



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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, NTC Representative: Willard Gallic.

Staff: Robert Sabine, Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Secretary, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Don Anderson, Manager of Environmental Services.

Other: Inspector Gordon Wellar, Port Alberni RCMP Detachment

1. The Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

2. The Chief Administrative Officer provided an brief overview of the election process for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
3. The Chief Administrative Officer conducted the election of Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board for 2009/2010 and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2009/2010.
4. Director McRae nominated Director Chopra for Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2009/2010. Director Chopra accepted the nomination.
5. The Administrator requested three times if there were any further nominations for Chairperson for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for 2009/2010.
6. There being no further nominations, the Chief Administrative Officer declared Director Chopra the Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for 2009/2010.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

7. The Chairperson conducted the election for Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for 2009/2010.



8. Director Kokura nominated Director Wong for Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for 2009/2010. Director Wong accepted the nomination.
9. The Chairperson requested three times for any further nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District.
10. There being no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Director Wong the Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District and Vice-Chairperson of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for 2009/2010.

PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

11. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Mr. Slade Worsley be invited to address the Regional District Board."

"Carried"

12. Mr. Worsley said he was here today to discuss banning recycling and cardboard at the Alberni Valley Landfill. He said that Sun Coast Waste Services is starting up a recycling depot in approximately 6 months. Mr. Worsley would like to see a ban on recycled materials at the Landfill when the depot opens. Mr. Worsley said he is the owner of the Port Alberni Free Store and his organization is offering their services to operate, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, a share shed at the Landfill. The delegation answered questions from Directors. Mr. Worsley was advised to work with Regional District staff on these issues.

13. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Worsley for his presentation.

14. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Mr. Mike Carter and Mr. Elliot Drew, Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce be invited to address the Regional District Board."

"Carried"

15. Mr. Carter introduced the President of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Elliot Drew. Mr. Drew said he was here today to discuss the Chamber's joint venture with the City of Port Alberni and hopefully the Regional District. He said the Chamber has purchased property at the top of the highway for a brand new state of the art building. He said the new Alberni Valley Visitor Centre, like the existing operation, will serve and work to increase the economy of all Alberni Valley businesses. Over 30% of the attractions, business and events they aggressively promote are not within the city. Mr. Drew said the Chamber and the City of Port Alberni believe the cost of operating the Visitor Center should be shared between the region and the Chamber of Commerce.



He said the annual operating costs, just pertaining to the new Visitor Center, amounts to \$149,000.00 per annum. Mr. Drew said they are proposing that the Regional District pick up their 40% share of this regional service, which amounts to \$47,600.00. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

16. Director Ochman entered the meeting at 1:40 p.m.
17. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.
18. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That the request for funding from the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce be referred to the 2010 Regional District budget discussions."

"Carried"

19. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That Mr. Robert Pasco, ecoGROW be invited to address the Regional District Board."

"Carried"

20. Mr. Pasco thanked Directors for the opportunity to present this afternoon and introduced Mr. Don Curry. Mr. Curry reported that ecoGROW has signed a contract with the Tseshaht First Nation for a 10 acre greenhouse site. He said part of their process is to notify the Regional District of their plans to develop a greenhouse in the region. He said they are here today to inform the Regional District of their plans and to request a letter of support for their proposed project and stating that this project would benefit the community with no negative impacts on the environment. Mr. Curry provided an overview of their proposal for greenhouse hydroponic lettuce. The delegation answered questions from Directors. Mr. Curry said the location of the greenhouse is yet to be determined. Mr. Curry said they require a letter from the Regional District to include with their application for stimulus funding.
21. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.
22. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors support in principle the Tseshaht ecoGROW Joint Venture Project subject to meeting Regional District Bylaws and Provincial regulations, specifically the Land Commission and Ministry of Environment and refer this project to the Regional District's Agricultural Advisory Committee for review and comment."

"Carried"



ADOPTION OF MINUTES

23. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the minutes from the regular Board of Directors meeting held on November 25, 2009 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

24. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the To-Do List as of December 4, 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

25. Memorandum dated November 27, 2009 from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities regarding Planning for the 2010 AVICC Annual General Meeting and Request for Submissions/Call for Nominations for AVICC Executive.

Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

26. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Minister of Fisheries and Oceans re: Recommendations from the West Coast Vancouver Island Sub-Committee, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Coast Guard re: De-staffing of Lightstations, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Gas Tax Agreement community Works Fund Payment, Fisheries and Oceans Canada re: Risk Management Approach for Robertson Creek, Tseshah First Nation re: Response regarding the request from Heiltsuk First Nation to Utilize the AV Landfill, Island Coastal Economic Trust re: West Bamfield Dock Improvement Project, City of North Vancouver re: Provincial Funding Assistance to the Arts, Citizenship and Immigration Canada re: Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism, Ministry of Transportation re: UBCM Convention Follow-up, City of Burnaby re: Police Records Information Management Environment and Ombudsman re: BC's Independent Voice for Fairness."

"Carried"



27. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That Regional District Staff be instructed to work with Andrew Day, West Coast Aquatic on a response letter to the letter from Minister Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the Area G commercial salmon troll fishery."

"Carried"

28. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors forward a letter to Premier of British Columbia requesting the following:
- a. Return the British Columbia Arts Community grant budget to the 2008-2009 levels;
 - b. Restoration of the one-year funding commitments to arts and culture organizations through the Gaming and Policy Enforcement Branch at the Ministry of Housing and Social Development that were rescinded this year, and;
 - c. Maintenance of the multi-year funding program beyond the current three-year commitments."

"Carried"

REPORTS

29. Director Gallic provided an update on the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council. He said the Tseshah First Nation rejected the request from the Heiltsuk First Nation to dispose of waste at the Alberni Valley Landfill. He said the Tseshah First Nation's position is the same and they are still against the Regional District accepting garbage from outside the Region. He said they do not like the trucks going right through their community to dispose of waste at the Landfill. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

30. The Chief Administrative Officer provided an update on the 9-1-1 meeting held on November 20, 2009 in Courtenay. They reviewed the preliminary budget for next year. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by E. Russcher, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"



31. Director Cote reported on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board. She said there will be a 3.3% increase in the budget for 2010. She advised, as Directed by the Regional District Board, she voted against the increase. Director Cote also reported on her attendance at the VIRLB Open House held recently at Echo Centre in Port Alberni.

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

"Carried"

32. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the minutes from the Emergency Planning Committee meeting held on November 19, 2009 be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"

33. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, "That Inspector Gordon Wellar, Port Alberni RCMP Detachment be invited to address the Regional District Board."

"Carried"

34. Inspector Wellar said the Christmas season is a busy time for law enforcement with increased traffic and drinking and driving. Inspector Wellar answered questions from Directors.

Moved by G. Wong, seconded by K. McRae, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

35. Director McRae provided an update on the Coastal Communities Network. The network is currently looking at economic opportunities. Director McRae said he will be attending a Coastal Communities Network meeting next Tuesday.

Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

36. Director McRae provided an update on the Island Coastal Economic Trust. There are 2 applications from this area that are moving ahead to stage 2 of the funding application process.

Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the verbal and written report for the Island Coastal Economic Trust be received."

"Carried"



37. Director Bennett provided an update on the West Coast Aquatic Board. They had a meeting yesterday where a number of issues were discussed including the NTC litigation and the marine planning terms of reference. Director Bennett advised that West Coast Aquatic has tentatively approved the terms of reference, pending upcoming meetings with the City of Port Alberni, District of Tofino and District of Ucluelet. He also reported on a major issue the Board is currently dealing with, the decline of salmon stocks, especially in Clayoquot Sound. He said follow-up meetings are being planned to deal with this issue. Director Bennett reported that West Coast Aquatic will be having more of a presence at community meetings. Director Russcher advised that West Coast Aquatic did meet with Ucluelet Council and they received full support from Council for the Coastal Planning Terms of Reference.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

38. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the minutes from the Alberni Valley Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2009 be received."

"Carried"

39. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by G. Wong, "That the resolution from the Alberni Valley Committee meeting held on November 18, 2009 on page 67, No. 15 regarding supporting in principle to fund 40% of the value of the building on 4711 Elizabeth Street for the Pacific Rim Health Care Cooperative be referred to 2010 Regional District Financial Plan discussions."

"Carried"

40. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the minutes from the West Coast Committee Meeting held on November 12, 2009 be received."

"Carried"

STAFF REPORTS

41. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Planning Department Report dated December 3, 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"

42. The Manager of Environmental Services provided a verbal update on his Department and answered questions from Directors.



Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

OTHER REPORTS

43. Director Bennett reported on his attendance at a meeting with SD #70 (Alberni) recently. He said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the closure of a school on the West Coast. Director Bennett said that right after the meeting, the School District announced the closure of Ucluelet Elementary School. He said with this closure, they are proposing to join grades 1 through 12 at the Ucluelet Secondary School. Director Bennett expressed concerns with the vast age group at the same school. He said that he would like an emergency meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss this issue.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

44. Director Cote reported on her attendance at a meeting with representatives of the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB). She said they went over the Great Central Lake scoping exercise dealing with float homes. She said the Manager of Planning and Development will be working with the Nanaimo ILMB team on the scoping exercise. A joint meeting will be arranged for mid January 2010.

Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

45. Director Cote reported on a meeting she had this morning with representatives of BC Transit to discuss HandiDart Service to Sproat Lake. She said that BC Transit is looking at different options for service to Sproat Lake, including a reallocation of services.

Moved by P. Cote, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

46. Director Cote provided an update on the Community Forest. They are moving forward and are currently nominating Directors.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

PLANNING MATTERS



47. Rezoning Applications RC09004/RC09006 - Public Hearing Report for Bylaws P1238, P1239 & P1240 Pacific National Processing - Cypress Bay and Barkley Project Group Limited, Canoe Creek, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach). Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

48. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Public Hearing Minutes for Bylaws P1238, P1239 and P1240 be received."

"Carried"

49. Director Bennett reported that there was no opposition to rezoning application RC09004, but they did hear a presentation from representatives of the Ahousaht First Nation. They requested on behalf of their people and their Chief(s), that future applications affecting their area be brought before the Ahousaht First Nation for their consultation. Director Bennett said he would like a meeting held between the Ahousaht First Nation, the Regional District Manager of Planning and Development, Chief Administrative Officer and himself to clarify what type of consultation they would like. There was discussion regarding the legality of holding a public hearing on First Nations reserve land.

50. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That staff be instructed to set-up a meeting in Ahousaht between representatives of the Ahousaht First Nation, the Regional District Chief Administrative Officer, Manager of Planning and Development and Director Bennett to clarify the type of consultation the Ahousaht First Nation would like to receive from the Regional District on planning applications affecting their reserve lands."

"Carried"

51. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That staff be instructed to seek legal advise on the legalities of holding a public hearing on First Nations reserve lands."

"Carried"

52. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Bylaw P1238, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Text Amendment be read a second time."

"Carried"

53. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That Bylaw P1238, Regional



District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Text Amendment be read a third time.”

“Carried”

54. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, “That Bylaw P1239, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a second time.”

“Carried”

55. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, “That Bylaw P1239, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a third time.”

“Carried”

56. RC09006 - Barkley Project Group, Canoe Creek, Electoral Area “C” (Long Beach).

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, “That the District of Ucluelet be included as a voting participant with regards to rezoning application RC09006.”

“Carried”

57. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That Bylaw P1240, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a second time.”

“Carried”

58. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, “That Bylaw P1240, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be read a third time.”

“Carried”

59. SD09005 - Subdivision Application, Cash in Lieu of Parkland, Forbes, Lot 2, Section 88, Clayoquot District, Plan VIP81953, 10037 Stirling Arm Crescent, Electoral Area “D” (Sproat Lake).

Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, “That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors concur with the recommendation of Planning Staff and that cash in lieu of parkland be provided by the owners of Lot 2, District Lot 88, Clayoquot District, Plan VIP81953 to meet the requirements of Section 941 (5.1) of the *Local Government Act*.”

“Carried”

60. RT09015 - Text Amendment, Marine Recreation (MR) District, Electoral Area “C” (Long Beach).



Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors concur with the recommendation of Planning Staff and waive the holding of a public hearing for Bylaw P1245 and proceed with first reading."

"Carried"

61. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That Bylaw P1245, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Text Amendment be read a first time."

"Carried"

62. LC09011 - Toquaht Nation, License of Occupation for a roadway to the Reserve, East of Macoah IR#1, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach).

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received and the Board of Directors concur with the recommendation of Planning Staff and approve this application subject to:

- a. Conformity with the South Long Beach Official Community Plan;
- b. Compliance with referral agency requirements;
- c. No adverse effect on water quality or the environment;
- d. Environmental precautions and measures being implemented as per submitted project description, and;
- e. Suitable safety equipment be maintained onsite during the construction period in case of any contaminant spills or leakages."

"Carried"

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

63. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Chairperson's report for December 2009 be received for information."

"Carried"

64. The Chairperson thanked Directors for appointing him Chairperson of the Regional District Board and wished Directors and Staff a happy holiday season.

DIRECTOR'S DECLARATIONS

65. Director Cote reported that she received a lawn chair with her name on it from the Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department.



NEW BUSINESS

66. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: requesting an emergency meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss the school closure on the West Coast."

"Carried"

67. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the Regional District Board forward a letter to the Minister of Education requesting an emergency meeting with School District No. 70 (Alberni), Local First Nations and Regional District Directors to discuss concerns with the closure of Ucluelet Elementary School."

"Carried"

MEETING SCHEDULE

68. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Regional District Regular Meeting Schedule for 2010 be received."

"Carried"

69. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Board of Directors Meeting schedule for January 2010 be received."

"Carried"

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA

70. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss:
- a. the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the Regional District and the Federal or Provincial Government or between a third party and the Federal or Provincial Government, and;
 - b. labour relations or employee negotiations."

"Carried"

71. The meeting was closed to the public at 3:23 p.m.

72. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:10 p.m.



73. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by E. Russcher, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

74. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Wendy Thomson,
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

