



## **Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District**

### **Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**Cedar Room, Echo Centre, Port Alberni, BC**

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

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

Other: John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation

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

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

2. *Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the minutes from the regular Committee-of-the-Whole meeting held on September 14, 2011 be adopted as circulated."*

*"Carried"*

#### **Communications/Correspondence for Action**

3. Correspondence dated October 28, 2011 from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities regarding Consultation on Aquaculture Regulation.  
*Moved by H. Chopra, seconded by K. McRae, "That Director Bennett be authorized to attend the Consultation on Aquaculture Session on November 22, 2011 in Courtenay, BC."*

*"Carried"*

4. Letter dated November 1, 2011 from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council regarding NTC Representation on the ACRD Board.  
*Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Cote, "That this correspondence be received."*

*"Carried"*

### **Communications/Correspondence for Information**

5. *Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the following correspondence be received for information: Union of British Columbia Municipalities re: Natural Resource Roads, re: Update – RCMP Contract Negotiations, Ministry of Environment re: Water Act Modernization Project and Proposed New Water Sustainability Act, New Car Dealers Association of BC re: The Social and Economic Impacts of the New Car Dealers of BC and The Royal Canadian Legion re: Certificate of Appreciation and Annual Military Service Recognition Book."*

*"Carried"*

### **Reports**

6. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by S. Ochman, "That the Update on Staff Action Items as of November 3, 2011 be received."

*"Carried"*

### **Other Reports**

7. Director Cote reported on her attendance at a meeting with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans last week. Topics discussed included sockeye escapement, fisheries management, habitat and the ecosystem. Director Cote will provide a written report to the Board for the next meeting.
8. Director Cote reported that she attended the recent Emcon Stakeholders meeting. Emcon now has staff on call 24/7. The Chairperson reported that the reader boards on Highway 4 are an initiative of BC Hydro, not Ministry of Transportation. Direct Bennett discussed concerns with placement of the reader boards on highway 4 to the West Coast.

*Moved by P. Cote, seconded by S. Ochman, "That this verbal report be received."*

*"Carried"*

9. Director Ochman reported on a conference call meeting held earlier today with the Ministry of Transportation regarding the lack of a maintenance agreement between Western Forest Products and Island Timberlands for

Bamfield Road. He reiterated that the focus should be on user safety and the need to focus on deliverables.

*Moved by S. Ochman, seconded by P. Edwards, "That this verbal report be received."*

*"Carried"*

### **Administration**

10. Administrative Memo regarding Noise Bylaw Amendment to Include the Regulation of Noise Scare Devices.  
*Moved by P. Cote, seconded by P. Edwards, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole direct Staff to amend noise bylaws for Electoral Area 'D' (Sproat Lake), 'E' (Beaver Creek) and 'F' (Cherry Creek) which would regulate the use of Noise Scare Devices subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule A and refer the amended bylaws to the Ministry of Agriculture for their review."*  
  
*"Carried"*
11. The Chief Administrative Officer reported on the correspondence dated November 8, 2011 received from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation regarding Huu-ay-aht First Nation and Ucluelet First Nation joining the ACRD Board and setting a transition date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Discussions ensued.  
*Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by J. Fraser, "That the correspondence dated November 8, 2011 from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation be received."*  
  
*"Carried"*
12. *Moved by P. Edwards, seconded by P. Cote, "That the Regional District write MLA, Scott Fraser requesting assistance in lobbying the Provincial Government for funding to assist the ACRD with the Maa-nulth First Nations transition process."*  
  
*"Carried"*
13. The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the correspondence dated November 3, 2011 from Neilson-Welch Consultants regarding the First Nations Service Participation Project Phase 1 & 2. The CAO advised that in order to facilitate the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and Ucluelet First Nation joining the ACRD, the Regional District has been asked by the Province to provide an overview of all of the ACRD services. The ACRD does not have the resources to conduct this review. The ACRD continues to pursue funding through the Ministry to conduct the review, but have been told by the Province there is no funding

available. The CAO advised that he has retained the services of Neilson-Welch Consultants to undertake Phase 1 of the First Nations Service Participation Project. He requested Director's approval of Phase 2 of the Project at a cost of \$5,000.00. Staff will continue pursue for funding through the Provincial Government. Discussions ensued. Directors expressed concern with the lack of funding from the Province for this process.

*Moved by K. McRae, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole authorize proceeding with Neilsen-Welch Consultants to conduct Phase II of the First Nations Service Participation Project in the amount of \$5,000.00."*

"Carried"

14. *Moved by H. Chopra, seconded by M. Kokura, "That staff be instructed to arrange a meeting between the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Ucluelet First Nation and the new ACRD Board to discuss the transition process to join the ACRD Board."*

"Carried"

### **Finances**

15. Administrative Memo regarding Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Finance Warrant No. 510.

*Moved by M. Kokura, seconded by E. Russcher, "That the Committee-of-the-Whole approve Finance Warrant No. 510 in the amount of \$2,515,226.87 dated October 31, 2011."*

"Carried"

### **New Business**

16. *Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: forwarding a letter to ICBC and the Ministry of Transportation."*

"Carried"

17. *Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by M. Kokura, "That a letter be forwarded to ICBC and the Ministry of Transportation outlining the ACRD's concerns regarding decision making on Highway 4 without consultation with local government."*

"Carried"

**Recess to In-Camera**

18. Moved by T. Bennett, seconded by P. Edwards, “That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss litigation or potential litigation affecting the Regional District.”

“Carried”

19. The meeting was closed to the public at 2:28 p.m.
20. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 2:50 p.m.
21. Moved by E. Russcher, seconded by K. McRae, “That this meeting now stand adjourned.”

“Carried”

22. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Glenn Wong,  
Chairperson

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Russell Dyson,  
Chief Administrative Officer