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

Minutes of a **COAL HARBOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEETING** held on August 10, 2016 at the Coal Harbour Community Centre

Present: Members: Myra Connaty, Ann Hory, Andrew Hory
RDMW: Jeff Long, Patrick Donaghy

Regrets: Dave Schmidt, Ray Patriquin

Guest: Paul Getman

Call to Order The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

Adopt Agenda 1. **Adopt Agenda**

MOTION: 34/16 **MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as amended.**

CARRIED

Minutes 2. **Minutes from June 8, 2016**

MOTION: 35/16 **MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the June 8, 2016 meeting be adopted as amended.**

CARRIED

Planning and Operations

Paul Getman created a spare/mock programmable logic and control panels for the sewage treatment plant. It runs on its own wifi router and communicates with an android human interface tablet. This operating system will replace the current outdated control panel at the STP. The MMBR (suspended media for bacterial cultures during large influx times) is still to be implemented. Future steps - there are three panels at the water treatment plant that will need to be replaced in the future. Mr. Getman has taken the time and initiative to educate himself about the control panels and develop them on his own at a hugely reduced cost (as compared to hiring city consultants).

Patrick Donaghy gave us a refresher on what is going on with the knotweed spraying project. Some of the large patches still need to be worked on, the season started late this year. There is still funding for two more months of work to be done this year depending on what the growth of the plant looks like.

Old Business

Jeff Long brought forth the memorandum for Establishment of Recreational Service for Coal Harbour. There is a draft bylaw prepared and there would be an Alternative Approval Process undertaken to inform the public about the bylaw. **The public meeting will be held on September 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm.** It will then be taken to the Regional Board for review and 3 readings. The Community Club will put together an informational item to be mailed out to all residents of Coal Harbour.

MOTION: 36/16

MOTION: There was a motion moved and seconded that the CHLCC support the undertaking of the process for the establishment of a recreational service for Coal Harbour including the conduction of a public meeting on September 14, 2016. A notice to all property owners of the community will be mailed out by the end of August as part of a community newsletter.

CARRIED

Director's Report

Mr. Hory will be attending UBCM in September with other directors and RMMW staff. In addition to the resolutions to be debated on the floor the RDMW has meetings booked with the following ministries:

- 1) Community Sport & Cultural Development. Electoral Area Boundary Adjustment.

The RDMW has proposed to adjust some of its Electoral Area boundaries to provide a more equitable distribution of population and property tax assessment. The process has started and input would be appreciated to ensure that we can gain Ministerial approval prior to the next local government election.

- 2) Forest, Lands & Natural Resource Operations. Front Counter BC Process.

The FrontCounter BC crown land application referral process often causes unnecessary delays for local government to review the applications due to: 1) incomplete information packages provided. 2) overly large scanned files that need to be reprocessed prior to soliciting Directors comments; 3) lack of brief description executive summary); 4) process difficulties encountered by applicants who struggle to complete their referral obligations.

- 3) Technology, Innovation & Citizens' Services. Last Mile Connections.

Now that the North I. is linked to the web by fibre, the current challenge is to ensure that the 'last mile' internet service connections are available to residents, businesses and institutions. Coordination of provincially assisted (including by Network BC) connections to schools, hospitals etc could provide an opportunity for expansion to other interested parties. In rural areas like the North I, often the barrier for connectivity is the lack of nearby installation capacity.

The August RDMW board meeting has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items over the summer, the next meeting will be in September.

Fire Department Report

Membership including 2 members on leave is at 10. 10 members is too low to spread the load of maintaining CHFD or to ensure response at an emergency. **Residents of Coal Harbour that have any ability to contribute need to do so even if it is inconvenient or difficult to find the time.** Not every person who joins the CHFD needs to be comfortable fighting fire while wearing an SCBA, there are many roles to fill and training to fill a support role is a vital contribution – basically if you are capable of working and live in Coal Harbour and are reading this we need you so please come to the fire hall and sign up. On that note numerous administration and maintenance issues are pending at the fire hall, current volunteers are not able to keep up with the load of these items on top of practicing for emergency so they will be addressed when and if possible – again with more support these important elements would not fall behind and the investment of the community would be better safeguarded.

CHFD has recently been designated as an exterior fire department by the RDMW board as per the new regulations set by the Office of the Fire Commissioner. This means that the general intention and policy of the fire department is to fight fire from outside of the building in a defensive mode and only enter a structure when the fire is largely knocked down and ready for overhaul.

FirePro software has been successfully utilized by the RDMW which means the tracking of practice and personnel records is greatly improved. Areas needing focus are therefore much easier to identify and resolve.

New Business

BC Hydro 2 tiered rate structure - go onto the Regional District website and give your opinion about the Hydro rate structure.

Questions

MOTION:
37/16

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

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Certified Correct


Secretary


Chairman