

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2001
7:30 PM**

(Nanaimo City Council Chambers)

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That the following Grants-In-Aid applications and subsequent amounts be approved:

Gabriola Community Arts Council – Kids Art Day	\$ 300
Gabriola Shotokan Karate-Do	500
Gabriola Fire Department – Fireworks	500
Youth Art – Music Club	640
People for a Healthy Community - The Gathering Place	1,800
Youth Art – Art Club	2,364
Huxley Park Sports Association	3,400
Gabriola Islander Days	<u>500</u>
	<u>\$ 10,004</u>

REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT

23-24 Growth Management Plan Review - Discussion Paper - Preparation and Public Process Update.

Presentation - K. Balmer

ADDENDUM

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

IN CAMERA

ADJOURNMENT

Burgoyne, Linda

To: Burgoyne, Linda
Subject: FW: Oct 2, RDN Board meeting

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Biggs, Dan T FOR:EX
> Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 3:26 PM
> To: Nutt, Julia C FOR:EX
> Subject: Oct 2, RDN Board meeting

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> Linda as discussed earlier today; on behalf of Cindy Stern, South Island
> Forest District, District Manager, Ministry of Forests, I am requesting an
> opportunity to make a presentation to the Nanaimo Regional District Board.
> The topic of the presentation will be the Timber Supply Review for the
> Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area. The Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area occupies
> parcels of crown forest land though out the South Island Forest District.
> The South Island Forest District covers southern Vancouver Island, from
> Fanny Bay south.

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> The agenda for the presentation will be as follows:

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- > 1) Background information on Timber Supply Review (TSR).
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 - > 2) Description of the Arrowsmith TSA.
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 - > 3) Results of the Timber Supply Analysis
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 - > 4) Major Issues/Changes since the last TSR
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 - > 5) Questions and Answers.

> If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

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> Regards,

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2001,
AT 7:30 P.M., IN THE CITY OF NANAIMO COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
455 WALLACE STREET, NANAIMO, B.C.**

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director L. Elliott	Electoral Area A
Director B. Sperling	Electoral Area B
Director E. Hamilton	Electoral Area C
Director D. Haime	Electoral Area D
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director J. McLean	Electoral Area F
Director R. Quittenton	Electoral Area H
Director J. Macdonald	City of Parksville
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director L. Sherry	City of Nanaimo
Director G. Korpan	City of Nanaimo
Director L. McNabb	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Krall	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director R. Cantelon	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Holdom	City of Nanaimo

Also in Attendance:

K. Daniels	Chief Administrative Officer
N. Connelly	General Manager, Community Services
T. Osborne	Manager of Recreation & Parks
B. Lapham	General Manager, Development Services
N. Avery	Manager of Financial Services
D. Trudeau	Manager of Liquid Waste
N. Tonn	Recording Secretary

DELEGATIONS

Michael Chriss, re Crows Nest Park – Area E.

Mr. Chriss raised his concerns with respect to the present policy on the trimming of trees and requested that the Board take a fair and sensible approach to tree trimming management to preserve the state of the existing environment.

Marj Wilkie, re Crows Nest Park – Area E.

Ms. Wilkie presented a short history of Crows Nest Park and the maintenance which had been done in the past to keep the park growth manageable. A letter from Bonnie Blue, pictures of Ms. Wilkie's property and a plan of the park and surrounding properties were distributed to the Committee members for information.

Annabel Kirby, re Crows Nest Park – Area E.

Ms. Kirby spoke in support of the managed control of trees in Crows Nest Park and noted incidents in the past when trees had fallen and damaged property through mismanagement of forest growth.

Philip Perry, re Crows Nest Park.

Mr. Perry raised his concerns with respect to the safety of residents and visitors to the Crows Nest Park in its present state, and noted that some home owners surrounding the park are willing to financially participate in the maintenance of the park.

Michael Chriss, re Crows Nest Park – Area E.

Mr. Chriss presented a summary of the delegations' concerns and noted that they are in favour of a green Nanoose but not an uncontrollable forest. A number of options were presented to the Committee for their review and a copy of the options and a petition were given to staff for their files.

Lynda Butterworth, re Nanaimo Trans-Canada Trail.

Ms. Butterworth presented an update on the progress of the Trans-Canada Trail and thanked the Regional District Board and staff for all their effort and support.

LATE DELEGATIONS

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Quittenton, that the following delegation be permitted to address the Committee.

CARRIED

Melinda Tymm, re Zoning & Bylaw Issues re Allsbrook Road – Area F.

It was noted that Ms. Tymm was unable to attend this evening's meeting but will submit a request to speak at a future meeting.

Diane Aussem, re Crows Nest Park – Area E.

Ms. Aussem spoke in opposition to the proposed change to the current policy with respect to tree maintenance in Crows Nest Park and noted that members of the Nanoose Bay Residents Association unanimously oppose the proposal. The Board is requested to maintain the present policy and defeat the proposed change.

MOVED Director McLean, SECONDED Director Holme, that the delegations be received.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED Director Sherry, SECONDED Director McNabb, that the minutes of the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting held on July 24, 2001 be adopted.

CARRIED

HOSPITAL

Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Capital Project Borrowing (Trillium Lodge Kitchen Renovations) Bylaw No. 131.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Hamilton,:

1. That "Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Capital Project Borrowing (Trillium Lodge Kitchen Renovations) Bylaw No. 131, 2001" be introduced for first three readings.
2. That "Nanaimo Regional Hospital District Capital Project Borrowing (Trillium Lodge Kitchen Renovations) Bylaw No. 131, 2001" having received three readings, be adopted.

CARRIED

RECREATION AND PARKS

Trans Canada Trail.

MOVED Director Quittenton, SECONDED Director Westbroek, that the report on the Trans-Canada Trail be received and that staff be directed to negotiate trail partnership agreements with the TCT committee, negotiate bridge tenure agreements with Weyerhaeuser and enter into a project management agreement with the Land Use Coordinating Office should provincial funding be available for the Haslam Creek bridge project.

A recorded vote was requested.

The motion CARRIED with Directors Holme, Hamilton, Quittenton, Westbroek, Sherry, Haime, Sperling, Macdonald, Holdom, McNabb, Elliott, Krall, Cantelon and Stanhope voting in the affirmative and Director McLean voting in the negative. Director Korpan was not in attendance.

REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Transportation Study.

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director McLean, that the Transportation Study be received, and that it be forwarded to the Growth Management Plan Review for further consideration and consultation with the public.

CARRIED

COMMISSION, ADVISORY & SELECT COMMITTEE

Area 'A' Parks, Recreation & Greenspaces Advisory Committee.

MOVED Director Elliott, SECONDED Director Krall, that the minutes of the Area 'A' Parks, Recreation & Greenspaces Advisory Committee meeting held June 13, 2001 be received for information.

CARRIED

Director Korpan joined the meeting.

District 69 Arena Committee.

MOVED Director McLean, SECONDED Director Holme, that the minutes of the District 69 Arena Committee meeting held August 22, 2001 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Macdonald, that funds be reallocated within the District 69 Arena function twinning project budget to provide for the expenditure of up to \$14,000 for additional consulting services required for this stage of the project and a second open house public meeting in October.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

CARRIED

Crows Nest Park.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Quittenton, that the proposed change to policy with respect to park maintenance be referred to the Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Space Project Advisory Committee and that staff prepare a report to the Board with respect to the Advisory Committee's input.

ADJOURNMENT

CARRIED

MOVED Director Sherry, SECONDED Director McNabb, that this meeting terminate.

TIME: 8:17 PM

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO	
SEP 20 2001	
CHAIR	GMCrS
CAO	GMDS
GMCmS	GMES
C&CS Communication	
File: 0470-60	

2001-Sep-17

Regional District of Nanaimo
Board of Directors
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Attention: Mr. George Holme, Chairperson

Dear Mr. Holme:

Re: Treaty Negotiations

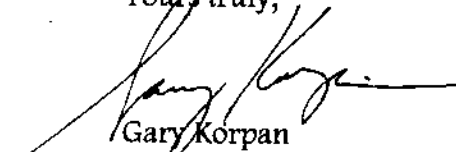
I'm writing as a follow-up to the recent decision by the Board to withdraw from Treaty negotiations until such time as a meeting can be arranged with Ministers Plant and Nault.

The City appreciated the quick response from Minister Plant and the sympathetic hearing that he gave to the Board and Council. Given the likelihood that Minister Nault is not going to grant a meeting in the near future, (if ever), there will likely be some pressure on the Board to reconsider its position. In the past, the positions of the Board and Nanaimo Council have not always been in sync with each other, however, Council is clearly in support of the current position of the Board and I would like to see this continue.

In the case of Treaty issues, it is sometimes difficult for the Council Members who sit on the Board to fulfill their obligations to their constituents on both a municipal and regional level as the two interests are not always identical. Towards this end, I am writing to request that the Board provide Council with the formal opportunity to provide input prior to considering changes to its current position. This would ensure that Council is fully in support of the Board's position when it is consistent with Council's goals as well as providing clarification on any issues for which Council's position is not consistent with that of the Board.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of their request.

Yours truly,


Gary Korpan
MAYOR

GK/BNM/hp

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pc: Councillors

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House of Commons

Reed Elley, MP

Nanaimo-Cowichan

Senior Critic for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada



OTTAWA, September 19, 2001

The Hon. Robert Nault, PC, MP
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs
Room 407, West Block
House of Commons

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO	
SEP 26 2001	
CHAIR	GMCrS
CAO	GMDS
GMCrS	GMES
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Dear Bob:

Further to our conversation in the House yesterday, I have talked with Mayor Gary Korpan of the City of Nanaimo and he is very pleased that you will be able to meet with him in about a month's time.

My understanding is that he will be contacting you to set-up that meeting. I am sure that you will be able to help them with some of the problems that they are experience with the treaty process at the municipal level.

It was good to talk to you yesterday and I look forward to further conversations about native issues with which both of us are deeply concerned.

Sincerely

Reed Elley, MP
Nanaimo-Cowichan

Cc: Mayor Gary Korpan

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO			
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MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Mason
General Manager, Corporate Services

DATE: September 21, 2001

FROM: N. Avery
Manager, Financial Services

FILE:

SUBJECT: Local Telephone Calling Area Expansions

PURPOSE:

To seek Board approval to communicate with the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) supporting certain principles for governing the expansion of local calling areas .

BACKGROUND:

A local calling area is a geographic area within which calls can be made without incurring long distance charges. Some members may be aware of the changes within the Greater Vancouver Regional District brought in a few years ago, which considerably expanded the local calling area.

Earlier this year staff followed up on a request for information from the City of Parksville about the implications and process to expand the local calling area in the Regional District. Staff held a preliminary meeting with Telus in May attended by staff from the City of Nanaimo, Town of Ladysmith, Town of Qualicum Beach; staff from the Cowichan Valley Regional District, District of North Cowichan and City of Parksville were unable to attend but have been provided the information presented by Telus. Telus proposed, based on an analysis of calling patterns and the desire to ensure affordability, a local calling area from about Chemainus to Bowser including Electoral Area F. However, shortly thereafter we were advised that all such requests (which have to be approved by the CRTC) had been put on hold pending a review by the CRTC of the methods to introduce expanded local calling areas and the impacts on competition of such expansions.

Our local Telus representative recently forwarded a copy of a letter to the City of Edmonton, which outlines Telus' recommendations to the CRTC regarding expansions of local calling areas. The primary principles include:

- Greater flexibility in establishing the size of a local calling area by recognizing the authority of local governments to determine their community of interest.
- Where costs to residential customers will exceed \$1.00 per month, that an opportunity to vote on the proposal be provided (under the present rules the telephone service provider manages the vote through a mail-in ballot provided with the subscriber telephone bill – costs of the voting process are recovered as part of the per line cost for the revised service)
- That the expansion of a local calling area be revenue neutral to the telephone service provider

The CRTC has indicated concern over creating large geographic calling areas because they tend to be relatively expensive per subscriber line. Recommending that local government authorities determine the size of the area would remove the need for the CRTC to evaluate that particular financial impact in an application. The recommended principles for voting provisions and revenue neutrality are essentially the same as the current requirements.

Telus is encouraging all customers and community leaders to write to the CRTC and express their views.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Write to the CRTC supporting the Telus recommendations with regards to the expansion of local calling areas.
2. Write to the CRTC with additional suggestions regarding the expansion of local calling areas.
3. Take no action.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with supporting Telus's recommendations to the CRTC.

During the preliminary discussions with Telus earlier this year the financial impacts were not fully developed, however, increasing the size of the calling area from Chemainus to Bowser looked promising. Costs in the southern portion of the calling area were projected to rise by about \$1.00 per month; costs north of Lantzville would rise by about \$2.95 per month. Commercial customers in all locations would have additional line costs of about \$4.95 per month. The size of the local calling area in the south would expand by about 40%, while the northern calling area would expand by 140%. Once the CRTC review and conclusions are reached, staff will report to the Board more fully on the process and financial implications.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

Expansion of local calling areas has attracted interest since the first initiative concluded in the Greater Vancouver Regional District a few years ago. Staff began discussions with Telus earlier this year however the CRTC, which approves such expansions, decided to study the implications on the emerging marketplace more fully, before approving any further expansions. Recently, Telus Communications forwarded a letter, which includes an outline of their proposal to the CRTC and recommended that customers and local governments write to the CRTC expressing their interest in the outcome of the review. Telus's recommendations reflect the following principles:

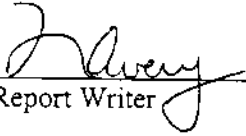
- Local government authority to initiate and determine the size of the local calling area
- Where costs to residential customers will exceed \$1.00 per month, that an opportunity to vote on the proposal be managed by the telephone service provider through a mail-in ballot sent with the telephone subscriber bill
- That the expansion of a local calling area be revenue neutral to the telephone service provider

Staff recommend corresponding to the CRTC supporting the principles outlined above.

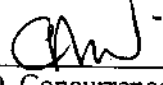
RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That staff correspond to the CRTC supporting the following principles related to the expansion of local calling areas:
 - Local government authority to initiate and determine the size of the local calling area
 - Where costs to residential customers will exceed \$1.00 per month, that an opportunity to vote on the proposal be required and be managed by the telephone service provider through a mail-in ballot sent with the telephone subscriber bill
 - That the expansion of a local calling area be revenue neutral to the telephone service provider

2. Correspond with our neighboring municipalities and Regional Districts (Cowichan Valley and Alberni-Clayoquot) to encourage them to individually correspond to the CRTC supporting the above noted principles for the expansion of local calling areas.


Report Writer


General Manager Concurrence


A.C.A.O. Concurrence

April 30, 2001

Ms. Nancy Avery, Manager, Financial Services
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Lantzville, B.C. V0R 2H0

Subject: Local Calling Area Expansion

Dear Ms. Avery:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of two CRTC Orders issued on April 27th that affects recent discussions we have had about a potential CRTC application to expand local calling in your area.

The Commission has issued Public Notice CRTC 2001-47 – Framework for the expansion of local calling areas and related issues. The full text of this order is available at the following link on the CRTC's web site:

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/Notices/2001/PT2001-47.htm>

The CRTC has issued this public notice to examine the rules that apply to local calling expansion initiatives in Canada. TELUS has been at the forefront of developing local calling regions that better meet customer needs and has submitted several applications to the CRTC that did not meet existing CRTC guidelines for local calling expansion and would have required exception approval by the CRTC in order to be implemented.

Simultaneously, the CRTC also issued Telecom Order CRTC 2001-336 that denies several applications we had submitted to expand local calling areas other regions. In issuing this order, the CRTC is indicating that they will not consider additional applications until they have established new guidelines for local calling expansion under Public Notice 2001-47.

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/Orders/2001/O2001-336.htm>

TELUS is encouraged that the CRTC has recognized that the old guidelines for local calling expansion are not meeting customer needs and that they are prepared to change them to better meet customer requirements. TELUS expects that the decisions the CRTC issues as a result of the Public Notice process will determine the conditions under which we can develop applications to expand local calling areas on a going forward basis. The schedule for the CRTC Public Notice extends to the end of this year and the CRTC is expected to issue their decisions on the new guidelines early next year. At that time, TELUS will determine if the new CRTC guidelines will facilitate the establishment of a regional calling area that is similar in scope and cost to the regional calling area identified in our recent discussions.

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In the event that you would like to register as an "interested party" and a full participant as outlined in the Public Notice, we would like to caution you that this proceeding is expected to produce sufficient documentation to fill numerous 3-inch binders. "Interested parties" who file comments are subject to receiving interrogatories from any other interested party, which must be responded to within the schedule outline by the CRTC in the Public Notice 2001-47. This level of involvement will require the dedication of resources within your organization.

Any party or customer can also express their comments on local calling expansion to the CRTC, without registering as an interested party up to November 15, 2001.

It is TELUS' intention to fully participate in this proceeding and submit proposals that will result in our having the ability to establish regional local calling areas that meet the needs our customers have expressed. We also intend to regularly issue communications vehicles with our customers and stakeholders to keep them abreast of the progress and issues that are raised during the public notice process. All local and regional governments that TELUS has been in dialogue with on expanding local calling will automatically be placed on the distribution list for these communications.

In the event that your constituents contact your government inquiring about the status of the local calling expansion, we recommend that you refer them to our customer service contact numbers listed at the front of our telephone directory. Customer Service representatives have been briefed to respond to most questions that customer may have regarding these CRTC Orders.

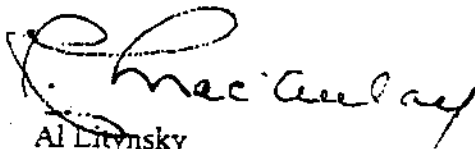
All customers who would like to express their views should do so by writing to the CRTC at the following mail or email addresses.

CRTC
Public Notice CRTC 2001-47
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

FAX: (819) 953-0795
Email: procedure@crtc.gc.ca

If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact me at 604-432-2730 or via email at: Al.Litynsky@telus.com

Sincerely yours,



Al Litynsky
Senior Project Manager
Local Calling Areas
TELUS Communications Inc.



September 2001

Mayor Bill Smith
City of Edmonton
3rd Floor City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 2R7

Dear Mayor Smith:

Subject: CRTC Local Calling Area Expansion Guidelines

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of recommendations that TELUS has proposed to the CRTC as part of a Public Notice the Commission has called to examine the guidelines that affect a community's ability to expand its local calling area. The Commission will establish new criteria for the expansion of local calling areas in early 2002.

The current CRTC guidelines for local calling expansion were developed in 1980. However, the guidelines were designed for a monopoly telecommunications environment. Increasingly, residential and business customers, as well as local governments in urban and rural markets have expressed frustration about how restricted local calling ability limits personal, social or economic development opportunities.

In 1999, TELUS developed a unique local plan to address local calling area concerns for the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD); a plan that would eliminate long distance charges within its jurisdiction. After being reviewed by the Commission, the plan was implemented on May 1, 2000, whereby customers in the region no longer have to deal with a confusing and inequitable patchwork of local calling.

Since the implementation of Greater Vancouver's regional local calling area, numerous other local and regional governments have asked TELUS to develop similar plans for their respective regions. Attached to this letter is a list of the benefits that various customers and local governments have cited in seeking improvements to their local calling area. Although several other applications were submitted to the CRTC over the past 18 months, the Commission has set these aside until new guidelines for local calling expansion have been developed.

The CRTC is seeking public input on how the guidelines should change. The Commission would like to receive public input from our customers and local governments. TELUS is encouraging all community leaders to express their views directly to the CRTC.

TELUS has filed a detailed submission recommending the following:

1. Guidelines for local calling area expansion guidelines should be modeled after the GVRD local calling plan that was successfully implemented last year, eliminating all customer complaints and concerns about local calling within the GVRD.
2. Rules that measure monopoly calling patterns to define a specific community of interest between different communities should be eliminated. In future, TELUS recommends that local and regional government bodies be empowered to determine their own communities of interest. Consequently, if a majority of local governments support expansion of a local calling area, such declarations would be deemed to satisfy the Commission and an application would be filed.
3. Customers that are materially affected by a local calling area expansion should have the opportunity to decide whether a local calling area expands or not through referenda. TELUS has recommended that when residential rate increase exceeds \$1.00 per month, customers have an opportunity to vote on the plan and decide whether or not a local calling area expands.
4. Distance should not be a limiting criterion in determining whether or not a local calling area can be established. This TELUS recommendation is particularly relevant to remote and rural communities where the closest trading centre could be several hundred kilometres away.
5. TELUS has recommended that telecommunications companies should not profit from local calling area expansions and that all plans should be designed to be financially neutral to the telephone company involved.
6. Although the long distance market may be slightly reduced for all long distance providers, customer needs should be placed ahead of the interests of industry suppliers and market forces should determine the size and scope of future local calling areas.

TELUS is encouraging all customers and community leaders to write to the CRTC and express their views. We encourage that they identify to the Commission how their current local calling area affects them personally or how their community is affected from a social or economic development perspective. Correspondence can be submitted via email, fax or regular mail by November 15, 2001 to the following address:

CRTC
Public Notice 2001- 47, Local Calling Expansion
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

Email: procedure@crtc.gc.ca
FAX: (819) 953-0795

Limitations to local calling area expansion have caused significant frustrations for many of our customers across our entire operating territory. TELUS is committed to better meeting this critical customer need.

We plan to keep all local and regional governments in our operating territory in Alberta and BC fully informed of the CRTC's progress toward establishing new guidelines as well as any new flexibility your communities may have when a decision is made by the Commission on this major issue early next year.

If you are located in British Columbia and have any immediate questions, please contact me at 604-432-2730 or email at Al.Litynsky@telus.com Customers in Alberta should contact Doug Brooks at 780-493-6558 or email at Doug.Brooks@telus.com

Sincerely yours,

Al Litynsky

Al Litynsky
Senior Project Manager

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Attach.

Appendix

Local Calling Area Expansion Benefits

Residential customers cite how they currently must incur extra costs to stay in touch with family and friends who live in the same region, albeit in different communities. They do not relate to telephone exchange boundaries and the guidelines that shape local calling areas, particularly when their basic needs are not being met while the needs of others in neighboring communities are. Residential customers, therefore, seek expanded local calling areas as a means to:

- improve their ability to stay in better touch with family and friends
- provide them more choice in making all types of purchasing decisions including their choice of Internet Service Provider
- provide them with a greater ability to seek gainful employment, and better education and business opportunities, and
- provide them with better access to local governments and social service agencies that operate within their region.

Business customers have related how the patchwork of local calling does not allow them to cost-effectively meet the needs of the regional markets they serve. They look to local calling area expansion to:

- broaden the geographic base for their business and marketing activities
- provide more options for their decisions regarding base of operations
- provide more effective customer service, and
- lower their cost of communication with customers and suppliers.

Local and regional governments stress to TELUS that the disparities in the local calling range of different communities within their regions make it far more difficult for certain communities to attract or retain businesses. They view expanded local calling capability as helping to:

- make their communities more attractive for businesses investment
- create employment
- stimulate and diversify economic activity
- provide greater flexibility for more rational development planning
- provide opportunity to save money in transportation infrastructure investments
- broaden their local taxation base, and
- become more accessible to their constituents.

**Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Held on Thursday, September 20, 2001, at 7:00 p.m.
Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, Qualicum Beach, BC**

Attendance: Frank Van Eynde, Vice Chair
Richard Quittenton
Fred Demmon
Reg Nosworthy
Craig Young
Scott Tanner
Jack Pipes

Staff: Tom Osborne
Neil Connelly
Joan Michel

Regrets: Barbara Terry

Vice Chair Van Eynde called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and welcomed members and staff.

Minutes

MOVED Commissioner Demmon, SECONDED Commissioner Tanner that the minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2001 be approved. CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Demmon, SECONDED Commissioner Young that the minutes of the District 69 Arena Committee Meetings held on June 26, 2001, / July 18, 2001 / August 8, 2001 / August 22, 2001 be approved. CARRIED

Communications / Correspondence

MOVED Commissioner Young, SECONDED Commissioner Tanner that the correspondence from the Kidfest Committee be received. CARRIED

Reports

a) RDN Regional Trail System – J. Michel

J. Michel updated the Commission on the progress of the Regional Trail System including progress on the Big Qualicum River in partnership with DFO, securing a trail easement to the pending Home Lake Regional Park connecting to trail systems in the Port Alberni area as part of the Home Lake rezoning, work on the 1950 Gazzetted highway trail in the Lighthouse area, tours with various stakeholder groups on block 602 on the Englishmen River and bridge planning on the Haslam Creek as part of the Tran Canada Trail project.

b) 2002 Annual Budget Process – T. Osborne

T. Osborne reviewed the report and answered queries from the Commission.

MOVED COMMISSIONER Demmon, SECONDED Commissioner Young that 2002 Annual Budget Process and Issues report be received and more detailed discussions on the 2002 Annual Budget take place at the October 25, 2001 District 69 Recreation Commission meeting. CARRIED

c) Staff Reports – T. Osborne

T. Osborne reviewed the staff reports and answered queries from the Commission. Commissioner Nosworthy requested that the reports on the Aquatic Centre be re-formatted so that the statistics are in table form making them easier to follow.

MOVED Commissioner Demmon, SECONDED Commissioner Tanner that the monthly Aquatic, Recreation Coordinating and Community and Regional Parks staff Update Reports be received.

New Business

a) Second Ice Sheet Review Update – T. Osborne

T. Osborne informed the Commission that the Arena Committee met four times over the summer period and again prior to the Commission meeting. Mr. Osborne informed the Commission that various studies and analyses have been undertaken by both the RDN and the City of Parksville. They include the water and sewer analysis and the parking and traffic study that will be funded by the City and the geotechnical survey, buried service location and costs estimates and the site survey and elevations that were funded by the Regional District. The Arena Committee has determined the preferred facility option with some modifications will be sent to the quantity surveyor for determining construction costs. The Arena Committee will be meeting again on October 10 and will hold the final open house on October 18, 2001 at the Parksville Community Hall.

Commissioner Roundtable

Commissioner Pipes informed the Commission of significant progress of the rezoning of Horne Lake.

Commissioner Demmon informed the Commission that Parksville City Council is fully supportive of the arena twinning project.

Commissioner Tanner informed the Commission that BC Rivers Day is on September 30, 2001 and there will be an event on the Little Qualicum River in and around Lot 10.

Commissioner Van Eynde informed the Commission of the issues around the RDN tree management in parks policy centered around the Crows Nest Community Park in Nanoose Bay.

Adjournment

MOVED Commissioner Nosworthy the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 25, 2001. Qualicum Beach Civic Centre

Chairperson

**Minutes of the Gabriola Island Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Grants-In-Aid Meeting
Held Monday, September 19, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., at the Women's Institute Hall**

Present: Commissioner A. Lemieux Chairperson
 Commissioner V. Hartman Vice Chairperson
 Commissioner J. Labell
 Commissioner G. Murphy
 Commissioner M. Roux Youth Representative

Staff: Tom Osborne Manager of Recreation and Parks
 Dan Porteous Recreation Program Supervisor

Chairperson Lemieux called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Staff indicated to the Commission that the remaining Grants-In-Aid funding for 2001 was \$10,067. Grants-In-Aid applications for the fall were estimated at just over \$19,000.

Discussion took place regarding the Grants-In-Aid Policy. Commissioners needed to consider grant applications received that exceeded the maximum award of \$1,000.

MOVED Commissioner Labell, SECONDED Commissioner Hartman, that item #3 under Administration Process of the Grants-In-Aid Policy regarding maximum award of \$1,000 be suspended for the duration of this meeting. CARRIED

The Commission reviewed the grant applications for fall of 2001.

MOVED Commissioner Labell, SECONDED Commissioner Murphy, that the following Grants-In-Aid applications and subsequent amounts be approved:

Gabriola Community Arts Council – Kids Art Day	\$ 300.00
Gabriola Shotokan Karate-Do	\$ 500.00
Gabriola Fire Department – Fireworks	\$ 500.00
Youth Art – Music Club	\$ 640.00
People for a Healthy Community (PHC) - The Gathering Place	\$1,800.00
Youth Art – Art Club	<u>\$2,364.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$6,104.00</u>

CARRIED

Commissioner Lemieux expressed a conflict of interest with an application from the Huxley Park Association. Commissioner Lemieux removed himself from the room at 8:49 p.m.

MOVED Commissioner Labell, SECONDED Commissioner Murphy, that the Huxley Park Sports Association Grants-In-Aid application be approved in the amount of \$3,400. CARRIED

Commissioner Lemieux returned to the room at 9:51 p.m.

Commissioner Roux expressed a conflict of interest with an application from the Gabriola Islander Days. Commissioner Roux removed herself from the room at 8:53 p.m.

MOVED Commissioner Hartman, SECONDED Commissioner Labell, that the Gabriola Islander Days Grants-In-Aid application for be approved in the amount of \$500.00. CARRIED

Commissioner Roux returned to the room at 8:55pm.

The grant applications awarded amounted to a total of \$10,004.

In moving the aforementioned grant applications the Commission made specific provisions for the following applications:

Two applications were granted the optional lesser amounts applied for:

Gabriola Community Arts Council (\$500) = \$300

Youth Art – Arts Club (\$3,000) = \$2,364

The Karate Club was awarded \$500 of the \$1,000 applied for.

The Huxley Park Sports Association was awarded \$3,400 of the \$4,000 applied for.

The Gabriola Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$500 of the \$1,000 applied for.

PHC - The Gathering Place was awarded \$1,800 of the \$4,000 applied for, and the following items were stipulated: pool cues (\$200), symbols (\$300), honorariums (\$1,300).

The Gabriola Soccer Association did not receive funding at this time.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gabriola Island Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on Monday, October 15, at 7:00 pm at the Women's Institute Hall.

Adjournment

MOVED Commissioner Labell, that the meeting be adjourned (9:00 p.m.).

Chairperson



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Neil Connelly
General Manager, Community Services

DATE: September 26, 2001

FROM: Christina Thomas
Senior Planner

FILE: 6780 30

**SUBJECT: GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW – DISCUSSION PAPER
PREPARATION AND PUBLIC PROCESS UPDATE**

PURPOSE

To provide information about an opportunity for the Regional Board to provide input into a discussion paper that will be used as an integral part of the public consultation process for the Growth Management Plan Review.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Board received a report for information that provided an update about the Growth Management Plan Review on September 11, 2001. It indicated that a meeting had been scheduled with the Board for October 2, 2001 to receive Board input regarding a discussion paper, prior to its completion and publication.

The Regional District's consultant, Ken Balmer of the RETHINK GROUP, is in the process of developing the discussion paper, and will be in attendance at the October 2nd Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting to facilitate Regional Board discussion and input into the paper.

The discussion paper is intended to summarize the key strategic questions regarding growth management that need to be discussed with the public in the Phase 2 public consultation activities of the Plan Review project. As the Board may recall from the report considered on September 11th, events have been scheduled to discuss with the public and obtain public perspectives regarding the key strategic questions. The events are scheduled for October 24th and 26th and November 1st and 3rd. A Special Report of the Regional Perspectives newsletter that describes the key strategic questions to be discussed as a part of the Growth management Plan Review will be distributed to every household in the region prior to these events.

ALTERNATIVES

1. To receive the report.
2. To not receive the report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Receipt of this report has no financial implications. The Community Services budget provides for the budgetary requirements for the project in 2001.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

The Regional Board's input regarding the key strategic questions that need to be discussed as a part of the Growth Management Plan Review will help provide the framework for the public discussion that is scheduled to take place as a part of the project at the scheduled public meetings in October and November.

SUMMARY

Ken Balmer of the RETHINK GROUP will be in attendance at the Corporate and Community Services Committee meeting on October 2, 2001 to obtain Regional Board feedback and input regarding the key strategic questions that need to be discussed with the public as a part of the Growth Management Plan Review. These questions will provide the focus for discussion at the scheduled public meetings in October and November.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Growth Management Plan Review – Discussion Paper Preparation and Public Process Update report be received for information.



Report Writer



General Manager Concurrence



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COMMENTS: