



**MINUTES OF THE WEST COAST COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012**

Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Bill Irving, Chairperson, Mayor, District of Ucluelet  
Perry Schmunk, Mayor, District of Tofino  
Tony Bennett, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Andy Daniel, Manager of Environmental Services

**OTHER:** Scott Stevens, Asset Manager, PRNP  
Mark Fortune, Long Beach Airport  
Representatives of the West Coast Multiplex Society  
Shawn McConnell, Millstream Water Operator

1. **Call to Order** the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

2. **Delegation**

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT Mr. Gord Johns, West Coast Multi-plex Society be invited to address the West Coast Committee.*

*Carried*

Mr. Johns advised he is the past Chair of the West Coast Multiplex Society and was here today speaking on behalf of the Society. He introduced other members of the Society present this afternoon.

The CAO provided an update on the proposed site for the multiplex facility at the Long Beach Airport. He discussed the proposed location and implications to airport operations. The CAO reported that there are other possible locations on the airport lands for the proposed facility and the Regional District can work with the Society on securing a location.

Mr. Johns spoke to the findings of the survey conducted by Vancouver Island University. He reported that the West Coast Multiplex Society is proposing to move forward as follows:

- Phase 1 – Ice Arena and Fitness Centre
- Phase 2 - Pool

To date the Society has raised \$250,000.00. Phase 1 will cost approximately \$6 million dollars. Moving forward the Society needs to secure land for the facility and then go to referendum for Phase 1 of the project. Mr. Johns advised that the Society will raise \$6 million to build the facility, but they need to go to the people to see if they will support the operating costs of the facility of approximately \$100,000 per year. The Society is looking for support and direction from the Regional District and requests the Regional District to conduct a referendum in the fall

of 2012. Mr. Johns said the Society cannot go any further without support from the community. Discussions ensued and the CAO suggested steps on moving forward.

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the West Coast Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors approve the following steps moving forward with regards to the proposed multiplex on the West Coast:*

- a. Regional District staff consult with the Long Beach Recreation Cooperative to discuss developing the multiplex on the same site occupied by the Golf Course Clubhouse;*
- b. Regional District staff further explore the suitability of a number of possible sites at the Long Beach airport for the multiplex facility;*
- c. Regional District staff develop figures to hold a referendum in the fall of 2012;*
- d. The ACRD Board of Directors confirm the commitment of the donation of land for the multiplex;*
- e. Regional District staff confirm with the West Coast Multiplex Society present figures for capital and operating costs in terms of what would be appropriate to proceed to referendum to support an arena and fitness facility;*
- f. Recommend the West Coast Multiplex Society meet with the Tofino, Ucluelet and First Nations Councils on the West Coast to provide an update on progress, review the proposed plan and seek their support;*
- g. Regional District staff explore a suitable time and date of a referendum in the fall of 2012.”*

*Carried*

The meeting recessed at 1:50 pm

The meeting re-convened at 2:00 pm

### **3. Minutes**

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the minutes from the West Coast Committee meeting held on February 6, 2012 be adopted as circulated.*

*Carried*

### **4. Correspondence**

- a. Letter dated February 6, 2012 from the West Coast Multiplex Society regarding Request for land for West Coast Multiplex.

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the correspondence from the West Coast Multiplex Society dated February 6, 2012 regarding Request for Land for the proposed West Coast multiplex be received.”*

*Carried*

## 5. Reports

- a. The CAO circulated copies of the Hydrogeological Assessment conducted by GW Solutions at the Long Beach Airport and provided an overview of the results. Four wells were drilled at the Long Beach Airport to identify any potential water sources, none providing adequate supply to be a productive well. It would cost an additional \$100,000.00 further study of the potential of the aquifer to determine this. The CAO advised that the Regional District does not have the funds to conduct further assessments at this time. He recommends the Regional District not do any further exploration at this time and concentrate on maintaining the existing wells at the airport.

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the West Coast Committee receive the Long Beach Airport Hydrogeological Report conducted by GW Solutions and forward a copy to the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Pacific Rim National Park advising that the Regional District will not be doing further testing at this time.*

*Carried*

## 6. Finances

- a. Administrative Memorandum regarding 2012 – 2016 Financial Plan – West Coast Landfill. Directors reviewed the information provided by the Manager of Finance and the draft 2012 – 2015 Financial Plan for the West Coast Landfill. The CAO answered questions from Directors.

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the administrative memorandum and draft 2012 – 2016 Financial Plan for the West Coast Landfill be received.*

*Carried*

- b. Administrative Memorandum regarding 2012 – 2016 Financial Plan – Long Beach Airport. Directors reviewed the information provided by the Manager of Finance and the draft 2012 – 2016 Financial Plan for the Long Beach Airport. The CAO answered questions.

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the administrative memorandum and draft 2012 – 2016 Financial Plan for the Long Beach Airport be received.*

*Carried*

## 7. Administration

Administrative Memo regarding Terms of Reference – Long Beach Airport

Moved by: Director Schmunk  
Seconded by: Director Bennett

*THAT the West Coast Committee approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Long Beach Airport Advisory Committee as presented and instruct staff to prepare a bylaw to create the Commission for consideration by the Board of Directors.*

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the main motion be amended changing representation on the Committee in the draft Terms of Reference for the Long Beach Airport Advisory Committee as follows:*

- a. 1 West Coast Director appointed by the Board*
- b. 1 Member nominated from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation*
- c. 1 Member nominated from the District of Ucluelet*
- d. 1 Member nominated from the District of Tofino*
- e. 1 Member nominated from the Ucluelet First Nation*
- f. 1 Member nominated from the Tofino Chamber of Commerce*
- g. 1 Member nominated from the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce*
- h. 3 Members at-large nominated by the West Coast Directors representing the business community on the West Coast.*

*Carried*  
*The main motion as amended was*  
*Carried*

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT staff be instructed to forward a letter to Long Beach Recreation Cooperative requesting they move forward on their non-profit status.*

*Carried*

**8. Recess to In-Camera**

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss labour or other employee relations.*

*Carried*

The meeting was closed to the public at 2:58 p.m.

**9. Re-Open the Meeting**

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 3:45 p.m.

**10. Adjourn**

Moved by: Director Bennett  
Seconded by: Director Schmunk

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.*

*Carried*

Certified Correct:

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Bill Irving,  
Chairperson

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Russell Dyson,  
Chief Administrative Officer