



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2019 at 2:00pm

Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Chair: Andrew Hory

Directors: Sandra Daniels, James Furney, Rod Sherrell, Gaby Wickstrom, Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Dennis Dugas, Janet Dorward

Staff: Pat English, Patrick Donaghy, Rose Liu, Greg Fletcher, Liette Patterson, Denise Le Gal, Tourism Coordinator

Media: Kathy O'Reilly, North Island Eagle

Public: Darsey Batchelor, Trade & Media Coordinator, Tourism Vancouver Island

- Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER** **2:01 PM**
- 118/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
1. THAT the RDMW Board of Directors June 18, 2019 meeting agenda be adopted as presented.
- A. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**
- B. MINUTES**
- 119/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held May 21, 2019, be adopted as presented.
- 120/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Correspondence on the Table be received and filed.
- 121/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Cheque Register report dated May 31, 2019 be received and filed.
- C. STAFF REPORTS**
1. Administrator (June 12, 2019)
- *MOTI has received federal funding for transit improvements, committed to building bus stop and installing shelter in Coal Harbour and constructing a pullout at Quatsino reserve and looking at the Port Alice cutoff for the next fiscal year*
 - *Due to reservation demand will open campgrounds for the May long weekend next year*
 - *Welcome to new Treasurer Rose Liu*
 - *Board reviewed the 2018 Annual Report at the Board Retreat yesterday*
- 122/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
2018 Annual Report THAT the 2018 Regional District of Mount Waddington Annual Report be approved.
- 123/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the June 12, 2019 Administrator Report be received and filed.
- a) Travel Report (June 18, 2019)
- 124/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Travel Report dated June 18, 2019 be approved.

2. Manager of Economic Development (June 12, 2019)

- *Timeline – draft report completed by end of December, meeting with consultants in July*

125/2019
Hut-to-Hut RFP
RC Strategies
Contract

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

THAT a contract with RC Strategies be approved for an amount not to exceed \$64,567 for the development of a business plan for a hut-to-hut initiative on the North Coast Trail including, but not limited to, conceptual hut design and layout, requirement for capital and operating resources, and recommendations for management and administration.

- *Current Fundamentals of Forestry class graduates this Thursday, graduation will be held at the gazebo*
- *Invasive weeds program:*
 - *currently working along the Coal Harbour/Quatsino corridor and will be in Port Hardy next week*
 - *believe third employee has been hired*
 - *there is uncertainty around future funding, planning a meeting with stakeholders in September to brainstorm financing options going forward*
- *Consultant to be hired to study a range of wood waste utilization issues re: availability, species, costs, investments, partners, etc.*
 - *VIEA received funding to study wood waste utilization, may be able to use the information gathered*
- *Overloads on Port McNeill/Alert Bay/Sointula ferry service are increasing in frequency due to inadequate ship capacity; Destination BC is promoting and increasing tourism, but capacity is not being supplied by BC Ferries*

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Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

THAT the June 12, 2019 Manager of Economic Development report be received and filed.

- a) *Tourism Coordinator Report (Denise Le Gal, June 18, 2019)*
 - *Video Project-room for four stakeholders to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase their business*
 - *CrowdRiff platform will allow website to feature fresh user-generated, area-specific photos and galleries*

127/2019

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

THAT the June 18, 2019 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

3. Manager of Operations (June 11, 2019)

- *Meeting in Port Hardy in preparation for large September emergency exercise*
- *Directors encouraged to have conversations with their local Emergency Coordinators about initiating mutual responses, coordinating responses with other Coordinators (in particular RD Coordinator) which increases community access to additional resources and support when emergencies arise; would also welcome seeing Coordinators at NIREPC more frequently*
- *Attended Coast Waste Management Association meeting in Cobble Hill, participants were interested in how the RDMW deals with non-residential fibre waste*
- *Sunday openings start on July 7; not well utilized in June but Jul/Aug are good, Sept winding down; if not much of a response then will come back to the Board for discussion*
- *Coal Harbour Fire protection area bylaw needs to be amended to include pumphouse*

- *Won't be at next Board meeting due to vacation*

128/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the June 11, 2019 Operations Report be received and filed.

4. Manager of Planning and Development Services (June 3, 2019)

Discussion:

- *Item F-Interfor-Does RDMW follow-up with senior government regarding compliance with relevant provincial, federal, local government policies and regulations?*
 - *no resources to follow-up, "subject to" statement is included in any RDMW comments trusting that senior levels of government are following own policies and regulations including their responsibility to consult with First Nations*
- *No legal basis for refusing applications but have moral suasions which are usually taken note of by senior governments*

129/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the June 3, 2019 Planning and Development Report be received and filed.

D. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report from the Treasurer (June 18, 2019)

- *Committing to improving communications with local communities; met with WRA last week to discuss challenges and will attend AGM on Thursday*
- *Goal is to help communities have sustainable financial plans to support community in the future and keep them going*
- *Finding ways to fully utilize and maximize some functions in Vadim; a few issues need to be fixed in Vadim and then managers and Board should have access to Actuals vs Budget*
- *SOFI Report; no Regional District debt but holds municipal debts*

a) 2018 Statement of Financial Information

130/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
2018 Statement of Financial Information THAT the 2018 Statement of Financial Information be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

131/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the June 18, 2019 Finance Report from the Treasurer be received and filed

b) Single Source Report (May 31, 2019)

132/2019 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the May 31, 2019 Single Source report be approved and filed.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

F. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

1. Other Business: None

2. Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A"- Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *MIAC meeting to discuss changing RD bylaws to allow for more housing density*
- *Operations Manager dealing with fire hazard at transfer station*

Area "B"- Coal Harbour / Quatsino / Winter Harbour

- *Nothing to report*

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Invasive weed work started in Hyde Creek*
- *Drag racing this weekend at the Port McNeill Airport*

Area "D"- Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- *Attended NWAC-key factors—waste wood stumpage changes and treaty issues make future unclear*
- *Efforts of Arena Manager to help get pool up and running helpful; there now helping to install heat pump*

3. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay

- *Visit from two lieutenants from HMCS Calgary, met with council and 'Namgis; met with new engineers*
- *Held community anti-drug meeting with a lot of attendance from public*

Village of Port Alice

- *Ministry of Environment still cleaning up Neucel site*
- *Hired marina manager for this year*
- *Discussing road use agreement with Western*

District of Port Hardy

- *Council made an air quality resolution to encourage homeowners to switch out old woodstoves with new stoves, would like to see the province offer grant money again for stove exchanges, bringing forward to the July 16 board agenda for discussion*
 - *New stoves burn more efficiently, use less wood, release less particulate matter and have EPA ratings*
- *Filomi Days July 21-22-duck race tickets for sale – 1st prize: Flight to Vancouver, 2 tickets for Elton John concert and two nights hotel*
- *Met with Claire Trevena re housing; wellness first committee; drug and alcohol issues that Port Hardy is trying to address which come back to lack of housing 0.2% vacancy rate*
- *Zeballos fire caused people to move to Hardy, but no housing; trying to get some funding; Working on forming a North Island coalition to bring forward issues to government*
- *BC Ferries President/CAO-Mark Collins attended Chamber lunch to talk about new ship*
- *Van Isle 360 landed in Port Hardy a week ago – over 300 people stayed two nights in the community which was really appreciated*
- *Held a ceremony on June 8 commemorating lives lost at sea, the large anchor located at the west end of Market Street is the Lost at Sea Memorial*
- *High school graduation of 35 students, lots of scholarships given out*
- *Attended NIC Ceremony as well, Caitlin Hartnett leaving, replacement coming beginning of July*

- *Working hard at relationship-building in a meaningful way with First Nations; hope to work with them in the future on Community Forest projects*
- *AVICC resolutions – Isolation allowance; advocating for funding to help with emergency services e.g. fire trucks; paid \$1.2 million for new fire truck with no grants available; north island tax bases not big enough to cover these large expenditures*
- *Flag raising for Port Hardy Pride, good turnout and will be other events throughout the year; will advise a date for parade*

Town of Port McNeill

- *June 6-Council met to lay out strategic priorities for next year; priority is updating or replacing the OCP*
- *Harbour/Tourism Committees selected, next meeting will appoint APC members*
- *Annual Report design changed to appeal more to the public, encourage reading*
- *Volunteers for community beautification rising up, banners have been put up downtown*
- *Canada Day-full day of activities including a mini road rally, prizes for family, shuttle bus to airport, day will culminate in a block/dance party on Beach Drive*

4. Question Period: - None

5. Committee Meetings: - None

6. Next Meeting of the Board of Directors: July 16, 2019 at 2:00pm

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I. ADJOURNMENT

TIME 3:27 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY