



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2021

Conducted at RDMW Office – 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC
with Online Attendees (Zoom)

PRESENT: Chair Rod Sherrell; Directors Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Sandra Daniels, James Furney, Andrew Hory

STAFF: Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services
Nicole McDowell – Recording Secretary

PUBLIC: Sandy Mackay - M'akola Development Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sherrell called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

RPC-2021-01
AGENDA
APPROVAL

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee Meeting held October 20, 2019.

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee Meeting held on October 20, 2019 be adopted.

RPC-2021-02
OCT 20, 2019
RPC MINUTES
ADOPTED

D. DELEGATION AND RECOGNITIONS

Chair Sherrell announced that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.

1. Sandy Mackay – M'akola Development Services: Mount Waddington Regional Housing Needs Report Project Recommendations Presentation
(*View full presentation slides [HERE](#)*)

Chair Sherrell called upon the Manager of Planning & Development Services, Jeff Long, to introduce the delegate. Mr. Long provided an overview of the Mount Waddington Regional Housing Needs Report project. He advised that the Mount Waddington Regional Housing Needs Report, final project report, financial summary and related required information was submitted to UBCM and circulated to all project participants. UBCM has since provided confirmation that all reporting requirements have been met and the RDMW and its four municipal partners have satisfied the requirements of the legislation insofar as the housing needs report is concerned. As such, the remaining grant monies have also been paid by UBCM for the project.

He indicated that while the grant that was provided for this project did not permit work to be undertaken to address implementation measures to deal with housing needs, staff made arrangements with the consultant to prepare and provide an addendum report outside the scope of the grant related to the project. As such, a Recommendation and Land Analysis Addendum Report has been prepared and is

being presented to the Regional Planning Committee today. He also indicated that community profile documents were also prepared by the consultant as part of the project. Both of these will circulate to all project participants along with today's presentation document. Mr. Long then introduced Sandy Mackay with M'akola Development Services, a consulting firm that has been involved in preparation of the Housing Needs Report and the follow up Recommendation and Land Analysis Addendum Report being presented here today.

Mr. Mackay acknowledged his presence on First Nations traditional territories and then provided an overview of the key findings associated with the Housing Needs Report that was shared at the Regional Planning Committee meeting on October 20, 2019 which detailed the following for the Regional District and its four municipal partners involved in the project:

- Limitations – Available data for Mount Waddington is not perfect
- Population aging and declining
- Economy and Income
- Housing Stock, Owners, Renters
- Housing for Seniors
- Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

Mr. Mackay presented information on each of the following key recommendations that had been developed:

- Promote and protect affordability in the housing market
- Expand non-market and supportive housing options
- Address growth in population aged 65 years and older
- Manage regional population movement
- Deepen housing partnerships and educate residents

Mr. Mackay reviewed the role of local government in facilitating the provision of housing:

- Usually not directly involved in delivering housing; however, can play an important role in the housing system by being an active partner (contributing land or capital, development/provision) and/or supporting partner (expediting approvals, providing incentives, facilitators)
- Three key areas to support: Facilitating Development, Incentivizing and Investing, Convening Partnerships, and Advocating/Educating
- Considering density and diversity that fits with the character of the community
- Addressing rental housing needs
- Addressing non-market housing needs
- Supporting homelessness initiatives
- Managing settlement patterns
- Partnerships, engagement and communication

Mr. Mackay presented ideas for non-profit development and available funding opportunities through:

- BC Housing - Community Housing Fund
- CMHC – National Housing Strategy

Mr. Mackay discussed information related to key topics such as the development process, challenges in small communities, opportunities, project champions and other

considerations including: partnerships approval processes, design, budget, operations and logistics.

Mr. Mackay concluded his presentation and Chair Sherrell asked the Committee members if there were any questions and seeing none, Chair Sherrell and Mr. Long thanked Mr. Mackay for the presentation and work on the project.

E. NEW BUSINESS - None

F. NEXT MEETING DATE: As required and to be determined.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 1:05pm

CORRECT

APPROVED



SECRETARY: JEFF LONG



CHAIR: DIRECTOR ROD SHERRELL