



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

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

Staff: Wendy Thomson, Acting CAO, Tom Gowan, Finance Manager, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development, Don Anderson, Manager of Environmental Services, Tracy Bond, Secretary

Other: Inspector Gordon Wellar, Port Alberni RCMP

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

PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That Ms. Carol Schmitt, Omega Pacific Ltd. be invited to address the Board."

"Carried"

3. Ms. Schmidt spoke on her proposal to Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding a second local hatchery to insure against loss of Chinook and Chinook fishing opportunities in the Port Alberni area. Ms. Schmitt requested that the Board of Directors draft a letter of support for her proposal. Ms. Schmitt answered questions from Directors and Directors voiced their support of the great job Ms. Schmitt is doing for the fisheries in our area.

4. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Schmitt for her presentation.

5. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District send a letter to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada supporting the implementation of a Risk Management Approach for the Robertson Creek Hatchery Chinook Program through having Omega Pacific Hatchery Inc. grow a second group of Chinook as insurance against loss of the Chinook fishery in our area."

"Carried"

6. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by S. Ochman, "That Mr. Jim Reynolds,



speaking for the Kalugin Rezoning Application RE09012, be invited to address the Board.”

“Carried”

7. Mr. Reynolds told Directors he was here today to advise the Board of Directors that the applicants do not agree to a covenant that was supported at the March 24, 2010 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Reynolds spoke on the reasons the applicants refused to agree on a covenant and advised Directors that if this covenant was not lifted the applicants would not proceed with rezoning. Mr. Reynolds stated this is only a rezoning application not a subdivision application.
8. The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.
9. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, “That Rezoning Application RE09012 (Kalugin) be referred back to Planning staff and the applicants to come up with a suitable solution.”

“Carried”

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

10. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors meeting held on March 24, 2010 be adopted as circulated.”

“Carried”

11. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, “That the To Do List as of April 22, 2010 be received.”

“Carried”

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

12. Correspondence dated April 9, 2010 from Alberni Valley Hospice Society (Ty Watson House) re: Invitation to attend Annual Hike for Hospice Event, May 2, 2010 beginning at 11 am in Blair Park.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

13. Correspondence dated April 13, 2010 from Clayoquot Biosphere Trust requesting



that the Regional District Board of Directors confirm a Director and Alternate Director to represent the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District on the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That this correspondence be received and a letter be sent to the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust advising that the Regional District is currently looking for a representative and alternate to sit on the Clayoquot Biosphere and staff put advertisements for Directors in the Westerly News."

"Carried"

14. Correspondence dated April 21, 2010 from the Pacific Rim Arts Society re: Request for a Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That a letter be sent to the Pacific Rim Arts Society inviting them to apply for a Grant-In-Aid in 2011."

"Carried"

15. Correspondence dated April 27, 2010 from Dolan's Concrete Ltd. proposing a Rock Quarry on Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Airport lands.

Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Board of Directors direct staff to investigate the possibility of a Rock Quarry on Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Airport lands and report back to the Board."

"Carried"

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

16. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: National Public Works Week - May 16-22, 2010, re: Supporting Treaty Implementation - 2010/2011 Operational Funding for TAC's, City of Port Alberni, re: Request from Ms. Fisher-Bradley that a Committee be formed to address the issue of a Link Between Food Insecurity and Childhood Obesity, The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, re: City of Burnaby Resolution - Trade Agreements, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, re: What Will New National Wastewater Regulations Cost Your Community."

"Carried"

17. Correspondence from Ms Fisher-Bradley requesting a Committee be formed to address the issue of a Link Between Food Insecurity and Childhood Obesity. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be forwarded to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District Health Advisory



Committee.”

“Carried”

18. Correspondence from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the Federal Government's proposed new regulations to govern Municipal Wastewater Facilities.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That staff be directed to respond to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on the following questions:

- How much will it cost your municipality to meet these new regulations in both operating and capital expenditures?;
- How much of an increase in property taxes, utility bills or other surcharges will this mean for an average home in your community?;
- Do you have the expertise you need to build and maintain this new infrastructure?;
- What other locally identified infrastructure priorities will have to be postponed to meet these new regulations?”

“Carried”

REPORTS:

19. Director Cote reported that she recently attended the opening of the new Ucluelet Library. It is a very nice facility.

Moved P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

20. Director Russcher advised that the Central West Coast Forest Society now has a store front office in Ucluelet.

Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by T. Bennett, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

21. Director Wong advised that the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce Excellence Awards Night and Annual General Meeting was recently held. It appears that it will be a good year for the Sports Fishery for Sockeye Salmon but the Chinook Fishery is expected to decline significantly and there may not be a Salmon Derby this year. The Chamber of Commerce will be writing a letter to BC Ferries opposing their increased ferry rate. The ambassador program is a huge success.

Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, “That this verbal report be received.”



“Carried”

22. Director McRae reported that the current CEO of the Coastal Communities Network has agreed to stay on until a replacement can be found. A meeting has been scheduled to meet with Mr. Patrick Marshall, a possible candidate in Comox on May 7, 2010. One Hake meeting has already taken place and second meeting will take place on May 13th or 14th. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans makes the final decision on the Hake Fishery. Director Bennett requested that the Board of Directors consider the Coastal Communities Network alternate attending some of the meetings.
Moved by K. McRae, seconded by T. Bennett, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

23. Director Ochman reported to Directors on the West Island Woodlands Advisory Group. Director Ochman attended a meeting on April 22nd at Echo Field House. Western Forest Product made a presentation. The market is improving over last year. The medical incident rate in 2009 was high.
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

24. Director Edwards reported that the Air Quality Council met on April 15th. The Council is working towards adding the air quality to the Regional District website so citizens can click onto the Regional District website and check the air quality each day. The Air Quality Council is also looking at alternatives to open burning. The Council is trying to find out where the bad odour in the City is coming from and how to stop it. The woodstove change out program is almost over and has been well received.
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

25. Inspector Wellar advised that RCMP activities are progressing normally for this time of year. The RCMP are planning on having a presence on the water at Sproat Lake this summer. An aggressive dog in the Sproat Lake area has been put down.
26. The Chairperson thanked Inspector Wellar for attending and presenting this report.



STAFF REPORTS

27. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Acting CAO Report for April 2010 be received."

"Carried"

28. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Planning & Development Report for April 2010 be received."

"Carried"

29. Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Building Report for March 2010 be received."

"Carried"

30. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Manager of Environmental Services Report be received."

"Carried"

31. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Emergency Planning Coordinator Report be received."

"Carried"

OTHER REPORTS

32. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Strawberry Isle Marine Research Society 2009 Year-End Report be received and forwarded to the 2011 Grant-In-Aid file as a request for funding."

"Carried"

33. Director Cote advised Directors she has flyers from the Alberni Valley Heritage Society. 2012 is the centennial year of the amalgamation of the City of Port Alberni and the Heritage Society has begun work on this.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this verbal report be received."



“Carried”

34. Director Cote advised that applications for the 2010 Sproat Lake Marine Patrol positions are now being received. The Federal Office of Boating Safety of the Ministry of Transportation has awarded the Sproat Lake Marine Patrol a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. D. Anderson reported that the Marine Patrol boat has been serviced and is running well.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by G. Wong, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

ADMINISTRATION

35. Administrative Memo regarding Funding Opportunity from the School Community Connections Program.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by K. McRae, “That the Board of Directors receive this correspondence and direct staff to apply for funding for the following programs;
- Kids Don't Float Program
 - Tsunami Family Planning”

“Carried”

36. Administrative Memo regarding Orca Airways Lease for Kiosk #9 Tofino/Ucluelet Terminal Building.
Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Board of Directors enter into a 3 year lease agreement with Oca Airways Ltd. For carrier Kiosk #9 at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport terminal building a a cost of \$350.00 per month.”

“Carried”

37. Administrative Memo regarding Devon Transport Least for Kiosk #6 Tofino/Ucluelet Terminal Building.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the Board of Directors enter into a 3 year lease agreement with Devon Transport Ltd. for Carrier Kiosk #6 at the Tofino/Ucluelet Airport terminal building at a cost of \$350.00 per month.”

“Carried”

38. Administrative Memo regarding Bamfield Water System Rates and Regulations Bylaw.
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, “That this correspondence be



received.”

“Carried”

- 39 Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, “That Bylaw No. F1089, Bamfield Water System Specified Area Rates and Regulations 2010 be read a first time.”

“Carried”

FINANCES

40. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Financial Statements dated January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010 be received.”

“Carried”

PLANNING MATTERS

41. RA10002 - Report - (Sunshine Bay Resort Ltd.) Seddal Island, Foreshore Fronting the Northeast Side of District Lot 291, Barclay District, Rainy Bay, Barclay Sound, Electoral Area “A” (Bamfield).
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Board of Directors

- a) receive the staff report;
- b) proceed to first reading of By-Law P1248 subject to:
 - i) applicant agreeing to register a suitably worded restrictive covenant limiting commercial upland lodge accommodations to a maximum of 15 sleeping units including staff quarters;
 - ii) applicant providing a copy of Permit No. PE-8274 issued under the provisions of the Waste Management Act;
 - iii) meeting all technical referral agency requirements including Fisheries and Oceans, Coastguard, regarding navigable waters.
- c) that the public hearing for By-Law P1248 be delegated to Director Ochman, his alternate Director, or the Chairperson of the Board.”

“Carried”

42. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by P. Cote, “That By-Law P1248, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment By-Law be read a first time.”

“Carried”



43. SA08003 - Memo - (Dalla Zanna) Subdivision - Lot 1, Section 20, Township 1, Barclay District, Plan 22724, Electoral Area "A", (Bamfield).
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Board of Directors

- a) receive the Staff report;
- b) grant relaxation of section 944 under section 944 (2) of the Local Government Act, relaxing the frontage requirement from 34.451 metres (113.028 feet) to 6.311 metres (20.705 feet) for the new Lot A to be created by the proposed subdivision of Lot 1, Section 20, Township 1, Barclay District, Plan 22724, as per Sims Associates drawing dated February 18, 2010, file under No. 107144."

"Carried"

44. RC09006 (Barkley Project Group Ltd.) - Official Zoning Atlas Amendment - Part of unsurveyed Crown land held under Licence No. 113004, over that parcel or tract of unsurveyed Crown land lying in the vicinity of Kennedy River, Clayoquot District, containing 6.90 hectares, more or less from Forest Reserve (A4) District to Park and Public Use (P2) District.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That Bylaw P1240, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Zoning Atlas Amendment be adopted."

"Carried"

45. DVE0900 - Memo - (McLeman) 7285 Beaver Creek Road, Lot 1, District Lot 166, Alberni District, Plan 14621, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek).
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Board of Directors receive the staff memo and issue Development Variance Permit No. DVE09008."

"Carried"

46. SE10001 - Memo - (Schell) 5663 Mersey Road, Lot 2, District Lot 21, Alberni District, Plan 927, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek).
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by G. Wong, "That the Board of Directors receive the staff memo and that cash in lieu of parkland be provided by the owners of Lot 2, District Lot 21, Alberni District, Plan 927 to meet the requirements of Section 941 of the Local Government Act."

"Carried"

47. RF10004 - Report - (Kurath) 3287 Alberni Highway, Lot 1, District Lot 152, Alberni District, Plan 12342, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek).
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the staff report on rezoning



application RF10004 - (Kurath) be tabled.”

“Carried”

48. Alberni Valley Background Study.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Board of Directors receive the Alberni Valley Background Study.”

“Carried”

NEW BUSINESS

49. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Board of Directors consider discussion on a Pacific Salmon Mitigation memo.”

“Carried”

50. T. Bennett discussed a memo received regarding a meeting to be held on May 5, 2010 to provide information on the Mitigation Program under Chapter 3 (Chinook) of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. This meeting is scheduled for Richmond, BC but Tony would like to see this meeting happen in Port Alberni as it primarily affects the Area G fleet.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That this memo be received and that Director Bennett attend this meeting.”

“Carried”

51. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the Board of Directors consider discussion on the billboard signs at the entrance to the City of Port Alberni.”

“Carried”

52. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, “That staff be directed to set up a meeting with BC Hydro and the Ministry of Transportation to discuss a solution to the unsightliness entering Port Alberni and see if trees can be planted on the Highway right-of-way.”

“Carried”

53. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the following individuals be appointed to the Beaufort Advisory Planning Commission for a two year term: Gerard Budding, Ron Emblem, Robin Ansell, Keith Young, Ron Caldwell, George Haack, Ursula Budding.”



“Carried”

MEETING SCHEDULE

54. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the Regional District meeting schedule for the month May, 2010 be received.”

“Carried”

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA

55. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to labour or other employee relations.”

“Carried”

56. The meeting was closed to the public at 2:55 p.m.

57. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 3:10 p.m.

ADJOURN

58. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”

“Carried”

59. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra, Chairperson

Wendy Thomson, Acting CAO