



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Regional District Board Room

Present: Chairperson: Glenn Wong, Directors: Stefan Ochman, Mike Kokura, John Fraser, Patty Edwards, Hira Chopra, Ken McRae, Eric Russcher, Alternate Directors: Clive Pemberton, Rene Lacoursiere

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

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

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by E. Russcher, "That Mr. Trevor Jones, Ucluelet First Nations be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."

"Carried"

3. Mr. Jones advised he was here today to discuss Ucluelet First Nations interest in the Upnit Power Project. The Ucluelet First Nations are currently looking for a potential purchaser of their 10 per cent interest in the Upnit Power Project. Ucluelet First Nation is interested in selling their percent of the project because they have made a decision to focus on treaty settlement lands. The project is owned by four partners, the Hupacasath First Nation at 72 ½ per cent, the Ucluelet First Nations at 10 per cent, the City of Port Alberni at 5 per cent and Synex Energy at 12.5 per cent. Partners invested \$14.5 Million in the Upnit Power Project. The Micro-hydro station at China Creek is a true green project, has no impact on Fish and is supported by environmental groups. In 2002 a power agreement was signed with BC Hydro and a water management agreement was signed with the City of Port Alberni. Gross revenue is approx. \$1.2 million per year and the annual operating costs are just under one half of a million dollars. Upnit is trying to pay their debt off as quickly as possible and have only about eight years left. An independent appraisal has estimated the worth at \$7 to 10 million so the Ucluelet First Nation will be expecting a purchase offer of \$700,000.00 to \$1 million. Mr. Jones answered questions from Directors.
4. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation.



5. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by K. McRae, “That Ms. Jennifer Dyson, West Island Woodlands Advisory Group (WIWAG) be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole.”

“Carried”

7. Ms. Dyson provided an overview of WIWAG. The volunteers on WIWAG bring with them great diversity and backgrounds and volunteers have remained consistent. This makes for a great working group. WIWAG is one of fifty advisory groups in Canada and is the oldest existing group. They have recently won an award for their volunteer hours. WIWAG works with both Western Forest Products and Island Timberlands. Western Forest Products has adopted CSA Standards and are now working under a brand new certification. WIWAG is very much involved with Western Forest Product’s Plan. WIWAG also works with Island Timberlands providing advice but do not work on Island Timberland’s Plan with them. Ms. Dyson answered questions from Directors.
8. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Dyson for her presentation.

Adoption of Minutes

9. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards “That the Minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on November 10, 2010, be adopted as circulated.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Action

10. Correspondence from the Local Government Leadership Academy regarding the 2011 Leadership Forum.
Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by S. Ochman, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

11. Correspondence from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding the Province-wide Community to Community Forum, Tuesday, March 1, 2011.
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by E. Russcher, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”



12. Correspondence dated December 9, 2010 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding an Electoral Area Directors meeting.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, “That any Directors wishing to attend the Electoral Area Directors Forum, February 16, 2011, Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, be authorized to attend and they submit topics for discussion at the forum.”

“Carried”

13. Correspondence dated December 14, 2010 from the Alberni Valley Wrestling Club requesting financial sponsorship.
Moved by K. McRae, seconded by E. Russcher, “That the Regional District approve a Special Events grant to the Alberni Valley Wrestling Club for the same amount awarded last year.”

“Carried”

14. Correspondence dated December 17, 2010 regarding a Policy Proposal on BC’s New Water Sustainability Act.
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, “That this correspondence be received.”

“Carried”

Communications/Correspondence for Information

15. Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by E. Russcher, “That the following correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities, re: UBCM’s Newest Member Service – Bulk Fuel Purchasing Program, re: Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held November 25, 2010, re: Completion of 2010/11 Community to Community Forum, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, re: Letter of Introduction, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, re: Meeting at 2010 UBCM Conference, Ombudsperson, re: 2009/10 Annual Report, re: News Release – Ombudsperson’s Office Contributes to Better Service for the Public, Association for Co-Operative Education, re: National Co-operative Education Week Proclamation, March 21-25, 2011, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, re: Multiculturalism Award Nominations, Statistics Canada, re: 2011 Census and New National Household Survey, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, re: New Deadline for Completing Infrastructure and Stimulus Projects, Community in Bloom, re: Enhancing Community Liveability.”

“Carried”



16. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, “That a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation with a copy to Ms. Barb Thomas, Ministry of Transportation, Vancouver Island, expressing the Regional District’s concerns with the Bamfield Road Committee not being consulted with regards to the renewal of the Bamfield Road Maintenance Agreements with the privately owned forest companies.”

“Carried”

Reports

17. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Staff Action Items update as of January 6, 2011 be received.”

“Carried”

18. Moved by H. Chopra, seconded by J. Fraser, “That the Draft Somass Basin Watershed Management Plan – Status Overview Report be received.”

“Carried”

19. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Agricultural Plan Community Forum information be received.”

“Carried”

Administration

20. Administrative Memo regarding Flood Protection Program Funding, Electoral Area “B” Beaufort, Woolsey Road.
Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, “That this Memo be received and that the Regional District support the funding application for a Debris Deflection Berm through the Flood Protection Program.”

“Carried”

21. Administrative Memo regarding an Extension of Infrastructure Stimulus Funding.
Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by K. McRae, “That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District apply for an extension for the Long Beach Airport Improvement project committing to finish the project and accept responsibility for any costs incurred beyond October 31, 2011.”

“Carried”



22. Administrative Memo regarding the Procedure for Placing a Notice on Title. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, “That this memo be referred to the Electoral Area Directors meeting to be held Tuesday, January 18, 2011.”

“Carried”

23. Administrative Memo regarding Draft 2011 Regional District Committee appointments. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by S. Ochman, “That the Regional District Committee Draft Appointments be forwarded for consideration by the Board of Directors with amendments.”

“Carried”

Finances

24. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 499. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 499 in the amount of \$959,549.93 dated November 30, 2010.”

“Carried”

25. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No.500. Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by R. Lacoursiere, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant Number 500 in the amount of \$720,632.22 dated December 31, 2010.”

“Carried”

Recess to In-Camera

26. Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by K. McRae, “That this meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to litigation or potential litigation affecting the Regional District and to receive advice from the Regional District solicitor that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose.”

“Carried”

27. The meeting closed to the public at 3:12 pm



Re-Open Meeting

28. The meeting re-opened to the public at 4:25 pm.

Recommendations from In-Camera

- 29 The Acting CAO reported on the following resolution passed at the In-Camera portion of the meeting:
That West Coast Directors, Environmental Services Manager Don Anderson, meet with a representative from the Ministry of Environment to conduct a site inspection of the West Coast Landfill as soon as possible and report back to the Regional District Board meeting on January 26th.

Adjourn

30. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by R. Lacoursiere, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”

“Carried”

31. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Certified Correct:

Glenn Wong, Chairperson

Wendy Thomson, Acting CAO