

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008**

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008, AT 7:25 PM
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director J. Burnett	Electoral Area A
Director B. Sperling	Electoral Area B
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Alternate	
Director D. Heenan	Electoral Area H
Director S. Herle	City of Parksville
Alternate	
Director M. Wansink	Town of Qualicum Beach
Alternate	
Director B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
Director L. McNabb	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director J. Cameron	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director L. Sherry	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Unger	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Brennan	City of Nanaimo

Also in Attendance:

C. Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Pearse	Senior Manager, Corporate Administration
J. Finnie	General Manager, Environmental Services
T. Osborne	General Manager, Recreation & Parks
P. Thorkelsson	General Manager, Development Services
W. Thexton	A/Gen. Manager, Finance & Information Services
C. McIver	A/Gen. Manager, Transportation & Solid Waste Services
N. Tonn	Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Southern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 1547.

MOVED Director McNabb, SECONDED Director Dempsey, that "Southern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 1547, 2008" as amended, receive third reading and be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED

Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 1442.02.

MOVED Director Herle, SECONDED Director Holme, that "Northern Community Sewer Service Area Development Cost Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1442.02, 2008" as amended, receive third reading and be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

CARRIED

Regional Landfill Cell One Remediation Project – Tender Award.

MOVED Director McNabb, SECONDED Director Burnett, that the Regional District of Nanaimo award the Regional Landfill Cell One Remediation Project to Fournier Excavating Ltd. for the tendered amount of \$712,808 with an allowance of \$254,750 for additional work if required.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Burnett, that pursuant to Section 90(1) (e) and (g) of the *Community Charter* the Board proceed to an In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting to consider items related to land and legal issues.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Burnett, that this meeting adjourn to allow for an In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

TIME: 7:27 PM

CHAIRPERSON

SR. MGR, CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Carol Mason
Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 22, 2008

FROM: John Finnie, P. Eng.
General Manager, Environmental Services

FILE: 0470-60-SN & 5340-01-GNPC

SUBJECT: Support for Snuneymuxw First Nation Sewer Project

PURPOSE

To consider a request from Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) for a letter of support for their application to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for funding to provide sewer services to Snuneymuxw Nation communities on Nanaimo River IR#2, #3, and #4.

BACKGROUND

The Snuneymuxw Nation communities on Nanaimo River IR#2, #3 and #4 are currently serviced by individual septic systems for sewage disposal. Many of these fields have failed and studies looking at alternate disposal options have determined that the land available is unsuitable for on-site disposal. SFN has advised that sewage disposal has become a health and safety issue for residents, and an environmental concern.

SFN retained consulting services to assess the feasibility of sewer servicing alternatives to address these concerns. The recommended technical and financial option is to construct a sewage pump station and force main that will connect the communities to a new gravity main to be constructed as part of the proposed Sandstone development in South Nanaimo. This gravity main will connect to the City of Nanaimo sewer system leading to the RDN's Chase River pump station and ultimately the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre.

SFN is currently in discussions with INAC about moving the project forward. To support a request for detailed design funding, INAC has asked for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from RDN. In their letter to RDN dated July 18, 2007 (attached) SFN recognizes that RDN and SFN are not yet at a point where an MOU can be prepared. Outstanding issues associated with growth, determining appropriate capital and operational costs, potential RDN engineering review costs, and other technical matters are yet to be resolved. RDN and SFN believe that these issues can be resolved and that an appropriate MOU can be developed.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide a letter of support to SFN for INAC to provide funding to advance the project for sewer servicing of Snuneymuxw Nation communities on Nanaimo River IR#2, #3, and #4 to the detailed design stage.
2. Do not provide a letter of support and give staff alternate direction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial arrangements with SFN will be addressed in the proposed MOU but costs associated with servicing the communities and for capacity in the southern community sewer system will be provided by SFN.

In the interim, in order to expedite SFN's application to INAC to provide funding to advance the project to the design stage, SFN has requested RDN provide a letter of support for the project.

For technical reference, the estimated growth projection for the Snuneymuxw Nation Nanaimo River communities suggest a 20-year population growth of about 662 and a build-out population of about 1960. This translates into approximately six housing starts per year. The southern community sewer system will be able to accommodate this additional source.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The City of Nanaimo provided a letter to INAC dated August 7, 2007 (attached) supporting Snuneymuxw First Nation's application for funding for water and sewer services.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS


Connection of the Snuneymuxw Nation communities on Nanaimo IR#2, #3, and #4 to the southern community sewer system will resolve the health and environmental concerns associated with the current sewage disposal procedures.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS


Snuneymuxw First Nation has requested RDN provide a letter of support for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to provide funding to advance to detailed design the project for sewer servicing of the Snuneymuxw Nation communities on Nanaimo River IR#2, #3, and #4 to resolve health and environmental concerns associated with the existing on-site disposal systems.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board provide a letter of support to Snuneymuxw First Nation for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to provide funding to advance to detailed design the project for sewer servicing of the Snuneymuxw Nation communities on Nanaimo River IR#2, #3, and #4.



Report Writer



C.A.O. Concurrence

COMMENTS:



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July 18, 2008

Carol Mason,
Chief Administration Officer
Regional District of Nanaimo
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Nanaimo, BC
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FAX: 250-390-4163

Re: Letter of Support for Snuneymuxw Nation Sewer Project

Dear Carol Mason,

The Snuneymuxw Nation communities on Nanaimo River IR #2, #3, and #4 are currently on individual septic fields for sewage disposal. Many of these fields have failed and studies have determined that the vast majority of the land is unsuitable for construction of new septic fields. This issue has become a health and safety crisis for our people and an environmental concern.

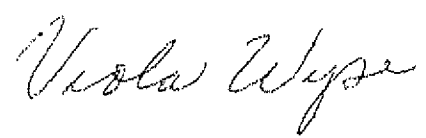
To assist us in resolving this crisis, we have retained Bullock Baur to review the feasibility of options for constructing a sewage collection system at Nanaimo River #4 and conveying the sewage to a Regional District of Nanaimo system. The preferred option is to construct a sewage pump station at Nanaimo River #4 with a force main along Gordon Road, then west on Cedar Road to the west boundary of Nanaimo River #2. At this location, the force main will connect to a new gravity main constructed as part of the Sandstone development. The new sewer system constructed by Sandstone will connect to the City of Nanaimo sewage collection system which leads to the Chase River pumpstation. Sandstone will be responsible for upgrades required to the City of Nanaimo system with Snuneymuxw contributing to the costs.

We are currently in discussions with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to move our project to the detailed design stage. In order to support a request for detailed design funding, INAC has asked for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the RDN. We understand that we are not yet at a point in our discussions with RDN where a MOU could be prepared. There are still a number of outstanding items which need to be resolved including addressing the regional growth strategy and determining appropriate capital cost charges or development cost charges. We also understand that there is general agreement that these issues can, and will be resolved in the foreseeable future.

We therefore request that RDN provide a letter of support to the Snuneymuxw Nation for INAC to provide funding to move this project to the detailed design stage. The concept of the project would be as described above, with all sewage from Nanaimo River #4 being conveyed to the Chase River Pumpstation.

We thank you in advance for your support of our project.

Sincerely,



Viola Wyse
Chief



August 7, 2007

Indian & Northern Affairs Canada
British Columbia Region
Funding Services
600 1138 Melville Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 4S3

Attention: Wesley Shennan, Capital Specialist

RE: Snuneymuxw First Nation Infrastructure Funding Request for Water and Sewer Services

Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) and the City of Nanaimo (City) signed a protocol agreement approximately 2 years ago. On that day our two communities began to develop what is now a very strong partnership with a common desire to improve the lives of all of our residents.

A fundamental inequity between our communities has been the living conditions on reserve for band members. The limited access to treated potable water and the lack of sewage treatment threatens the health and prosperity of SFN holding back our partnership from creating great things in this Region. Both our communities recognize this and we have been working hard to find solutions, both short and long term.

It is the City's opinion that SFN will begin to thrive once they overcome these servicing issues of the reserve lands. For the past year, the City has worked with SFN engineers to determine how the City might supply water to the 4 reserves as well as assist in the connection of the 4 reserves to our regional sewer collection and treatment facilities. It is also the City's opinion that serving both of our communities under one water system and one sewer system is the most efficient and secure means of servicing SFN's lands.

The City is fully supportive of SFN's application to you for funding for water and sewer services and urge you to approve their application.

Sincerely

Gary Korpan
Mayor, City of Nanaimo

Pc Mayor and Council
SFN Chief and Council
Ian Howat, Director of Legislative Services
Dave Mannix, SFN Economic Development Officer