

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

3:00 P.M.

RDN Board Chambers

In Attendance:	Director W. Veenhof	Chair
	Director I. Thorpe	Vice Chair
	Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
	Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
	Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
	Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
	Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
	Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G
	Director B. McKay	City of Nanaimo
	Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
	Alternate	
	Director S. Armstrong	City of Nanaimo
	Director G. Fuller	City of Nanaimo
	Director J. Hong	City of Nanaimo
	Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo
	Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
	Director K. Oates	City of Parksville
Director B. Colclough	District of Lantzville	
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach	
Regrets:	Director D. Brennan	City of Nanaimo
	Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Also in Attendance:	P. Carlyle	Chief Administrative Officer
	R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
	G. Garbutt	Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
	T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
	D. Wells	Gen. Mgr. Corporate Services
	W. Idema	Director of Finance
	D. Pearce	Director of Transportation & Emergency Services
	J. Hill	Mgr. Administrative Services
C. Golding	Recording Secretary	

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

The Chair welcomed Alternate Director Armstrong to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved, as amended, to include the following items of New Business: District 69 Marine Search and Rescue Service Tax Requisition, Gabriola Island Recreation Commission Tax Requisition, and a presentation by the Chair regarding the Speculation Tax.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 13, 2018

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held February 13, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Cameron Miller - Update from Nanaimo RCMP

Superintendent Cameron Miller provided an update to the Board regarding policing priorities and staffing levels for 2017/18, calls for service, current pressures and opportunities, and thanked the Board for their funding support for Victim Services.

DELEGATIONS

Lynn deVries, Back Country Horsemen of BC, Central Vancouver Island Chapter, re Update on Spruston Road Rec Site and the ongoing volunteer work by the Back Country Horsemen

Lynn deVries provided a summary of achievements in 2017 and highlighted upgrades to the Spruston Road Recreation site, volunteer hours contributed to the community, and the ongoing issues around horse trailer parking.

Oliver Sayah, Mike Coulter and Brad Davies re ATV Tourism at Horne Lake

Oliver Sayah and Brad Davies provided an overview of successful trail systems, the potential economic benefits of off-road vehicle tourism, and asked the Board to consider a pilot program to allow local ATV clubs to access crown land and forest service roads through a back portion of Horne Lake Campground during low season.

CORRESPONDENCE

It was moved and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:

W. Michael Bolch, Chief Administrative Officer, North Cedar Improvement District, re Grant Application - Electoral Area 'A' Community Works Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the following minutes be received for information:

District 69 Recreation Commission - February 15, 2018

Agricultural Advisory Committee - February 16, 2018

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

District 69 Recreation Commission

Ravensong Aquatic Club, re Reduction in Lane Fees

It was moved and seconded that no changes be made to the existing fees and charges bylaw and staff communicate to the Ravensong Aquatic Club about other funding options currently available to them.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District 69 Youth Recreation Grants

It was moved and seconded that the following District 69 Youth Recreation Grant applications be approved:

- 893 Beaufort Squadron Air Cadets - training costs - \$2,000
- Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - youth basketball event - \$500
- Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - Growing Wild summer camp - \$324
- Ballenas Secondary School - Dry Grad - \$900
- Bowser Elementary School - outdoor education field trip - \$2,500
- Errington Elementary School - outdoor education field trip - \$2,500
- Errington War Memorial Hall Association - musical theatre production - \$1,500
- Ravensong Aquatic Club - pool rental, room rental, advertising, equipment - \$1,500

Total - \$11,724

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District 69 Community Recreation Grants

It was moved and seconded that the following District 69 Community Recreation Grant applications be approved:

- Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - Coombs Community Picnic - \$764
- Bowser Tennis Club - power washing and leaf blower - \$1,399
- District 69 Family Resource Association - special needs youth cooking and life skills program - \$1,200
- Errington Elementary School - grade 3 swim lessons - \$1,800
- Oceanside Building Learning Together - Maker Space equipment - \$2,000
- Town of Qualicum Beach - Select Committee on Beach Day Celebrations - \$1,000

Total - \$8,163

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Waite, Oceanside Track and Field, re Ballenas Track Upgrade

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo Board request School District 69 School Board to enter into discussions with staff about the feasibility of a track upgrade at Ballenas Secondary School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District 69 Recreation Commission Bylaw Updates

It was moved and seconded that when the District 69 Recreation Commission Bylaw is updated that it provide for alternates and that the Regional District of Nanaimo, City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and School District 69 (Qualicum) appoint alternate representatives when making appointments to the District 69 Recreation Commission.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Contract Award – Coastal Floodplain Mapping Project – Phase 1

It was moved and seconded that the contract for developing coastal floodplain mapping be awarded to Ebbwater Consulting and Cascadia Coast Research Ltd. in the amount of \$202,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECREATION AND PARKS

Lease Agreements for District 69 Arena

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo renew the Lease Agreement with the City of Parksville for the lands and associated area on which the District 69 Arena is located.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the Regional District of Nanaimo renew the Sublease Agreement with the Parksville Curling Club Society for the management and operation of the District 69 Arena as a curling facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that funds be allocated in the 2019 - 2023 Financial Plan for removal and site remediation of the District 69 Arena estimated at 1 million dollars.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY UTILITIES

Bylaw No. 1655.07 – Water User Rate Amendments 2018

It was moved and seconded that “Regional District of Nanaimo Water Services Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1655.07, 2018” be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that “Regional District of Nanaimo Water Services Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1655.07, 2018” be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

North Cedar Improvement District – Grant Application – Electoral Area ‘A’ Community Works Fund

It was moved and seconded that pending approval from the Union of BC Municipalities, the Board enter into an agreement with the North Cedar Improvement District for up to \$1.13 million of the Electoral Area 'A' Community Works Fund allocation as a contribution towards the cost of building of a new reservoir and for water main construction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Directors' Remuneration Policy

It was moved and seconded that the Board amend "Regional District of Nanaimo Board Remuneration, Expenses and Benefits Bylaw No. 1770, 2017" to authorize mileage payment for a Director attending a Standing or Select Committee meeting of which the Director is not a member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

District 69 Marine Search and Rescue Service Tax Requisition

It was moved and seconded that staff be directed to increase the District 69 Marine Search and Rescue Service tax requisition to \$7,600 and to increase the transfer to the Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society by a corresponding amount.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gabriola Island Recreation Commission Tax Requisition

It was moved and seconded that staff be directed to increase the Gabriola Island Recreation Commission tax requisition from \$118,690 to \$123,690, an increase of \$5,000, to be transferred to Gabriola Arts Council to be used as matching funding which is a requirement of eligibility for any funding from the British Columbia Arts Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Speculation Tax

The Chair provided a presentation and briefing to the Board on the proposed Speculation Tax highlighting challenges and the potential impacts of the tax on members of the region's communities.

It was moved and seconded that the Board send a resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and Union of BC Municipalities regarding the Speculation Tax that is proposed in the 2018 BC Provincial budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was moved and seconded that the Board:

- a) support the contents of the Chair's briefing on the Speculation Tax;
- b) recommend that the Speculation Tax be removed completely; and
- c) resolve, that if the Chair is invited to meet with the Minister of Finance, the Chair extend the invitation to the mayors of the member municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors' Roundtable

Directors provided updates to the Board.

IN CAMERA

It was moved and seconded that pursuant to Sections 90 (1) (i) and (j) of the *Community Charter* the Committee proceed to an In Camera meeting for discussions related to solicitor-client privilege and third party business interests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 4:55 PM

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TIME: 5:39 PM

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER