

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON  
COAL HARBOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

Minutes of a **COAL HARBOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEETING** held on  
September 20, 2017 at the Coal Harbour Community Centre

**Present:** Members: Myra Connaty, Ann Hory, Andrew Hory, Ray Patriquin

**Regrets:** Dave Schmidt

**Call to Order** The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

**Adopt Agenda** 1. **Adopt Agenda**

**MOTION:** 48/17 **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Minutes** 2. **Minutes from August 9, 2017**

**MOTION:** 49/17 **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the August 9, 2017 meeting be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence  
Delegates**

**Old Business** Telus - no update

Bus Stops - no update

266 Harbour Road House - the property in question where the water has been turned off has to pay its back taxes and utility bills by September 30 or the property will be foreclosed on.

## Director's Report

Andrew Hory will be attending UBCM in Vancouver next week as the Area C director and the RDMW board chair. Meetings will be held with various ministries to directly deliver concerns and requests from the North Island. These will include land referral guidelines by the province as currently they are issuing license of occupations without first ensuring full compliance with local zoning which effectively is a downloading of responsibility without funding. We will also be meeting with the Fire Commissioner to discuss rural fire service support and the lack of funding for the Coroner's Service which downloads their duties onto volunteer fire departments. Bc Hydro two tier rates, access to Provincial Parks, and taxation rates for fish farms are also on the list of meetings with ministers or their deputies and it is hoped that some or all of these topics will be advanced from our concerns.

Pat English is back at his desk from a fortunately brief medical absence so his large list of projects and activities will be seeing movement again.

Uptake of the Saturday bus run to Coal Harbour has been very successful with the highest ridership in the region.

**Coal Harbour Fibre Optic** – still waiting to hear back from Telus.

**Coal Harbour Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – the DAF tank has been delivered to the site and construction of the shed to house the new PLCs is next on the list.

**Invasive species** – Complete for this year, RDMW staff will be applying for program funding in the new year to continue with treatment.

**Old Community Hall** – the hall is now gone and the landscaping of the area will be the next priority in this project in advance of building the Hornsby display in the coming spring.

**CHCC and CH School** – the Coal Harbour Community Club will cease operations by the end of the year and will dissolve as a society. It will be donating any remaining equipment or assets remaining after settling its accounts to the Coal Harbour Fire Fighters Association, which is a registered society with the Province of BC. The agreement with SD85 allowing the use of the school will be terminated and the building will be mothballed and no longer available for use by the public. There will be a garage sale in the fall for items remaining in the school.

### MOTION: 50/17

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the Director's Report.**

**CARRIED**

### Transit Report

The Coal Harbour - Port Hardy run continues to have good ridership. Otherwise nothing to report.

### Planning and Operations

Jeff Long not in attendance, no OCP discussion

**Fire Department Report**

**Equipment** – quotes are being sought for minor personal equipment.

**Mutual aid** – a universal mutual aid agreement between all of the North Island municipalities and the RDMW is being sought to facilitate the automatic response by neighboring departments. At the recent Creekside Manor fire in Port Hardy 13 of the 26 fire fighters attending were mutual aid including 2 from Coal Harbour. Myself and Deputy Chief Pitre attended a recent NI Fire Chief’s meeting where this was discussed and the draft agreement was fully endorsed by that body. The agreement will now go to the various councils for suggestions or approval before returning the RDMW board for adoption.

**Fire Hall** – some landscaping will be done around the fire hall this month primarily on the North side which is fully overgrown and contoured to bring water towards the building. This means the back door is also largely un-useable. These issues will be resolved and the current uneven and overgrown topography will be much safer to navigate. With the coming closure of the foodsafe kitchen in the school some of the equipment will be moved to the fire hall to continue some emergency preparedness abilities. This will include the stove so some minor electrical work will need to be contracted to accommodate this change.

**Membership** – currently we have 7 members and 2 auxiliary members.

**MOTION:  
51/17**

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to accept the Fire Department Report.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:  
52/17**

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**

**CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.**

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Secretary

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Chairman