



Electoral Area Director's & RTAG Committee

MINUTES

August 18, 2020

RDMW Office – 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

CALL TO ORDER: 12:05 pm

Attendance:

EA/PA Directors: Andrew Hory (Chair), James Furney, and Rod Sherrell (In person)
Kevin Cameron and Sandra Daniels (Zoom)

Other Directors: Dennis Buchanan

Staff: Greg Fletcher, Administrator; Patrick Donaghy, Operations Manager;
Pat English, Economic Development Manager; Nicole McDowell, Recording
Secretary

Public/Guest: Gord Oppen

Agenda

20-26 It was moved and seconded, that the agenda dated August 18, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

Minutes

20-27 It was moved and seconded, that the minutes dated May 19, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

Reports

A. GAS TAX

a) 2019 Annual Expenditure Report submitted to UBCM

Also noted:

- *Major glitch in 2017 corrected to align records*
- *Part of the Hyde Creek Firehall project was rejected last year, resubmitted in Jan, now going on assumption that all is good; some risk that it will be disallowed*
- *Coal Harbour backup power:*
 - *Heatpump is not installed yet; it is an energy project; all four heat pump projects in RD were approved at same time*
 - *Installation is not complete*
 - *Struggling with local contractor; this is a trial using the only local contracting on North Island that does heat pump installation*
 - *Arrangement with EcoTrust; heat pumps in general – no local suppliers or installers*

20-28 It was moved and seconded to receive and file the 2019 Annual Expenditure Report.

CARRIED

b) GT2020-04 Coal Harbour Water Sensor/Control Upgrades

Also noted:

- *If a case of an event where sedimentation got into water, you could set up so that we can automatically adjust the chemical*
- *Work on the flow meters, check once a month; what varies meters are*
- *Can infer leakage at water treatment plant*
- *If saw large spike in water reserves; it would trigger an alert*
- *Greater distribution system, great opportunity for better monitoring*
- *Will set up a new standard, that could then be applied to the proposed*

20-29
GT2020-04

It was moved and seconded to approve up to \$119,200.00 Gas Tax Funding for the Coal Harbour Water Sensor/Control Upgrades Project (GT2020-04).

CARRIED

B. RTAG

a) RTAG 2020-02 Gatehouse Theatre Drive-In Movie Initiative

Guest Gord Oppen:

- *Proposal is to bring Drive-in movies to the North Island*
- *Gate House Theatre has been shuttered closed since beginning of Feb due to COVID*
- *Theatre serves as a critical hub for many North Islanders (dancers, actors, various performers)*
- *Theatre has \$40,000 in their budget for the project; equipment itself is \$35,000:*
 - *Needed equipment that has been proven reliable; therefore, chose biggest company in the field from US to source equipment*
- *Theatre has received big help from Aaron Gabrysh foundation... if grant is awarded to the Theatre, it will make up the balance remaining of \$20,000*
- *Some are apprehensive about how to proceed with the Drive-in Theatre:*
 - *Limit right now for Drive-in Theatres is 50 cars and no limits of persons per car*
 - *RCMP will be involved in concerns of how to manage possible drinking & driving, as well as minors*
- *Movie night cost is estimated at \$1,000; covered by a \$20/vehicle charge & sponsorship fees from companies etc.*
- *Alert Bay would like to book their first movie already, Alder Bay has expressed interest as well as other groups*
- *Areas to possibly hold movies: Petro Can Hyde Creek Parking Lot, Port McNeill Loggers Sports Area by foreshore.....equipment mobility means could travel to other communities*
- *Amplify BC contribution promotes live music.... Could possibly rebuild lighting and create a recording studio at the Gatehouse*
- *This technology could possibly be used for a new form of music fest "drive-in concert" perhaps broadcast to FM radios*
- *Screen is 30' x 20' with two circus tent stakes to anchor the screen.*
- *Water sensitive? Rubberized screen; projector will need to be under tent, heavy rains would cancel the event*
- *Social distancing is encouraged, stay in your car, no lawn chairs or washrooms*
- *Cars idling is a concern; will have to monitor people turning on their engines*
- *Hope to complement the Artisan and Farmers Market*
- *Net revenue from ticket sales afterwards will go to paying down the balance; perhaps 30% will go to paying down the liability*
- *Post COVID will still be a great resource*
- *Guidance is not very clear right now; different municipalities are following an assortment of guidelines*
- *Tickets will be available online so no cash handling congestion issues will arise*

20-30
RTAG 2020-02

It was moved and seconded to recommend approval of up to \$2,500 RTAG funds for the Gatehouse Theatre Drive-In Movie Initiative (RTAG 2020-02).

CARRIED

Next Meeting – To be announced

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm

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CHAIR