



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Dogwood Room, Echo Centre, 4255 Wallace Street, Port Alberni, BC

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Glenn Wong, Chairperson, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
Cindy Solda, Vice-Chairperson, City of Port Alberni
Eric Geall, Electoral Area "A" (Bamfield)
Wayne Crowley, Alternate Director, Electoral Area "B" (Beaufort)
Tony Bennett, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)
Penny Cote, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)
John McNabb, Electoral Area "E" (Beaver Creek)
John Jack, Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nation
John Douglas, Mayor, City of Port Alberni
Perry Schmunk, Mayor, District of Tofino
Bill Irving, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

REGRETS: Alan McCarthy, Member of Legislature, Yuułu?it?ath Government

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director Douglas

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated with the addition of the following late items: appointment of Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officers for the West Coast Multiplex Referendum and recommendations coming out of the Fisheries Committee meeting.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee Meeting – August 20, 2012

MOVED: Director McNabb
SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the minutes of the Beaver Creek Water Advisory Committee meeting held on August 20, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

b. Board of Directors Meeting – August 22, 2012

MOVED: Director Bennett
SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on August 22, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

c. West Coast Committee Meeting – September 5, 2012

MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director Schmunk

THAT the minutes of the West Coast Committee meeting held on September 5, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

d. West Coast Multiplex Advisory Committee Meeting – September 5, 2012

MOVED: Director Bennett
SECONDED: Director Schmunk

THAT the minutes of the West Coast Multiplex Advisory Committee meeting held on September 5, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Mr. Ken Sander, Alberni Golf Club & Mr. Keith Gibson, Long Beach Golf Club regarding Request for Tax Exemption 2013

MOVED: Director Bennett
SECONDED: Director Irving

THAT Mr. Ken Sander, Alberni Valley Golf Club & Mr. Keith Gibson, Long Beach Golf Club be invited to address the Regional District Board.

CARRIED

Mr. Sander, President of the Alberni Valley Golf Club provided an update on Club in 2011/12. He thanked the Regional District Board of Directors for their support over the past 10 years. The Alberni Valley Golf Club employs 35 people in the busy season and 18 people in the winter, generating approximately \$600,000 in the local economy in wages and benefits. The 2012 Charity Golf Tournament was a huge success raising over \$300,000 for BC Children's Hospital and local charities. Their junior program continues to be one of the best in BC with over 100 participants. Mr. Sander requested the ACRD Board to consider granting another tax exemption to the Golf Club in 2013. Not receiving this yearly exemption would be a critical blow to the Club's economic viability. He thanked Directors for consideration of their request.

Mr. Gibson, Director of Operations for the Long Beach Golf Club thanked Regional District Directors for the tax exemptions over the past several years. He advised that he was here this afternoon requesting the same tax exemption as the Alberni Valley Golf Club. Mr. Gibson provided an overview of the activities of the Club over the past year and highlighted a few of their events. On September 7th they hosted the Annual Pro Am event which attracted over 130 players. The event raised \$25,000 for the local high school. He discussed the economic and social benefits of the Club to the West Coast Communities. Mr. Gibson said the Long Beach Golf Club has aging infrastructure in need of repair. The impact of not receiving this tax exemption would be critical to operations. He thanked Directors in advance for considering the tax exemption. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Sander answered questions from Directors.

b. Mr. Ken Watson, Manager, City of Port Alberni, Mr. Tom Paisley, General Manager, Port Alberni Division, Catalyst regarding City of Port Alberni and Catalyst Paper Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Facility, Roads and Lands

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT Mr. Ken Watson, City of Port Alberni & Mr. Tom Paisley, Catalyst Paper be invited to address the Regional District Board.

CARRIED

Mr. Watson provided Directors with an overview of Agreement between the City of Port Alberni and Catalyst Paper for wastewater treatment facility and land. The City of Port Alberni is moving forward with key strategic initiatives after reaching an agreement in-principle for the purchase of the Catalyst Paper's wastewater treatment facility and other lands. The agreement is valued at \$5.75 million and consists of two parts: acquisition of the sewage lagoons on the Somass

River flats and 3.9 hectares of land combined with a road dedication to facilitate the development of an industrial truck route along the waterfront. Mr. Paisley reported that with upgrades to the Mill it became apparent to Catalyst that they no longer required the lagoons to support operations and it became clear they could divest of this asset. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

c. Mr. Steve Watson, BC Hydro, regarding Long Beach Area Reinforcement Project

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT Mr. Steve Watson, BC Hydro be invited to address the Regional District Board.

CARRIED

Mr. Watson conducted a power point presentation on BC Hydro's Long Beach Area Reinforcement Project. He advised that this is the first time introducing this plan publicly. Construction is proposed to start in the Fall of 2013. The delegation answered questions from Directors.

d. Mr. Peter Elson, regarding Development Variance Application DVC12004, Burmeister

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT Mr. Peter Elson be invited to address the Regional District Board.

CARRIED

Mr. Elson spoke against Development Variance Application DVC12004, 1112 Front Street, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach). He discussed concerns with road encroachment issues with this property.

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

a. Alberni Golf Club Ltd., September 4, 2012 & Long Beach Golf Club, August 11, 2012 regarding Request for Tax Exemption 2013.

MOVED: Director Irving

SECONDED: Director Jack

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors instruct staff to prepare a 2013 tax exemption Bylaw for the Alberni Golf Club and the Long Beach Golf Club for consideration by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

- b. Jean Gelwicks, July 22, 2012, Request for Cougar Annies Garden to be formally recognized as a historical place.**

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Irving

THAT this correspondence be received and Regional District staff be instructed to investigate options for declaring Cougar Annies Garden a historical place and report back to the Board.

CARRIED

- c. Bear Smart BC, August 18, 2012 regarding Request for Funding Assistance for Bear Smart Signage and a Joint Meeting with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and the City of Port Alberni.**

MOVED: Director McNabb

SECONDED: Director Douglas

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors receive this correspondence and direct staff to attend the joint Bear Smart Signage meeting being organized by the City of Port Alberni.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- a. District of Tofino regarding Tonquin Foundations' Offer to Provide Tsunami Debris Repository;
- b. UBCM regarding Agricultural Land Commission New Directions, Consultation on the Ministry of Health's Public Health Plan, Packaging and Printed Paper Product Stewardship, ACRD's Application to the 2012 UBCM, GSPF Gas Tax Funding for the Beaver Creek Water Booster Pump;
- c. Village of Granisle regarding Persons with Disabilities and Proposed Changes to Fisheries Act Section 35 (1);
- d. Heart & Stroke Foundation regarding 2012 UBCM Resolution on Outdoor Smoke-Free Public Places;
- e. City of Port Alberni regarding Conditional Water License No. C120713 on Great Central Lake;
- f. British Columbia Achievement Foundation regarding the Tenth Annual British Columbia Achievement Awards;

- g. Sunshine Coast Regional District regarding Inclusion of Huu-ay-aht First Nation and Yuułu?it?atḥ Government;
- h. Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding WCVE Area G Troll Fleet Sockeye Salmon Access and the Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation Fund
- i. BC Hydro regarding Funding Available for Electric Beautification Projects.

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the Board of Directors receive a – i correspondence for information

CARRIED

8. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS & BYLAWS

a. Request for Decision regarding Bylaw PS1055-5 Building Bylaw

MOVED: Director Irving

SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT Bylaw PS1055-5, Building Bylaw – Building Permit Fees be adopted.

CARRIED

b. Request for Decision regarding Finance Warrant Number 520

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Irving

THAT the Board of Directors approves Finance Warrant Number 520 in the amount of \$1,351,496.94 dated July 31, 2012.

CARRIED

c. Request for Decision regarding Bamfield Transfer Station Share Shed

MOVED: Director Geall

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors award the contract to Adelhardt Concrete Plus Construction for the amount of \$20,720.00 including HST to build a Share Shed at the Bamfield Transfer Station.

CARRIED

d. Request for Decision regarding Bylaw E1055, West Coast Multiplex Local Service Area Establishment

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Schmunck

THAT the following motion from the August 22, 2012 Board meeting be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

The following motion was back on the table for consideration:

MOVED: Director Irving

SECONDED: Director Schmunck

THAT Bylaw E1055, West Coast Multiplex Local Service Area Establishment, 2012 be read a first time.

DEFEATED

MOVED: Director Irving

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT Bylaw E1056, West Coast Multiplex Local Service Area Establishment, 2012 be read a first time.

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Schmunck

THAT Bylaw E1056, West Coast Multiplex Local Service Area Establishment, 2012 be read a second time.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Irving

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT Bylaw E1056, West Coast Multiplex Local Service Area Establishment, 2012 be read a third time.

CARRIED

e. Request for Decision regarding Appointment of Fire Chief – Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors appoint Mr. Wade Hepp as Fire Chief of the Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department for a three year term.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Cote
SECONDED: Director Solda

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. Peter Klaver for his dedicated years of service on the Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department and forward a letter of congratulations to the new SLVFD Fire Chief, Mr. Wade Hepp.

CARRIED

9. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. DVC12004, BURMEISTER, 1112 FRONT STREET**
Development Variance Application – Memo & Permit

MOVED: Director Bennett
SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT the Board of Directors receive and concur with staff recommendation and pass a resolution to issue development variance DVC12004.

CARRIED

- b. CHERRY CREEK OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN**
Memo & Bylaw P1278

MOVED: Director Wong
SECONDED: Director McNabb

THAT the Board of Directors receive the staff memorandum.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Wong
SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT Bylaw P1278, Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot Cherry Creek (Electoral Area F) Official Community Plan Bylaw 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

- c. WC12005, WESTERN FOREST PRODUCTS, EFFINGHMAN INLET**
Memorandum

MOVED: Director Bennett
SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the Board of Directors recommend approval subject to the recommendations which were identified in the M.C. Wright and Associates Report.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS

10.1 STAFF REPORTS

- a. Staff Action Items Report
- b. CAO Report – September 2012

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Board of Directors receives the Staff Reports for September 2012.

CARRIED

10.2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Regional Fisheries Resource Committee, September 12, 2012 -
B. Irving (Verbal)

Director Irving reported on the Fisheries Committee meeting held this morning at the Regional District Office.

MOVED: Director Irving

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors forward a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding the PST Mitigation Fund advising the following:

- a. *That subsequent rounds of license retirements are excessive and the review should be completed by the end of 2012;*
- b. *the Regional District requests the opportunity to provide comments on the allocation policy review when the review takes place, and;*
- c. *Advise who will be conducting the Terms of Reference for the Allocation Policy Review.*

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors support the Following three issues at Ministerial and Staff meetings at the 2012 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention:

- a. Request to Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources that a funding portion of BC Timber revenue be allocated for ecosystem and watershed restoration, protection, education and stewardship programs and activities.*
- b. Request to Ministry of Environment to move forward the ecosystem restoration within the Living Water Smart Policy in the Water Sustainability Act by restoring funding levels to Living Rivers.*
- c. Request to Minister of Environment for improved response to control of invasive species by increasing funding for supervision and training in management of terrestrial and aquatic invasive species.*

CARRIED

12. LATE BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officer

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Irving

THAT the following be allowed for consideration as a late item: appointing Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officials for the West Coast Multiplex Referendum to be conducted in the winter of 2012.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Irving

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors appoint Ms. Wendy Thomson, Chief Election Officer and Ms. Shelli Lyle, Deputy Chief Election Officer for the purposes of conducting the West Coast Multiplex Referendum in the winter of 2012.

CARRIED

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. IN-CAMERA

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Crowley

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss matters relating to
i. litigation or potential litigation affecting the Regional District

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 3:20 pm

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

15. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD FROM IN-CAMERA

16. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Irving

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 4:06 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Glenn Wong,
Chairperson

Russell Dyson,
Chief Administrative Officer