



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Regional District Board Room

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

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

Regrets: Director Eric Russcher

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That Mr. Bruce Blackwell, Consultant, B.A. Blackwell & Associates be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Blackwell provided an overview of the planning process and the completed first draft of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Fires on the coast are mainly human caused, on average 43% of fires are caused by humans. The plan discusses Interface, Intermix and Spot Fire risks and gives recommendations. Interface means where the forest meets the Community. The focus for this region are fires starting at the edge of the Community and spreading to the forest. This is more of a concern than the reverse. Mr. Blackwell advised that alterations to the draft plan will be made after the meeting today and the open house that is scheduled for this evening from 5 – 8 p.m. at Echo Centre. Mr. Blackwell answered questions from Directors.
4. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Blackwell for his presentation.

Adoption of Minutes

5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett "That the Minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on July 14, 2010, be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"



6. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the To-Do List as of August 4, 2010 be received for information.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Action

7. Letter dated August 6, 2010 from the Agricultural Land Commission regarding a review of Agricultural Land Commission Operations, Policies and Legislation.
Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

8. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, That the Committee-of-the-Whole authorize Regional District Directors and Agricultural Committee members to attend a meeting in Nanaimo the week of August 30, 2010 regarding the review of the Agricultural Land Commission Operations, Policies and Legislation.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Information

9. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, “That the following correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities, re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Payment, re: RCMP Policing Costs, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, re: Risk Management Proposal, The Corporation of Delta, re: Increase to BC’s Minimum Wage, The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, re: Long Form of the Canada Census, City of Nanaimo, re: the Long Form of the Canada Census, British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association, re: Urgent Need for Recreation Infrastructure Renewal.”

“Carried”

Reports

10. Director McRae spoke briefly regarding the meeting between Island Coastal Economic Trust and the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The Minister made no mention of any future funding. Director McRae hopes there will be an announcement at the UBCM Convention.
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by K. Mc Rae, “That the Island Coastal Economic Trust 2009-2010 Annual Report and this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”



Other Reports

11. Director Cote reported on a recent meeting between the Ministry of Transportation and the Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding the McCoy Lake bridge replacement. The road is owned by Bill Thompson but he is transferring ownership to the Ministry. Director Cote does not know what came out of this meeting and requested staff to provide an update on the McCoy Lake Bridge replacement.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

Administration

12. Administrative Memo regarding Pacific Blue Cross Benefits for Elected Officials.
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Pacific Blue Cross Benefits Memo be received.”

“Carried”

13. Administrative Memo regarding Supporting Treaty Implementation Pilot Project.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That this Administrative Memo be received and that the Committee-of-the-Whole:
 - a. Recommend to the Regional District Board that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District enter into the Land Use Planning Protocol Agreements
 - b. Invite representatives from the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, the Toquaht First Nation, the Uchucklesaht Tribe and the Ucluelet First Nation to the September Board of Directors meeting to sign the agreements and to attend the Board meeting as observers.”

“Carried”

Finances

14. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 495.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 495 in the amount of \$620,702.31 dated July 31, 2010.”

“Carried”



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15. Staff to report on the cost of telephone charges from Telus in the amount of \$2,067.70 and Hub International for \$27,001.00 on Finance Warrant No. 495 at the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.
 16. Administrative Memo regarding Backup Information for Finance Warrant No. 494. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the backup information for Finance Warrant No. 494 be received.”

“Carried”

Adjourn

17. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Edwards, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”
“Carried”
18. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra, Chairperson

Wendy Thomson, Acting CAO