



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Regional District Board Room

Present: Chairperson: Glenn Wong, Directors: Tony Bennett, Penny Cote, Hira Chopra, Patty Edwards, John Fraser, Mike Kokura, Stefan Ochman, Alternate Directors: Dario Corlazzoli, Cindy Solda.

Staff: Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Thomson, Deputy Corporate Officer, Teri Fong, Manager of Finance, Mike Irg, Manager of Planning and Development.

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

Petitions, Delegations & Presentations

2. *Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by S. Ochman, "That Ms. Norine Messer, Alberni Valley Environmental Coalition be invited to address the Committee-of-the-Whole."*

"Carried"

3. Ms. Messer provided a power point presentation on the proposed Raven Underground Coal Project. The proposed underground coal mine is between Fanny Bay and Buckley Bay. Port Alberni is the choice for shipping this coal to Asia. Ms. Messer provided an overview of the Coalition's concerns with the proposed project. The Alberni Environmental Coalition requests the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors to consider passing a resolution to request the Federal and Provincial governments to refer the Raven Mine Proposal to a joint federal-provincial environmental review panel of independent experts, with full public hearings and to ensure the environmental assessment is carried out by the same panel conducting those public hearings. Ms. Messer also asked if the ACRD could request full mapping of the underground aquifers surrounding the proposed mine site. The delegation answered questions from Directors.
4. *Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors request the Federal and Provincial governments to:*
 - a. *refer the Raven Mine Proposal to a joint federal-provincial environmental review panel of independent experts, with full public hearings and to ensure the environmental assessment is carried out by the same panel conducting those public hearings;*
and,

b. *request full mapping of the underground aquifers surrounding the proposed mine site.*

5. *Moved by H. Chopra, seconded by C. Solda, "That the above motion be tabled."*

"Defeated"

6. *The main motion was*

"Carried"

Adoption of Minutes

7. *Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 9, 2011 be adopted as circulated."*

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Action

8. Letter dated March 29, 2011 from Denis Francoeur Backhoeing Ltd. requesting a boundary amendment.

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District support the request from Denis Francoeur Backhoeing Ltd. to have his boundary amended for Block 1447 from the Nanaimo Regional District to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District."

"Carried"

9. Letter dated March 21, 2011 from the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee regarding Meeting or Presentation on Invasive Plan Management: Updates for Local Governments.

Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by M. Kokura, "That representatives from the Coastal Initiative Plan Committee be invited to make a presentation to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors on Invasive Plant Management."

"Carried"

10. Letter dated April 1, 2011 from the Port Alberni and District Labour Council regarding April 28th National Day of Mourning.

Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District proclaim April 28, 2011 National Day of Mourning in recognition of workers who are killed or injured while on the job."

"Carried"

11. Letter dated March 15, 2011 from School District No. 70 (Alberni) regarding opportunities to enhance forestry education.

Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That staff be instructed to draft a three year lease for consideration by the Board of Directors with School District No. 70 (Alberni) for a Christmas tree farm on a portion of the Alberni Valley Airport lands."

"Carried"

Communications/Correspondence for Information

12. *Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Cote, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Minister of Fisheries & Oceans re: Pacific Aquaculture & Tofino Fisheries and Oceans Office, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development re: Strategic Community Investment Fund, UBCM re: RCMP Contract Negotiations – Alberta Endorses new RCMP Contract, Municipal Finance Authority re: Spring Debenture Issue – Successful Debenture Market Launch, Canadian National Institute for the Blind re: May Vision Health Month, Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Deadline for Nominations to FCM Board of Directors, Beaver Creek Improvement District re: Analysis of the Conversion of BCID to a local service area of the ACRD and Transport Canada re: Airports Capital Assistance Program – Tofino Airport re: Runway 11-29 Pavement Rehabilitation Project."*

"Carried"

13. *Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, "That a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans re-emphasizing the Regional District's position with regards to staffing DFO's Tofino office for the purpose of management the aquaculture industry."*

"Carried"

Reports

14. *Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Staff Action Items as of April 7, 2011 be received."*

"Carried"

15. *Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Emergency Planning Committee minutes dated March 24, 2011 be received."*

"Carried"

16. Director Fraser reported on the West Coast Committee meeting held earlier today.
Moved by T. Bennett, seconded P. Edwards, "That this verbal report be received."

"Carried"

17. *Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the AVICC Press Release regarding Island Mayors Request Meeting with Premier be received."*

"Carried"

18. *Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia 2010 Annual Report be received."*

"Carried"

Administration

19. Request for Decision regarding VIHA Homelessness Grant.
Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole request that the Alberni Valley Stakeholders Initiative to End Homelessness make recommendations back to the Regional District on the possible uses of the \$285,000.00 grant recently received by the ACRD from VIHA."

"Carried"

20. Memorandum from Patrick Marshall, Capital EDC Economic Development Company regarding Report on Capacity Building & Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Projects.
Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the correspondence from Patrick Marshall regarding the development of a Regional District Sustainability Certification Program be received and staff be instructed to investigate and report back with more information for the Board of Directors meeting."

"Carried"

21. Request for Decision regarding the Climate Action Charter.
Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by C. Solda, "That the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District sign up for the Climate Action Charter."

"Defeated"

22. *Moved by P. Cote, seconded by T. Bennett, "That the correspondence on joining the Climate Action Charter be received for information and staff be instructed to*

investigate a Carbon Neutral Plan for the ACRD for consideration during the 2012 budget process.”

“Carried”

Finances

23. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 503.

Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 503 in the amount of \$821,504.54 dated March 31, 2011.”

“Carried”

New Business

24. *Moved by C. Solda, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: sending a letter to the outgoing Chief Councillor and the in-coming Chief Councillor of the Hupacasath First Nation.”*

“Carried”

25. *Moved by C. Solda, seconded by T. Bennett, “That the Regional District forward a letter of congratulations to the newly elected Chief Councillor of the Hupacasath First Nation, Steven Tatoosh and forward a letter to the outgoing Chief Councillor Shaunee Casavant thanking her for her work on behalf of her Community and wishing her all the best for the future.”*

“Carried”

Adjourn

26. *Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by H. Chopra, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”*

“Carried”

27. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Glenn Wong,
Chairperson

Russell Dyson,
Chief Administrative Officer