

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011 AT 7:00 PM IN THE RDN BOARD CHAMBERS

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director J. Burnett	Electoral Area A
Director G. Rudischer	Electoral Area B
Alternate	
Director C. Pinker	Electoral Area C
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director L. Biggemann	Electoral Area F
Director D. Bartram	Electoral Area H
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director C. Haime	District of Lantzville
Director J. Ruttan	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Holdom	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo
Director L. Sherry	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Unger	City of Nanaimo

Also in Attendance:

C. Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Pearse	Sr. Mgr., Corporate Administration
N. Avery	Gen. Mgr., Finance & Information Services
P. Thompson	A/Gen. Mgr., Development Services
J. Finnie	Gen. Mgr., Regional & Community Utilities
T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr., Recreation & Parks Services
C. McIver	A/Gen. Mgr., Transportation & Solid Waste Services
N. Hewitt	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson welcomed Alternate Director Pinker to the meeting.

The Chairperson asked for a minute of silence to mark the passing of Jack Layton, the former leader of the federal New Democratic Party.

DELEGATIONS

Teresa Beers, re BC Hydro Smart Meters.

Ms. Beers voiced her concerns relating to the BC Hydro Smart Meters.

Bob Hogberg, Cedar Community Policing re Funding Assistance.

Mr. Hogberg provided a verbal presentation on the Cedar Community Police and requested funding assistance in the amount of \$2,000.

LATE DELEGATIONS

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Burnett, that four late delegations be permitted to address the Board.

CARRIED

Rhys Lewis, re Proposed Telus Cell Tower at 1710 Woobank Road, Nanaimo.

Mr. Lewis presented a visual and verbal presentation on the negative impacts of the proposed Telus cell tower.

Jack Anderson, re Proposed Telus Cell Tower at 1710 Woobank Road, Nanaimo.

Mr. Anderson spoke in regard to the negative environmental and financial implications that will affect the Kirkstone subdivision.

Christel Martin, re BC Hydro Smart Meters.

Ms. Martin spoke in detail of the health impacts she lives with from having electro-hyper-sensitivity (EHS) caused by radiation from man made devices.

Marc Parras, Brock Enderton, Telus Wireless Network and Marianne Wade, Standard Land Company, re Proposed Telus Cell Tower at 1710 Woobank Road, Nanaimo.

Mr. Parras summarized the steps that Telus followed according to Industry Canada and requested that the Regional District of Nanaimo confirm in writing that the appropriate steps were followed.

BOARD MINUTES

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the minutes of the regular Board meeting held July 26, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

Bylaw No. 1615 - Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw – Consideration of bylaw revisions resulting from feedback of First Nations and provincial government agencies.

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Bestwick, that second reading of "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1615, 2011", be rescinded.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Westbrook, that "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1615, 2011", be read two times, as amended, as set out in Appendix 2 of the staff report.

CARRIED

Bylaw No. 975.56 – Regional District of Nanaimo Pump & Haul Local Service Amendment Bylaw – Bylaw to exclude six properties from Pump and Haul Local Service Area in Electoral Areas ‘B’ and ‘F’.

MOVED Director Biggemann, SECONDED Director Sherry, that the boundaries of the "Regional District of Nanaimo Pump & Haul Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 975, 1995" be amended to exclude Strata Lots 179, 181, 182 and 183, Block 526, Strata Plan VIS4673, Cameron Land District.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Rudischer, SECONDED Director Bartram, that the boundaries of the "Regional District of Nanaimo Pump & Haul Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 975, 1995" be amended to exclude Lot 24, Section 5, Plan 19972, Nanaimo Land District.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Biggemann, SECONDED Director Burnett, that the boundaries of the "Regional District of Nanaimo Pump & Haul Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 975, 1995" be amended to exclude Lot A, Salvation Army Lots, Plan 1115, Except part in Plan 734 RW, Nanoose Land District.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Unger that the "Regional District of Nanaimo Pump & Haul Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 975.56, 2011" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

Operating Results for the Period Ending June 30, 2011.

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the summary report of financial results from operations to June 30, 2011 be received for information.

CARRIED

Audit Services Contract Award.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the Board appoint the firm of MNP LLP as the Regional District of Nanaimo auditors and authorize the Chairperson and Senior Manager, Corporate Administration to enter into a five-year agreement for the provision of external financial audit services commencing with the 2012 fiscal year.

CARRIED

Qualicum Beach Interceptor Sanitary Forcemain Improvements Construction Award.

MOVED Director Westbrook, SECONDED Director Bartram, that Windley Contracting Ltd. be awarded the construction of the Qualicum Beach Interceptor Sanitary Forcemain Improvements for the tendered amount of \$190,200.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Westbrook, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that Northern Community Development Cost Charge funds in the amount of \$165,344 be approved as a source of funds for Qualicum Beach Interceptor Sanitary Forcemain Improvements.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

Cedar Community Policing.

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Bartram, that a staff report be prepared with respect to funding opportunities for the Cedar Community Policing office.

CARRIED

BC Hydro Smart Meters.

MOVED Director Rudischer, SECONDED Director Kipp, that the Regional District of Nanaimo request a moratorium be placed on the mandatory installation of wireless smart meters until the major issues and problems identified with wireless smart meters are independently assessed and acceptable alternatives can be made available at no added cost to the consumer and that the Regional District of Nanaimo support the resolution proposed by the City of Colwood to U.B.C.M.

CARRIED

Proposed Telus Cell Tower at 1710 Woobank Road, Nanaimo.

Director Burnett advised that he wished to notify Industry Canada that this proposed location for the cell tower is in close proximity to an existing residential area and a proposed green building residential development as supported by Electoral Area 'A' Official Community Plan. Residents have shown they are strongly opposed to the cell tower at this location. Residents' concerns are that radio frequency emitting from the tower may pose a health hazard to residents and school children at the elementary school located in the area. Therefore the Regional District of Nanaimo requests that Industry Canada deny Telus's application to install a cell tower at 1710 Woobank Road in Cedar, B.C.

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Westbroek, that a letter be sent to Industry Canada advising them that the Regional District of Nanaimo is opposed to a cell tower being installed on a property at 1710 Woobank Road.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Rudischer, SECONDED Director Kipp, that the Regional District develop a cell tower placement protocol.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the meeting terminate.

CARRIED

TIME: 8:27 PM

CHAIRPERSON

SR. MGR., CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION