



## Electoral Area Director's & RTAG Committee

### MINUTES

September 15, 2020

RDMW Office – 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

**CALL TO ORDER: 12:05 pm**

#### Attendance:

EA/PA Directors: Andrew Hory (Chair), Kevin Cameron (Zoom; 12:32 pm), James Furney (Zoom), Rod Sherrell, and Sandra Daniels

Other Directors: Gaby Wickstrom (12:32pm), Janet Dorward (Zoom; 12:51), Dennis Dugas (Zoom; 12:55)

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

Public/Guest: Phil Climie, EcoTrust

#### Agenda

20-31 It was moved and seconded, that the agenda dated September 15, 2020, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### Minutes

20-32 It was moved and seconded, that the minutes dated August 18, 2020, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### Reports

##### A. GAS TAX

a) EcoTrust Heat Pump Incentive FCM Grant Report

##### 1. FCM Pilot Program

- MOU between Eco Trust & RDMW
- FCM Heat Pump Program Overview
- RDMW Board Budget Overview
- Proposed Approach to Program Contribution
- RDMW "Sample" Funding Contribution Confirmation Letter

##### 2. FCM Community Efficiency Financing Study

- RDMW "Sample" Support Letter for CEF Feasibility Study

#### Also noted:

- *CAO invites everyone to navigate Clean BC website:*
  - *Ecotrust representative commented that Clean BC programs are there but very confusing and difficult to navigate even if the money is there*
  - *Ecotrust is trying to help folks who are interested figure out how they can participate in these programs; Clean BC grants would be stacked in addition to Local Government/Ecotrust incentive*
- *Program and Budget Overviews show:*
  - *Intent of how it works*
  - *Fixed costs*
  - *Contingency amount*
  - *Low income stream; 10 low-income qualifying homes will receive full coverage for their heatpumps*
  - *136 homes would be eligible for a \$3,000 contribution (to be combined with*

- provincial rebates) for heatpumps*
- *Tricky portion is "Cost Sharing"...review/compare:*
  - *Ecotrust proposed approach (in agenda)*
  - *RDMW possible cost sharing formulas (added to agenda RETRO)*
- *FCM has monthly meetings to review all these applications:*
  - *Final review would be January 2021*
  - *Would have remaining month of this calendar year*
  - *3-4 months to round up all the commitments*
  - *No binding commitment required at present to get ball rolling*
- *Need to send letters to First Nations and Municipalities asking for commitment*
- *Port Alice is very tight for money, possibly will not contribute:*
  - *If does not contribute, homeowners in Port Alice will not benefit*
  - *Offer will still be forwarded, and Port Alice can give formal notice either way*
  - *Town of Port McNeill mayor commented that perhaps larger municipalities may offer to contribute more than their share in order to help out Port Alice residents who would like to participate in the heatpump program*

*Q: What is your sense of the First Nations contributions?*

*First Nations do not receive Gas Tax, but they have many other funding options.*

*Q: How did First Nations fit in other regional districts?*

*The additional funding would not be added on to existing Clean BC incentives as they have other funding in place.*

*Q: Are all regional districts doing this?*

- *Some Regional Districts and larger Municipalities are participating.... bringing in FCM funds to compliment rebates from Clean BC*
- *Most homes in the RDMW are electric heated; high costs; grants not available*
- *This Ecotrust funding program is available to everyone; instead of doing independently, it coordinates it into one stream*

*Q: How are the 10 low-income people chosen?*

- *This criteria has not been finalized yet*
- *Open to feedback and ideas of how to choose which homes will be granted the full funding*
- *Possibly Senior housing/complexes/residences?*
- *Folks in region needing it most, should be awarded it*

*Chair thanked Ecotrust for assisting Quatsino First Nation with the installation of 15 residential heat pumps.*

FCM Heat  
Pump AIP  
20-33

It was moved and seconded that it be agreed in principle to fund up to \$35,700 from Electoral Area Gas Tax funds for a contribution to the RDMW Heat Pump Incentive Program as part of the local government contribution to a application put forward to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and subject to contributions from other north Island communities.

**CARRIED**

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*Recommendation that a letter be sent to each member municipality and First Nations inviting their participation in the program and if they were, what funds they would be willing to contribute.*

Energy Study  
Support  
20-34

It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund to support a proposal by Ecotrust Canada to do an Efficiency Financing Feasibility study for the Regional District of Mount Waddington.

**CARRIED**

## **B. RTAG**

### a) RTAG 2020 -03 Nawalakw Healing Society

*Also noted:*

- *Operating a hospitality training course*
- *First Nation participation is important for the North Island*
- *Community project that contributes to the Tourism experience*
- *RDMW Manager of Economic Development believes this application meets the criteria for RTAG funding and recommends it be approved*
- *Directors noted that the proposed expenditures did not match the proposal deliverables so further clarity was needed*

It was moved and seconded that the application for \$2,500 for the Nawalakw Healing Society be approved.


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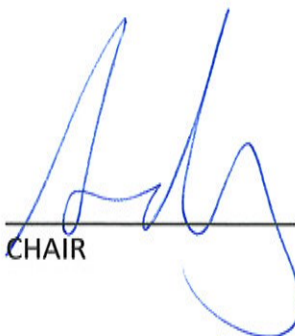
*It was recommended that the Nawalakw Healing Society provide accurate information if they would like their application to be re-considered at the next EA Meeting.*

**Next Meeting – To be announced**

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

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CHAIR