



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

### PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Public Hearing held on July 19, 2016 at the RDMW Office,  
2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, B.C. regarding:  
*Regional District of Mount Waddington*  
*Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890, 2015*

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PRESENT: Chair Dave Rushton and Directors Shirley Ackland, Jan Allen, Mike Berry,  
Hank Bood, Andrew Hory, Heidi Soltau and Phil Wainwright  
STAFF: Greg Fletcher - Administrator; Jeff Long - Manager of Planning &  
Development Services  
PUBLIC: None

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Chair Rushton called the public hearing to order at 1:30 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 Regional District of Mount Waddington Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890, 2015. 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 July 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and was posted on the bulletin board at the Regional District of Mount Waddington office on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as well on the Regional District's website on July 2, 2016. The Chair advised that all persons who believe that their interests are affected by proposed Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890 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 Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890.

Mr. Long stated that if adopted by the Board of Directors, Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890 would have the effect of repealing and replacing the current Regional Plan Bylaw No. 674, 2003. He explained that the Regional Plan is an umbrella policy document that contains the Regional District's policies on land use and development, regional and local services, the economy, climate change adaptation, transportation, parks and recreation, communication, etc. The Regional Plan guides the Regional District's review of development proposals on privately owned lands, as well as Crown land. It also describes the roles and relationships the Regional District will continue to support with unincorporated communities, municipalities, First Nations, provincial and federal agencies, other organizations, and the public, related to the use and management of land and water resources and community development. Mr. Long advised that it is important to note that the Regional District's jurisdiction does not apply to municipalities and First Nations' reserve lands.

Mr. Long stated that Bylaw No. 890 would establish a new Regional Plan that improves and builds upon the current Regional Plan Bylaw No. 674 that was adopted in 2003. He indicated that it includes updates to the regional context information, improves interpretive clarity and integrates a number of policies, strategies and studies that have been adopted or commissioned by the Board of Directors since 2003. In addition, there has been significant work undertaken by the Regional Planning Committee as part of the Regional Plan review project in relation to policies with respect to First Nations, emergency planning, the provision of services, communication, energy, forestry, tourism and recreation. Mr. Long advised that the following policy related projects / documents have been integrated as part of the Regional Plan review process:

- North Island Regional Emergency Plan (2004)
- North Vancouver Island Regional Tourism Plan (2007)
- BC Climate Action Charter (2009)
- North Island Regional Protocol Agreement (2010)
- North Vancouver Island Regional Tourism Plan Update (2011)
- RDMW Alternative Energy Policy (2012)
- RDMW Forestry Policy (2012)
- RDMW Forestry Policy (2012)
- RDMW Telecommunications Policy (2012)
- Parks Acquisition Policy 19-13 (2013)
- Design Nine Report on Broadband Bottleneck (2014)
- RDMW Strategic Sector Plan (2015)

With respect to the process associated with Bylaw No. 890, Mr. Long advised that at its meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Board of Directors gave 1<sup>st</sup> reading to the Bylaw and directed staff to refer it to external organizations for review and comment as part of a ninety-day review and comment period. An additional referral process was initiated in January, 2016 to include some additional organizations that had not been included as part of the initial referral process in the fall of 2015.

Mr. Long advised that as a result of the referral processes, a number of comments were received and revisions were made to Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890. Upon review of the revised Bylaw, the Board of Directors, at its meeting on June 21, 2016, directed staff to undertake preparations for advertising and conducting this public hearing. Upon conclusion of this public hearing, the Board of Directors could proceed to give 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings to, and adopt Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890. If adopted, Bylaw No. 890 would then take full force and effect.

Mr. Long noted that no submissions were received as a result of the publication or posting of notifications associated with the holding of today's public hearing regarding Regional Plan Bylaw No. 890.

Chair Rushton thanked Mr. Long and then proceeded with the first call for verbal submissions and asked if there was anyone who wishes to speak. No one identified themselves as wishing to speak. The Chair then proceeded to call for a second time if there was anyone who wished to speak. No one identified themselves as wishing to speak. The Chair then proceeded to call for a third time asking if there was anyone who wished to speak. There were no speakers.

Chair Rushton advised that any written submissions must now be turned in before the close of the public hearing. After a final call for written submissions and receiving none, Chair Rushton declared the public hearing closed at 1:47p.m.

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Dave Rushton - CHAIR



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Jeff Long - SECRETARY