

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

Minutes of a **COAL HARBOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEETING** held on  
April 12, 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 6:13 pm

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

**MOTION:** 20/17 **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Minutes** 2. **Minutes from March 8, 2017**

**MOTION:** 21/17 **MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the March 8, 2017 meeting be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence  
Delegates**

**Old Business** Telus - high speed fibre optic line. Ragged Edge has given Coal Harbour a letter agreeing to not object to Telus installing the line. Mr. Hory is now in discussions with Telus to make arguments for the community members of Coal Harbour to have access to high speed internet.

**Director's  
Report**

Andrew Hory -

**Coal Harbour Fibre Optic** – through meetings of myself, RDMW staff and the interested parties the first two hurdles in getting fibre drops installed in CH while Telus is mobilized in the area doing Port McNeill and Port Hardy have been overcome: 1. RECN has agreed to waive any objection to the drops being put in although they currently benefit from a non-compete clause between Telus and the Province. 2. Network BC who oversees that agreement at the Provincial level have also agreed that there is logic with this idea and is willing to communicate with Telus on behalf of that action.

This means that it is time to work directly with Telus on this and attempt to convince them that adding of expense of CH homes to the build list for fibre is worthwhile for them as an investment. This conversation is currently taking place with the RDMW staff and myself working to bring the conversation to the appropriate places in the Telus management. This has always been the biggest hurdle by far but I am hopeful that the logic of the argument will be evident and we can convince Telus to offer the same deal as is currently in place with Port Hardy and Port McNeill – that Telus will put in the fibre connections to the houses at no cost to the owner and with no obligation to sign up for service.

**Coal Harbour Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade** – as you may have heard the RDMW was successful in its application to the Clean Water Wastewater Grant. In short this means that approximately 500K worth of work will be done in Coal Harbour to improve the sewer station and eliminate any over stressing on the system during high rainfall events. Very little of the cost of this project will come from the community – in fact only 17% will be coming from the Coal Harbour Sewer Reserve Fund. The result of this upgrade will not only be the processing of waste water much above the average for the size of the community but will also mean the moratorium on subdividing property currently in place will be lifted.

**Transit Report** – Coal Harbour will be adding a permanent Saturday run over the summer. The ridership on the CH route continues to be the busiest in the entire service and it is hoped that there will be good uptake on this new day.

**MOTION:  
22/17**

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

**CARRIED**

**Planning and  
Operations**

Jeff Long - presented a location for the bus shelter at the corner of Coal Harbour Road and Harpoon Road. There needs to be a permit from Highways applied for the specified location. There was a discussion about the ability to move the shelter in the future and the installation of a garbage can.

**MOTION:  
23/17**

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the CHLCC support the proposed bus shelter location at the corner of Coal Harbour Road and Harpoon Road.**

**CARRIED**

There is currently a bylaw in place that does not allow any secondary suites in Coal Harbour. A suite would be considered something that is a self-contained dwelling within another dwelling. As a community, we have to decide whether we want secondary suites or not, and it will have to go through a process for an amendment to the bylaw.

**MOTION:  
24/17**

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the CHLCC support the start of the process to allow secondary suites within single family dwellings in Coal Harbour.**

**CARRIED**

The Regional District has received a grant from Heritage BC to help build a shelter for the Hornsby Crawler.

**MOTION:  
25/17**

**MOTION: It was moved and seconded to have a public information meeting about the proposed shelter for the Hornsby Tractor before the CHLCC meeting on May 10, 2017.**

**CARRIED**

**Fire Department Report**

**First Aid** – 3 members recently re-certified their level one and transport certifications. A further 4 members will need to do so as well and dates are being sought in cooperation with PHFD to fill a class.

**Communications** - North Island 911 Corporation has finally resolved communications issues at CHFD by upgrading their equipment on Mt Byng and creating a repeater to boost radio signal in the CH fire protection area. CHFD has been moved over to Narrow Band as well and I am very happy to say that we can now communicate effectively with Fire Dispatch in our entire area. Industry Canada has issued a notice to CHFD on a few radio channel violations. Permission letters are being sought for the Coast Guard channel currently installed on our radios and for EHS as well – it is expected these will be achieved soon which will bring CHFD into compliance. However another issue is also unresolved – CHFD has purchased marine radios for service as land based communications as a cost saving measure (the savings of about \$500 per radio), because these radios are unable to have the marine emergency channel removed they will either have to be removed from service or each CH member will have to be certified to use a marine radio. It is being researched as to which option is most cost efficient for the fire department and the dialogue is continuing with the representative from Industry Canada.

**Fire Chief's/CAO Conference** – myself and Patrick Donaghy attended the recent conference to discuss the playbook and other developments/best practices for fire departments in BC. Patrick has already written a report on this and as we develop an action plan it will be brought forward to the CHLCC.

**Equipment/Training facility** – the next stage of construction of the container training facility is being planned with the hope that the remaining concrete will be poured in May. Further welding is also required. All work is being done by volunteers, most of whom already volunteer as fire fighters so it will need to be managed as a very finite resource.

**Membership** – currently we have 7 members and 3 auxiliary members. As is always stated in these reports this is too low to provide reasonable fire department coverage to CH.

**MOTION:**  
26/17

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

**CARRIED**

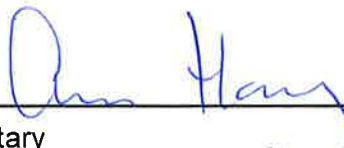
**MOTION:**  
27/17

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

**CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.**

Certified Correct

  
Secretary

  
Chairman