



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2021

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

PRESENT: In person: Rod Sherrell (Chair), Andrew Hory, Sandra Daniels, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, Gaby Wickstrom
Via Zoom: Directors Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, James Furney
STAFF: Greg Fletcher, Administrator
Nadine Weldon – Recording Secretary

PUBLIC: None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sherrell called the meeting to order at 12:05pm

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RPC-2021-13
AGENDA
APPROVAL

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

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee Meeting held August 17, 2021.

RPC-2021-14
AUG 17, 2021
RPC MINUTES
ADOPTED

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee Meeting held on August 17, 2021 be adopted.

D. DELEGATION AND RECOGNITIONS

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

E. REPORTS:

1. Public Hearing re: Proposed Finfish Aquaculture Operation – Tlowitsis Nation – Chatham Channel, Electoral Area “A”

- a) Review of the procedures followed during the Public Hearing, including providing participants with three five-minute time slots to submit comments or provide their verbal submissions.

RPC-2021-15
AUG 30, 2021
RPC PUBLIC
HEARING MINUTES
ADOPTED

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
That the Public Hearing minutes of August 30, 2021 be approved as amended to add Sandra Daniels for signature, and to acknowledge that the minutes are as accurate as could be provided.

The written submissions received for the public hearing are included as an addendum as part of the public hearing record.

Also noted:

Question regarding why the Regional District implemented marine zoning, when marine commercial uses were previously handled exclusively by either the Provincial or Federal Government.

Administrator Fletcher confirmed that the marine zoning was introduced to ensure that the Regional District was made aware of and could provide input into new marine industries that affect marine and land areas within the Regional District of Mount Waddington.

Director Hory advised that this was brought about by the Province not providing the Regional District with information regarding tenures that were being approved, nor was the Regional District asked for or given the opportunity to provide input on marine tenures being approved by the Province in areas contained within the Regional District boundaries.

The marine rezoning also allows the Regional District to collect a nominal amount of tax for commercial marine industries within the Regional District Electoral Areas.

It was confirmed that the three (3) farms in the same area as the current application as the Tlowitsis First Nation were there before 2017, and therefore were allowed as non-conforming.

Per the zoning bylaw, the Regional District has some regulatory jurisdiction over the potential land use of the marine area, but the Regional District does not have the ability to apply for the issuance and approval of land tenures or other permits required by senior levels of government.

It was acknowledged that there are perceived to be overlapping traditional territories in the geographical area covered in the application, however it is outside of the jurisdiction of the Regional District to recognize these potential overlapping territories under the guise of the application.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

THAT it be recommended that Bylaw No. 995 be deferred to the Planning Committee meeting to be held October 19, 2021 to allow Directors additional time for further review prior to making a recommendation.

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

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 12:57 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED


SECRETARY: GREG FLETCHER


CHAIR: DIRECTOR ROD SHERRELL

RPC-2021-16
Bylaw No. 995
September 21, 2021

RPC-2021-17
September 21, 2021
RPC ADJOURNED