



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 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, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Andrew Hory, Gaby Wickstrom

STAFF: Jeff Long - Manager of Planning & Development Services
Nadine Weldon – Recording Secretary

PUBLIC: Bernie Taekema, Taekema Consulting Inc.
Councillor Thomas Smith, Tlowitsis Nation
Kristin Storry, Grieg Seafood BC Ltd.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sherrell called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

Chair Sherrell announced that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'waka speaking peoples. Chair Sherrell then called for introductions of all those in attendance.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee Meeting held March 16, 2021.

Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee Meeting held on March 16, 2021 be adopted.

D. DELEGATIONS - None

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Development Application: Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Proposed Finfish Aquaculture Operation - Tlowitsis Nation - Chatham Channel, Electoral Area 'A'

Chair Sherrell called upon the Manager of Planning and Development Services, Jeff Long, who provided a detailed overview of the Development Application and his July 14, 2021 staff report. He explained that the Regional District is in receipt of a Development Application submission on behalf of the Tlowitsis Nation, by its consultant and agent, Bernie Taekema, to request consideration of a zoning bylaw amendment with respect to an 85.6 hectare Crown land marine site located adjacent to the mainland on the west side of Chatham Channel east of Minstrel island in Electoral Area 'A'. He advised that the subject property is currently included in the Marine Zone (MAR-1) in accordance with RDMW Zoning Bylaw No. 21 and the request is to change the applicable zoning category to permit finfish aquaculture. This initiative is part of a partnership agreement that the Tlowitsis Nation has with Grieg Seafood BC Ltd. to establish and operate a finfish aquaculture facility at this location.

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AGENDA
APPROVAL

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ADOPTED

Mr. Long advised that in response to the Development Application that staff has prepared Bylaw No. 996 which has the effect of: 1) adding a definition for Marine Aquaculture; 2) adding a new zoning category, Marine Aquaculture Zone (MAQ-1), that permits marine aquaculture uses and includes provisions related to marine aquaculture operations; and, 3) changes the applicable zoning category from the Marine Zone (MAR-1) to the Marine Aquaculture Zone (MAQ-1) with respect to a marine area comprised of 85.6 hectares and located on the west side of Chatham Channel adjacent to the mainland, for the purpose of accommodating a finfish aquaculture operation.

Mr. Long reviewed the summary and recommendation section of his staff report in detail.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Long's report to the Committee, Chair Sherrell invited the applicant to provide any additional information he may wish to share. Mr. Bernie Taekema, applicant, as well as Councillor Thomas Smith of the Tlowitsis Nation and Kristin Storry with Grieg Seafood, provided more details about the proposal and answered several questions from the Committee members. There were some questions for which Mr. Taekema indicated he would provide a more detailed written response that he would make available in time for review by the Regional Planning Committee at its next meeting on August 17th.

Chair Sherrell then raised the matter of the staff recommendation which Mr. Long had reviewed in detail with the Committee.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the Board of Directors gives first reading to Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 996, 2021 which proposes to amend RDMW Zoning Bylaw No. 21, 1972 to:

- 1) Add a definition for Marine Aquaculture;*
- 2) Add a new zoning category, Marine Aquaculture Zone (MAQ-1), that permits marine aquaculture uses and includes provisions related to marine aquaculture operations; and,*
- 3) Change the applicable zoning category from the Marine Zone (MAR-1) to the Marine Aquaculture Zone (MAQ-1) with respect to a marine area comprised of 85.6 hectares and located on the west side of Chatham Channel adjacent to the mainland for the purpose of accommodating a finfish aquaculture operation.*

AND FURTHER THAT in accordance with section 469 of the Local Government Act, the Board of Directors delegates the conduct of the public hearing with respect to Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 996, 2021, to a Public Hearing Committee to be comprised of Chair Andrew Hory, Director Sandra Daniels and Manager of Planning & Development Services Jeff Long, in the respective capacities as chair, vice chair and secretary.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors directs staff to undertake preparations for advertising and conducting a public hearing with respect to Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 996, 2020 in accordance with the Local Government Act and the RDMW Development Procedures Bylaw.

RPC-2021-06
BYLAW NO. 996,
2021 AMDT TO
ZONING BYLAW
NO. 21, 1972 FOR
1ST READING

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

G. ADJOURNMENT

RPC-2021-07
JULY 20, 2021
RPC ADJOURNED

*Moved/Seconded/Carried
THAT the meeting be adjourned.*

Time: 12:58 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

SECRETARY: JEFF LONG

CHAIR: DIRECTOR ROD SHERRELL