



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

West Coast Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Regional District Board Room

Present: Chairperson: John Fraser, Directors: Eric Russcher Tony Bennett (via phone)

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am.

Reports & Updates

2. D. Anderson provided an overview of the Stage 1 ICET re-application for the Long Beach Airport for Navigational Aids. Mr. Anderson would like to include a few items from the InterVistas June 2007 Report on the Tofino-Ucluelet Airport Development Study in this application. There should be more emphasis on the economic development potential on airport lands – i.e. business opportunities. Also to be added is wording that the Regional District will be creating an Airport Authority. The application must be in this Friday.
3. M. Irg spoke regarding re-zoning the Long Beach airport lands. M. Irg suggested hiring a consultant to look at the zoning. There was a discussion regarding on what the re-zoning should include. The re-zoning should include vegetation management and should be based on the land use plan, non-air flexible zoning. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by T. Bennett, “That staff be instructed to investigate and bring forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors to hire a consultant to re-zone the Long Beach Airport lands.”

“Carried”
4. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by T. Bennett, “That staff investigate leasing a portion of the Long Beach Airport lands to BC Parks for their offices.”

“Carried”
5. D. Anderson updated the Committee on the Long Beach Terminal Building. The signs are up. The privacy wall and door and the addition to the storage room are now complete. D. Anderson would like to enter into an additional lease with Budget rent a car for their use of the storage facility for an additional \$350.00 per month. The Committee advised D. Anderson to proceed with this lease. Coastal



Aviation is not leasing any space at the terminal building but using the facilities each day. D. Anderson has been receiving complaints regarding this. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by T. Bennett, "That staff investigate implementing an airport improvement fee and passenger fee at the Long Beach Airport and bring a report back to the West Coast Committee."

"Carried"

6. D. Anderson advised that construction of the maintenance building at the Long Beach Airport is underway but will be over-budget by approx. 5% due to an increase amount of concrete needed for a soft soil situation. A rolling gate is set to be installed between the maintenance building and the storage area to prevent baggage from coming into the Airport.
7. D. Anderson advised that the lease for the house at the Long Beach Airport is due to expire shortly and the current tenants have advised they are not interested in renewing their lease. Staff will work on finding a tenant.
8. D. Anderson provided an update on infrastructure at the Long Beach Airport. Denis Francoeur was awarded the contract for the infrastructure of the lease lots at the Long Beach Airport. The contract has been signed and this project will begin shortly. The advertising for the tender of the paving for the Long Beach Airport will go out Friday, September 10th.
9. The official opening of the Long Beach Terminal Building was discussed. The official opening will take place sometime in the Spring of 2011, possibly in May. Staff was instructed to contact Tourism Tofino and Tourism Ucluelet to see if they would be interested in coordinating the opening.
10. D. Anderson updated the Committee regarding Parks Canada's lack of road maintenance on the West Coast landfill road. According to the contract left over from Transport Canada, Parks Canada was to pay the ACRD 10% of the operational costs in lieu of tipping fees and road maintenance. When the ACRD implemented tipping fees, Parks Canada opted to pay the tipping fees not the 10% operational costs. Parks Canada has since not maintained the West Coast Landfill road. Staff was instructed to follow up on the West Coast Landfill Road Maintenance issue with Parks Canada.
11. D. Anderson provided an update on the Salmon Beach Hydro Project. D. Anderson reported that there is potential for a cost overrun on the Salmon Beach Hydro Project. The cost overruns are due to many factors including BC Hydro changing the goal posts and other resident related issues.



Close Meeting to the Public

12. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a Regional District service that are at their preliminary stages, disclosure of which the Regional District considers could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public."

"Carried"

13. The meeting was closed to the public at 11:50 am

Re-Open the Meeting to the Public

14. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, "That this meeting be re-opened to the public."

"Carried"

Adjourn

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

"Carried"

16. The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Certified Correct:

John Fraser, Chairperson

Wendy Thomson, Acting CAO