

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013 AT 7:00 PM IN THE
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

In Attendance:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director D. Brennan	Deputy Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Alternate	
Director C. Pinker	Electoral Area C
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Alternate	
Director R. Wahlgren	Electoral Area H
Director B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
Director J. Ruttan	City of Nanaimo
Director G. Anderson	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Greves	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director F. Pattje	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Alternate	
Director S. Tanner	Town of Qualicum Beach

Regrets:

Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director B. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
Director D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach

Also in Attendance:

P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
J. Harrison	Director of Corporate Services
W. Idema	Director of Finance
T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
D. Trudeau	Gen. Mgr. Transportation & Solid Waste
P. Thompson	A/ Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
M. Donnelly	A/ Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
J. Hill	Mgr. Administrative Services
T. Nohr	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and welcomed Alternate Directors Pattje, Wahlgren, Pinker and Tanner.

The Chairperson also recognized Oceanside Place Arena maintenance workers Dave Awram and Randy Barr for their courageous work as first responders to an individual in heart failure. The well trained staff quickly used a defibrillator and administered CPR to revive the victim, who at last report was in stable condition at the hospital.

DELEGATIONS

Dan Hurley and Dr. Nicole Vaugeois, Vancouver Island University, re VIU Regional Innovation Chair in Tourism & Sustainable Rural Development.

Dr. Vaugeois and Mr. Hurley gave a presentation to the Board regarding the activities of Vancouver Island University's Regional Innovation Chair in Tourism and Sustainability Rural Development program, a BC Provincial Government program partially funded through the Leading Edge Endowment Fund. The purpose of the program is to "support research, development and innovation that will bolster regional economic and social development".

Dr. Vaugeois and Mr. Hurley additionally asked the Board to consider providing funding to the program.

Megan Olsen, re Clean-up of Little Mountain, Electoral Area 'F'.

Ms. Olsen made a presentation to the Board regarding illegal dumping on Crown land known as Little Mountain in Electoral Area 'F'.

Tom Hoefle, Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society, re Proposal for ongoing annual funding to the Society (Supporting Royal Canadian Search & Rescue Unit 59, Deep Bay).

Mr. Hoefle gave an overview of the Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society and asked the Board to consider annual funding to the organization.

Arthur Skipsey, re Gravel extraction in Whiskey Creek.

Mr. Skipsey spoke to the Board regarding an application to the Provincial Government from a private company to extract gravel in the Whiskey Creek area.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, January 8, 2013, and Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 8, 2013 and the Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting held January 15, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Cindy N. Solda, Chairperson, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, re Participation - Coastal Communities Network Conference Call.

MOVED Director Anderson, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the correspondence from Cindy N. Solda, Chairperson for Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, regarding participation in the Coastal Communities Network conference call be received.

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Disclosure of Contracts Pursuant to Section 107 of the *Community Charter*.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Houle, that the report from the Manager of Administrative Services dated February 8, 2013 entitled "Disclosure of Contracts Pursuant to Section 107(1) of the *Community Charter*" be received for information.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL SERVICES

2013-2017 Financial Plan.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Anderson, that the Board receive the report on the 2013 budget as amended and the 2013 to 2017 Financial Plan, and direct staff to prepare the Financial Plan bylaw on that basis.

CARRIED

Island Corridor Foundation Request for Funding – Additional Option.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Bestwick, that the Board approve the provision of the approved Grant-in-Aid funding to the Island Corridor Foundation in two parts - \$404,500 in 2013 and \$472,500 in January, 2014; and

That the proposed 2013 budget and 2013 to 2017 Financial Plan be revised to reflect this approach to funding for the Island Corridor Foundation rail infrastructure project.

CARRIED

STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Coastal Douglas-Fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership Statement of Cooperation.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the Board support the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership and sign the Statement of Cooperation included in Attachment No. 1.

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION AND SOLID WASTE

SOLID WASTE

Packaging and Printed Paper Product Stewardship – Update Report.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Anderson, that the Board receive the Packaging and Printed Paper Product Stewardship Update Report for information.

CARRIED

Contract Award for Bird Control at Regional Landfill.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Bestwick, that the Board award the contract for bird control services at the Regional Landfill to PK Bird Control Services for a period of three years commencing March 1, 2013 at a total cost of \$649,500.

CARRIED

COMMISSION, ADVISORY & SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Minutes of the Sustainability Select Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

MOVED Director Kipp, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Minutes of the Sustainability Select Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 be received for information with the amendment that Director Dempsey be added as attending.

CARRIED

Carbon Neutral Operations – 2012.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that staff incorporate reductions associated with curbside organic collection and diversion in annual carbon neutral reporting to the Province.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that staff issue letters to each of the member municipalities identifying total emission reductions for each jurisdiction based on participation in the regional curbside organic collection and diversion program.

CARRIED

TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Transit Select Committee meeting held on Thursday, January 17, 2013.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Holme, that the Minutes from the Transit Select Committee meeting held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

Greyhound Licensing Structure.

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Anderson, that the Board direct staff to send a letter to the BC Passenger Transportation Board about the Regional District of Nanaimo's concerns of reduced transit service connecting communities of Vancouver Island.

CARRIED

DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held on Thursday, January 17, 2013.

MOVED Director Tanner, SECONDED Director Greves, that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 be received for information.

CARRIED

2015/2016 BC Senior Games – Hosting in District 69.

MOVED Director Tanner, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Regional District of Nanaimo not pursue hosting of the 2015 or 2016 BC Seniors Games and that staff be directed to actively pursue sport tourism initiatives in partnership with the Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association that better suit existing sport facilities and community resources in District 69.

CARRIED

District 69 Arena Land Lease Agreement with the City of Parksville.

MOVED Director Tanner, SECONDED Director Greves, that the Regional District of Nanaimo enter into a five-year Lease Agreement attached as Appendix I with the City of Parksville for the lands on which the District 69 Arena is located for a term from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2018.

CARRIED

Outdoor Sport Facility User Fees.

MOVED Director Tanner, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that Regional District of Nanaimo staff be directed to meet with representatives from the Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville and School District 69 to review possible options for implementation of a sport field, tennis court, and lacrosse box user/booking fees for those such facilities located in District 69 owned by the Town of Qualicum Beach, the City of Parksville, School District 69 and the Regional District of Nanaimo.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that Staff prepare correspondence on behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo contacting the Director of Authorizations, West Coast Regional Operations, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to request the Crown land asset and unauthorized dump site known as Little Mountain be cleaned up, and steps taken to detour any further dumping.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Continued Consideration of Smart Meters

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the evidence for medically harmful effects of Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) justifies measures to reduce human exposure by both persons and government. BC Hydro has not demonstrated any serious consideration of the health-compromising effects of EMR.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that no person should be involuntarily exposed to Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) including sources on neighbour's property, and every person is entitled to have their exposure to EMR minimized.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that no person should suffer trespass by BC Hydro or its agents intending to force a transmitting smart meter on to their residence; and the Regional District of Nanaimo Board requests that the RCMP not intervene to assist in the forced installation of smart meters on contesting properties; and that the RCMP enforce laws against trespass and protect residents in such events.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Regional District of Nanaimo Board requests that the Provincial Government and BC Hydro accept residents rights to refuse Electromagnetic Radiation irradiation and that a program of providing alternate methods of metering information transmission be initiated.

CARRIED

BOARD INFORMATION

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Houle, that the Regional District of Nanaimo support the City of Enderby in its complaint about the lack of rural Doctors.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Anderson, SECONDED Director Holme , that pursuant to Section 90(1) (e), (f), (i), and (j) of the *Community Charter* the Board proceed to an In Camera meeting for discussions related to land acquisitions, law enforcement, legal discussions, and third-party business interests.

CARRIED

Time 9:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

CORPORATE OFFICER