be approximately \$1,000.00. Mr. Whiteman then asked permission for Mrs. Yvonne Norn to speak.
4. Mrs. Norn informed the Committee that she has been to feeding the cats at the Chamber of Commerce for some time on a volunteer basis. She spends over \$100 per month of her own money to feed these cats. She believes the cats need to be treated in a humane way. She would like them to be "live-caught", spayed, neutered, receive medical attention and then be re-homed. Mrs. Norn has offered to pay for some of this personally but would like the Regional District to fund the remainder.
5. Committee members asked questions from the delegation. Glenn Wong advised he will engage in discussions with the Executive Director of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce and report to the Regional District Board of Directors.
6. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Whiteman and Mrs. Norn for their presentation.



7. Moved by Mike Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Mr. Mike Mintz and Mr. Craig Peterson be invited to address the Committee-of-the Whole."

"Carried"

8. Mr. Mintz advised the Committee that Emcon Services have been mowing and doing dust control and are now in the process of chip sealing, crack sealing and patching. This is expected to continue into September. Mr. Mintz informed the Committee that since he had been invited to attend this meeting he was prepared to answer the Committee's questions. There were several questions regarding road re-building and maintenance. Batty Road is on Emcon Services list of roads to be repaired. Road maintenance on "pull-outs" surrounding mailboxes is Canada Post's responsibility. Emcon Services is aware of problems on road easements in Cherry Creek but feel this is a property owner's drainage problem. There are areas that are checked but, if there any problems, Craig Peterson should be called.

9. P. Cote asked if Mr. Bob Cole could be allowed to speak regarding road problems at Sproat Lake.

10. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That Mr. Bob Cole be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

11. Mr. Cole spoke on Faber Road being chip sealed. This was done on the August long weekend when there were many tourists in Sproat Lake. The road is now in a worse mess than before and the residents are very angry. Mr. Cole asked who chooses to chip seal roads and why. Mr Mintz responded that chip seal will extend the life of roads by ten years. The decision to chip seal is because it is the most economical.

12. The problem with Hector Road was discussed. This is not a maintenance issue, so Emcon cannot address this. Emcon Services is aware of the condition of Beaver Creek Road but Emcon can only do maintenance and this is a Capital Project that would need to be approved by the Ministry. Mr. Mintz advised that he had heard about the West Coast's request for lighted signage advising of road conditions in the winter. He is not aware of the Ministry's plans in this respect.

13. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Mintz and Mr. Peterson for attending the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes



14. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on July 8, 2009 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

15. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the To-Do List as of August 5, 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"

16. T. Bennett requested that the Port Albion Dock item be deleted from the To-Do List as the dock has just been re-done.

Communications/Correspondence for Action

17. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the letter from the City of Port Alberni concerning the Pacific Rim Health Care Cooperative be received and that staff be directed to arrange a meeting between the medical community, the Pacific Rim Health Care Cooperative, the Regional District Board and representatives from the City."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Information

18. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Music By the Sea re: Thank you; Mrs. Janice Hill re: Thank you to the Sproat Lake Marine Patrol for their assistance."

"Carried"

19. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Pacific Coast University - go for Port Alberni News Release be received and that staff be directed to send a letter to Dr. James Lunney thanking him for his effort and that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. Wolfgang Zimmerman."

"Carried"



Reports

20. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Minutes from the July 8, 2009 meeting of the Alberni Valley Committee be received for information."

"Carried"

21. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the 2008-2009 Island Coastal Economic Trust Annual Report be received."

"Carried"

Other Reports

22. R. Sabine reported that the Log Train Trail has been closed due to the high forest fire risk. G. Wong suggested that perhaps it is time to have a policy on this. Perhaps there should be a bylaw to regulate use on the trail. There was considerable discussion on whether the Log Train Trail should be closed or have caution signs put up. Mr. Sabine asked if the Log Train Trail should be re-opened. Director Wong advised against this.

23. R. Sabine reported that the Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department was recently requested to assist the Ministry of Forests with regards to fire suppression stand-by and assistance. There was some revenue attached to this.

24. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the above two verbal reports be received."

"Carried"

25. G. Wong reported on the UBCM Regional Task Force Focus Group Session held in Richmond on July 28, 2009. Mr. Wong reported that the Regional District Charter is not happening in the near future. Mr. Wong felt that this session was not worth attending.

26. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

27. P. Cote reported that the Provincial Government has put a freeze on Provincial grants to libraries and that there are potential cuts to library funding in the upcoming Provincial budget.



28. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That this verbal report be received and that staff be directed to write a letter to the Province requesting that the Provincial grants to libraries be continued."

"Carried"

29. K. McRae reported that the railway report is now complete and has been sent to the Province.

30. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

31. K. McRae gave a brief report on the Island Coast Economic Trust. Three more items have received approval one being the Chamber of Commerce request.

32. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, "That the verbal report be received."

"Carried"

33. T. Bennett told Committee members that a tour of Clayoquot Sound Fish Farms may be scheduled. If anyone is interested, please advise Tony.

34. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by E. Russcher, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

Administration

35. Administrative Memo regarding Resolution to UBCM - Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act.

36. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That staff be instructed to request a meeting with the Minister of Housing at the UBCM Convention to discuss changes to the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act to ensure that tenants being displaced due to redevelopment are assisted in the relocation process ."

"Carried"



Finances

37. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 484.
Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 484 in the amount of \$618,042.08 dated July 31, 2009."

"Carried"

38. Directors reviewed the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 484 page by page and staff answered questions from Directors.

39. Staff were requested to provide backup information for the next meeting on payment for the following;

- Minister of Finance - Cheque No. 107284, amount \$154.98

40. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Finance Warrant No. 420.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 420 in the amount of \$61,716.15 dated July 31, 2009."

"Carried"

Recess to In-Camera

41. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser "That this meeting be closed to the public to discuss labour or other employee relations."

"Carried"

42. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:10 pm

43. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 3:35 pm

Adjourn

44. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by J. Fraser, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"



45. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Robert Sabine,
Chief Administrative Officer