



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Regional District Board Room

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

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Cote, "That Ms. Carol Schmitt, Omega Fish Hatchery be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Ms. Schmitt provided an update on the DFO Dialogue for Chinook Enhancement for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District area. Ms. Schmitt requested that the Regional Fisheries Committee become involved in assisting Omega Fish Hatchery with their proposal to the Federal Government for a second local hatchery for Chinook salmon. Ms. Schmitt answered questions from Directors

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

5. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by G. Wong, "That the request for assistance and correspondence from Ms. Schmitt, Omega Fish Hatchery, to the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding the Chinook Enhancement Proposal be referred to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Fisheries Committee."

"Carried"

Adoption of Minutes

6. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by E. Russcher "That the Minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on August 11, 2010, be adopted as circulated."

"Carried"



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7. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by P. Cote, “That the To-Do List as of September 1, 2010 be received for information.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Action

8. Letter dated August 25, 2010 from the Royal Canadian Legion, re: Ad Request for the Military Service Recognition Book.

Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by G. Wong, “That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District place a ¼ page full colour advertisement into the Military Service Recognition Book.”

“Carried”

9. Letter dated August 30, 2010 from Steele O’Neil and Associates, Inc., re: Request for Municipal Support for Employment Services.

Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District forward a letter to Steele O’Neil and Associates Inc. supporting their proposed Business Transformation Model for the Delivery of Employment Services and advising that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board will support their resolution at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.”

“Carried”

10. Alberni Golf Club Ltd., re: Request for Property Tax Exemption.

Moved by G. Wong, seconded by K. McRae, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors support the Alberni Golf Club request for a Property Tax Exemption.”

“Carried”

11. Director Kokura voted in the negative.

12. Long Beach Golf Course, re: Request for Property Tax Exemption.

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend that the Board of Directors support the Long Beach Golf Course request for a Property Tax Exemption.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Information

13. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, “That the following correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities, re: Historic



Alberni Inlet CNPR Trail Project, re: Response to Review of Agricultural Land Commission, Recycling Council of British Columbia, re: Proclamation Request for Waste Reduction Week in Canada – October 18 to 24, 2010, Government of Canada, re: News Release – Community Action to Preserve Local Habitat and Species at Risk on Vancouver Island, Village of Clinton, re: City of Vancouver’s Resolution Regarding Poverty Reduction, re: City of Duncan’s Resolution Request regarding Local Government Studies.”

“Carried”

14. Moved by K. McRae, seconded by S. Ochman, “That the Group working on the Historic Alberni Inlet CNPR Trail Project be invited to make a presentation on the status of the project to the Regional District Board of Directors.”

“Carried”

Reports

15. Director McRae reported on the Island Coastal Economic Trust. The next scheduled RAC meeting is this Friday, September 10th. The Aquarium on the West Coast application for funding from Island Coastal Economic Trust is moving along. Director McRae recently visited the Aquarium and was pleased with what he saw.

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

“Carried”

16. Director Fraser briefly reported on the West Coast Committee meeting held earlier in the day. The Long Beach Airport ICET Application was discussed. Directors received updates on the Long Beach Terminal Building and Maintenance Building. Also received were updates on the Long Beach Airport Infrastructure projects and an update the Salmon Beach Hydro Project.

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

Other Reports

17. Director Cote reported on Great Central Lake Holdings. The subdivision applied for was approved including the parkland and boat launch.

Moved by P. Cote, seconded by M. Kokura, “That this verbal report be received.”



“Carried”

18. Director Bennett reported on the September 1st meeting with the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of the Environment regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation. Director Bennett said it was very important that the Minister understand the Social Economic Impact within our communities. The meeting seemed to go well and the Minister’s office has requested further information. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by K. McRae, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

19. Director Wong reported on the recent meeting with the Agricultural Land Commission. The Agricultural Land Commission is conducting a Policy Review and this meeting was for seeking input from local government. Members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee and Director Cote were also in attendance. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

20. Director Wong reported on a meeting with staff from the Ministry of Transportation earlier today. Director Wong spoke to Ministry staff regarding the billboards at the entrance to Port Alberni and the planting of trees. Director Wong also spoke regarding the lack of ditching on right-of-ways in Cherry Creek and the fact that Cherry Creek residents are not insured should they be flooded. Ministry staff advised they would look into this. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

21. Director Ochman also reported on the meeting with staff from the Ministry of Transportation. Director Ochman advised that members from the Bamfield Road Association and a representation from the Ministry of Forests also attended this meeting. An agreement for the grading of the Bamfield road is still in front of the lawyers. The agreement should be signed by early October but will only be for one year. Grading of the Bamfield Road is continuing without a contract. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by E. Russcher, “That this verbal report be received.”

“Carried”

22. Director Cote reported that the McCoy Lake Road/Bridge project has ceased. The Ministry of Highways and a local land owner have not been able to come to



an agreement. This project is very important for Area “D”, so it is hoped that negotiations will resume and the project will be completed.

Administration

23. Administrative Memo regarding Regional Fire Strategic Plan – Fire Services Coordinator.
Moved by K. McRae, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole receive the Fire Strategic Plan for the Alberni Valley and Bamfield prepared by Dave Mitchell & Associates and instruct staff to explore options for creating a new 0.5 FTE position to fill the role of Fire Services Coordinator for consideration by the Alberni Valley and Bamfield Committee during the 2011 budget discussions.”

“Carried”

Finances

24. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No.496.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 496 in the amount of \$1,186,758.63 dated August 31, 2010.”
- “Carried”
25. Administrative Memo regarding Backup Information on the HUB International payment in Finance Warrant No. 495.
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, “That the backup information on the HUB International payment in Finance Warrant No. 495 be received.”
- “Carried”
26. Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, “That staff investigate and bring back a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the tendering out of the Regional District’s insurance coverage.”
- “Carried”
27. Administrative Memo regarding Backup Information on the TELUS Mobility and TELUS Communications payments in Finance Warrant No. 595.
Moved by G. Wong, seconded by P. Cote, “That the backup information on the TELUS Mobility and TELUS Communications payment in Finance Warrant No.



495 be received and that staff contact TELUS Mobility to see if we can get a better rate for all Regional District cell phones.”

“Carried”

NEW BUSINESS

28. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by E. Russcher, “That Regional District staff request a meeting with the BC Federal Opposition Caucus to discuss the Pacific Salmon Treaty with the Regional District representatives who attended the meeting with Minister Penner to attend this meeting.”

“Carried”

RECESS TO IN-CAMERA

29. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by K. McRae, “That this meeting be closed to the public to discuss litigation or potential litigation affecting the Regional District.”

“Carried”

30. The meeting was closed to the public at 2:25 pm

31. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 4:05 pm.

Adjourn

32. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by S. Ochman, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”

“Carried”

33. The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Certified Correct:

Hira Chopra, Chairperson

Wendy Thomson, Acting CAO

