



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

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

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: Wendy Thomson, Acting CAO, Don Anderson, Manager of Environmental Services, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning & Development, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Teri Fong, Assistant Accountant, Tracy Bond, Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That Mr. John Douglas, BC Ambulance Service be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Douglas advised that he was here today to speak to the Grant-In-Aid request for the Alberni Valley Critical Response Unit (CRU). Mr. Douglas told the Committee that the CRU is a marriage between emergency services and community services. This mobile unit would be available to the RCMP, Search & Rescue, Emergency Services, etc. The unit could be booked for large community events. The unit would also be available for the West Coast. An Advisory Committee has been set up which includes the BC Ambulance Service, Regional Emergency Preparedness, Port Alberni Fire Department and Alberni Valley Search and Rescue. The mobile unit will be stored outside of the BC Ambulance Service building and will be stocked and managed by them. A local tow company will deliver and return the unit wherever it is needed and will also manage the communications. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

4. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Douglas for his presentation.

5. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by E. Russcher, "That Ms. Anne Evans, Ms. Edna McCreight and Mr. K. Tassie, Special Olympics be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"



6. Ms. McCreight told Committee members she was here today to speak regarding the Special Olympics - Port Alberni request for a Grant-In-Aid. The Special Olympics is extremely beneficial for the participants. The organization is run by volunteers and they fund and partially fund 9 different sports in Port Alberni for 88 Port Alberni athletes. They are presently preparing 7 athletes to go to the Nationals in London, Ontario next year. Ms. McCreight answered questions from Directors.
7. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

Adoption of Minutes

8. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the Minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on January 13, 2010, be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"
9. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, That the To-Do List as of February 3, 2010 be received for information."

"Carried"
10. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That staff be directed to investigate an agreement between the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Huu-ay-aht First Nation providing the Huu-ah-aht First Nation with fire protection service."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Action

11. Letter dated January 29, 2010 from the Ministry of Community and Rural Development regarding a review of Local Government Election Issues. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"
12. Letter dated January 27, 2010 from the City of Port Alberni regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Regional District cost share with the City of Port Alberni, Mayor McRae's attendance at the Federation



of Canadian Municipalities Convention in Toronto Ontario May 28-31, 2010 for an estimated total cost of \$2,700.00.”

“Carried”

13. Province of BC/City of Nanaimo/VIHA/Fraser Basin Council regarding Protecting Environmental and Human Health through Partnerships and Communities Forum Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, “That Director Edwards be authorized to attend the Environmental and Human Health through Partnerships and Communities Forum February 23, 2010 in Nanaimo, BC.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Information

14. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the following correspondence be received for information: The Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board re: Advocate for the Volunteer Community and Committed to Ensuring a Healthy Salmonid Resource, Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Forest Practices Board Releases Urban Interface Report, re: UBCM Membership Renewal.”

“Carried”

15. Moved T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That the correspondence from the Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board regarding Advocate for the Volunteer Community and Committed to Ensuring a Healthy Salmonid Resource be forwarded to the West Coast Aquatic Board.”

“Carried”

Reports

16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, “That the Minutes from the January 28, 2010 Emergency Planning Committee meeting be received for information.”

“Carried”

17. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, “That a letter be sent to Catalyst Paper requesting that they make upgrades to the Great Central Lake Dams.”

“Carried”



Other Reports

18. K. McRae reported that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities has a new task force to deal with taxes and they have hired a consultant. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by K. McRae, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

19. T. Bennett reported that the Pacific Troll Fleet have heard nothing from DFO regarding disbursement of the \$30 million compensation package from the US. The fleet is now entering their second season and they are hurting. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

Administration

20. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni Valley Agriculture Plan Funding. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

21. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Alberni Valley Background Study. Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

Finances

22. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 489. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 489 in the amount of \$540,455.30 dated January 31, 2010."

"Carried"

23. Directors reviewed the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 489 page by page and staff answered questions from Directors.



24. Staff were requested to provide backup information for the next meeting on payment for the following;
- Justice Institute - Emergency Planning - Cheque # 108029, in the amount \$9007.97
 - North Island College - Emergency Planning - Cheque # 108034, in the amount of \$2700.00
25. Letter dated February 2, 2010 from the City of Port Alberni and Administrative Memo regarding a Regional District Grant-In-Aid for Recreational Services. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence and memo be received."
- "Carried"
26. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Manager of Economic Development for the City of Port Alberni be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."
- "Carried"
27. Mr. P. Deakin spoke on the City of Port Alberni's request for an increase of funding for the Economic Development service to \$36,000. Mr. Deakin told Directors that the work of the Economic Development office benefitted the entire Alberni Valley and the Regional District.
28. W. Thomson read a letter from the City of Port Alberni dated February 10, 2010 advising the Board of Directors that the City of Port Alberni considered the past and present appraisals for the city owned property at 4711 Elizabeth Street. Council has agreed to a value of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of determining the Regional District's contribution. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by M. Kokura "That this correspondence be received."
- "Carried"
29. Administrative Memo regarding Contribution Options Toward Purchase of Pacific Rim Health Care Cooperative Building. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received."
- "Carried"



30. Administrative Memo regarding 2010-2010 Financial Plan (Custom Transit)
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"
31. Administrative Memo regarding 2010-2014 Financial Plan (Bamfield Garbage) be received."

"Carried"
32. Director Fraser left the meeting at 3:30 pm.
33. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by G. Wong, "That the following items be referred to an Alberni Valley and Bamfield Directors meeting to be held on March 2, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Regional District Board Room.
- Regional District Grant-In-Aid - Recreation Services
 - Regional District Grant-In-Aid - Economic Development Function in the Alberni Valley
 - Grant-In-Aid - Contribution Options Toward Purchase of Pacific Rim Health Care Cooperative Building
 - 2010-2014 Financial Plan (Custom Transit)
 - 2010-2014 Financial Plan (Bamfield Garbage)"
- "Carried"
34. Administrative Memo regarding 2010 Grant-In-Aid Applications.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"
35. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Committee-of-the Whole recommend that the Board of Directors approve a Grant-In-Aid in 2010 for the Island North Film Commission in the amount of \$7,500 with all areas participating."

"Carried"
36. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the 2010 Grant-In-Aid request from the Port Alberni Association for Community Living be denied."

"Carried"



37. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the 2010 Grant-In-Aid request from the Port Alberni Victim Service Society be denied."

"Defeated"

38. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors approve a Grant-In-Aid in 2010 to the Port Alberni Victim Service Society in the amount of \$11,000.00 with all areas participating."

"Carried"

39. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors approve a Grant-In-Aid in 2010 to the West Coast Aquatic Board in the amount of \$16,000.00 with all areas participating."

"Carried"

40. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors approve a Grant-In-Aid in 2010 to the Alberni Valley Critical Response Unit Advisory Committee in the amount of \$10,000.00 with all areas participating."

"Carried"

41. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, "That the 2010 Grant-In-Aid request from the Port Alberni Marine Rescue Society be denied."

"Carried"

42. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors approve a Grant-In-Aid in 2010 to the Special Olympics in the amount of \$3,000 with all areas participating."

"Carried"

43. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote "That the Committee-of-the Whole recommend that the Board of Directors approve a Grant-In-Aid in 2010 to the Beaver Creek Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$2,000.00 with all areas participating."

"Carried"



44. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the 2010 request from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for a scholarship be denied."

"Carried"

45. Administrative Memo regarding 2010-2014 Financial Plan.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That this correspondence be received."

"Carried"

46. Staff were instructed to investigate possible assistance from the City of Port Alberni with regards to the Regional District server and report back to the Board of Directors.

Recess to In-Camera

47. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this meeting be closed to the public to discuss labour or other employee relations."

"Carried"

48. The meeting was closed to the public at 4:25 p.m.

49. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

50. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this meeting now stand adjourned."

"Carried"

51. The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra,
Chairperson

Wendy Thomson,
Acting Chief Administrative Officer