

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON
TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2014 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
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director B. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
Director J. de Jong	District of Lantzville
Director J. Ruttan	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Greves	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director D. Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach

Regrets:

Director G. Anderson	City of Nanaimo
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Also in Attendance:

P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
J. Harrison	Director of Corporate Services
W. Idema	Director of Finance
R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
G. Garbutt	Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
D. Pearce	A/Gen. Mgr. Transportation & Solid Waste
J. Hill	Mgr. Administrative Services
C. Golding	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order.

DELEGATIONS

Brian Humber, Nanaimo Marine Rescue, re 2014 Activities.

Brian Humber provided an overview of Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue activities for 2014 and a review of boating safety activities for Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society and Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 27.

LATE DELEGATIONS

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

CARRIED

Ken Collingwood, re Residents' Objection to Tie in Large Capacity Well on 2487 Parker Road, Nanoose Bay.

Ken Collingwood presented a petition to the Board and voiced his concerns regarding large extractions of water that could reduce water flow to neighbouring residents and requested the Board defer the agreement until the new Board is sworn in.

Melissa MacNeill, re Development of the Well on Parker Road in Nanoose Bay.

Melissa MacNeill advised the Board that her well was monitored during the well testing which showed a static level drop of 30 feet and shared her concerns regarding the productivity of her well and potential impacts to area residents.

Penny Spence, re Water for Development Scheme.

Penny Spence shared her concerns regarding the potential reduction of her well production and the well production in surrounding areas stating that lack of water will decrease property values and requested the Board to put the project on hold.

Kim Mauriks, re Nanoose Bay Water Issue.

Kim Mauriks voiced his concerns regarding the potential impacts to his water supply for his farm stating that farming potential and local food production depend on adequate water supply, and requested the project not move forward until the impacts to residents' water is fully understood.

Bryan Little, re Water Development Project on Parker Road, Nanoose Bay.

Bryan Little expressed his views regarding concerns of reduced water supply and the effect on his property value and investment if the well goes into production, stating that the well testing lacked quality and quantity benchmarks and requested the project to be deferred until the new Board is sworn in.

Gareth Slocombe, re Water Development on Parker Road, Nanoose Bay.

Gareth Slocombe expressed his disappointment with the lack of transparency regarding the written approvals and compromises with Mazcan Investments and asked for full consultation with the stakeholders, full notice of the decision making process, and for residents to be given full opportunity to exercise their rights to be heard and have real input into the process.

Sue Davies, re Water for Development Scheme.

Sue Davies shared her concerns of the potential impacts to her business due to potential water contamination, salt water intrusion, decreasing property value, and stated that without a guaranteed water source Fisheries and Oceans will not permit them to re-build their wash plant to process their clams.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

MOVED Director Kipp, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, September 9, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Gary and Joan Lansdell, re Parker Road well and water to the RDN system.

MOVED Director Bestwick, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the correspondence from Gary and Joan Lansdell regarding the Parker Road well and water to the Regional District of Nanaimo system be received.

CARRIED

Leonard Krog, MLA, re Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park.

MOVED Director Bestwick, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the correspondence from Leonard Krog, MLA, regarding Morden Colliery Historic Provincial Park be received.

CARRIED

Dawn Nedzelski and Elin Bjarnason, Island Health, re Meeting Request with Island Health Representatives and Nanaimo Regional Hospital Board.

MOVED Director Bestwick, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the correspondence from Dawn Nedzelski and Elin Bjarnason, Island Health, regarding a meeting request with Island Health Representatives and Nanaimo Regional Hospital Board be received.

CARRIED

Vancouver Island Regional Library, re 2015-2019 Adopted Financial Plan.

MOVED Director Bestwick, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the correspondence from Vancouver Island Regional Library regarding the 2015 – 2019 adopted Financial Plan be received.

CARRIED

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2014 Service Area Work Plan Project Update.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Board receive the progress report on the 2014 Service Area Work Plan Project Update for the reporting period of January to September, 2014, for information.

CARRIED

RECREATION AND PARKS

RECREATION SERVICES

Gabriola Recreation Society Agreement Renewal 2015 – 2018.

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the Agreement attached as Appendix 'A' with the Gabriola Recreation Society be renewed for a three year term from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

CARRIED

ADVISORY AND SELECT COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION

District 69 Recreation Commission

Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission Meeting held Thursday, September 18, 2014.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held Thursday, September 18, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the Regional District of Nanaimo Board direct staff to delay putting the well, located at 2729 Parker Road, Nanoose Bay, into regular service in the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area, for a period of at least one year, pending further discussions with residents to address their concerns; and to develop and implement a local well water monitoring program, in consultation with local residents.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Ban on Large Scale Land Clearing.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Bestwick, that staff be directed to write to the appropriate provincial ministries to urge the consideration of a ban on large scale land clearing debris burning in electoral areas on municipal boundaries and that other more environmentally friendly methods be used to dispose of such debris.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Young, that pursuant to Section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* the Committee proceed to an In Camera Meeting for discussions related to land acquisitions.

CARRIED

TIME: 8:11 PM

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Young, that this meeting terminate.

CARRIED

TIME: 8:20 PM

CHAIRPERSON

CORPORATE OFFICER