



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

### PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Public Hearing held on January 19, 2016 at the RDMW Office,  
2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, B.C. regarding  
RDMW Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2015

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**PRESENT:** Chair Dave Rushton and Directors Shirley Ackland, Jan Allen, Mike Berry, Hank Bood, Dennis Dugas, Andrew Hory, Heidi Soltau and Phil Wainwright

**STAFF:** Greg Fletcher - Administrator; Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services

**PUBLIC:** Craig Murray (Applicant), Kathy O'Reilly (NI Gazette Newspaper)

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Call to Order: Chair Rushton called the public hearing to order at 1:40 pm

Chair Rushton advised that this Public Hearing is being held in accordance with the Local Government Act to allow the public to make representations to the Regional District of Mount Waddington regarding proposed Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 882, 2015 (Bylaw No. 882). Notice of this public hearing has been undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regional District of Mount Waddington Development Procedures Bylaw No. 594. In this regard, the notice was published in two consecutive issues of the North Island Gazette Newspaper on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and was posted on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 on the bulletin board at the Regional District of Mount Waddington Office located at 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, B.C. Notice of this public hearing was sent to the owners of the lands subject to Bylaw No. 882, as well as the owner of land within 100 metres of the lands subject to Bylaw No. 882. The Chair advised that all persons who believe that their interests are affected by proposed Bylaw No. 882 will be given an opportunity to be heard respecting matters contained in the bylaw.

Chair Rushton read from a prepared statement outlining the Public Hearing procedures. Before calling for speakers, the Chair asked Jeff Long, Manager of Planning & Development Services, to provide an overview of the intent and purpose of Bylaw No. 882.

Mr. Long stated that Bylaw No. 882, if adopted, would have the effect of amending Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21 to change the zoning category from the Rural Zone (A-1) to the Recreational and Tourist Commercial Zone (C-2RT), with respect to District Lots 403 and 404, Range 1, Coast District, as well as two nearby Crown land tenured areas associated with Provincial Land Files 1402029 and 1407056, all of which are utilized to accommodate uses in association with the Nimmo Bay Report located on the northern shoreline of Little Nimmo Bay off of Mackenzie Sound. The uses associated with the existing commercial tourist resort development include a lodge, tourist cabins, staff accommodations, docks / moorage, boardwalks, utility / service buildings and infrastructure and related accessory uses.

Mr. Long then outlined the process associated with Bylaw No. 882. He indicated that at its meeting on March 17, 2015, the Regional District's Board of Directors gave 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings to Bylaw No. 882. As part of a subsequent referral process to organizations regarding Bylaw No. 882, comments were received from three organizations which were distributed to the Public Hearing Committee. These include:

