

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
QUATSINO ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Andrew Hansen-APC Chairperson
Donnie Botel-APC Vice-Chairperson
Nancy Botham-APC Secretary
Deb McNabb-APC Member
Dianne Johnson-APC Member
Alan Johnson-APC Member

RDMW REPRESENTATIVES: Jeff Long-Manager of Planning
Andrew Hory-Area C Director
Corianne Neilson-Emergency Co-ordinator
Brendan Kelly-(Ministry of Transportation)

PUBLIC: Peter Solga, Vicky Reeves, Dave Addison, Ivan Janecek, Mark VanMulligan, Gwen Hansen, Carrie Noel, Kathleen Nelson, Kip Beck, David Friis

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda** – M/Deb S/Di Carried
- 3) **Adoption of the Minutes** from the April 12, 2011 APC meeting M/Deb S/Andrew-Carried
- 4) **DELEGATIONS:** Corianne Neilson: Cori addressed the meeting. She is our new Emergency Co-ordinator for the Regional District of Mount Waddington. She works out of Port McNeill and would work with our Quatsino Emergency Planning Team to aid them in keeping our Emergency Plan updated, workable and able to provide support to the community for up to 72 hours after a disaster.
- 5) **OLD BUSINESS: a) LANDING BARGE RAMP:**
The Community of Quatsino has no Legal Public Landing Barge Access and the Landing Barge Ramp topic has now been debated for 4 years. Jeff Long, Manager of Planning, spoke to the topic:

He provided a map of Quatsino to show the location of the proposed Public Landing Barge site. He then presented a report developed by Neil Smith, Manager of Economic Development & Parks. In summary the main points were:

Background: In 2008, the Manager of Economic Development and Area C Director (Norm Prince) explored the proposed area for the Landing Barge Site but an exact site was not determined. Over the last few years, this delay resulted in numerous Grant funding opportunities being missed. Now funding opportunities are scarce but **WESTCCAP** a Federal Program may still be available.

Andrew Hansen questioned the validity of the above background information. (Check the Minutes from April 12, 2011). Specifically, the site has been definite for the last 4 years AND the QRO has always been, and continues to be, the project proponent.

The report continues, that at present, the Community in conjunction with the Area C Director, Andrew Hory, should work on the following matters:

- The Barge Ramp needs to be located on Crown Land. The site should be settled & support, in writing, from the Quatsino First Nations secured.
- The Area Director & the Community must decide who is the desired proponent for any Grant Applications, and who will be responsible for maintenance of the Barge Ramp. Jeff Long suggested that **Resident Taxes** might apply if the RDMW maintained the site.
- An exploratory meeting should be set up with David Mitchel, Manager of Community Futures Mount Waddington, to discuss a proposal that would best fit the WESTCCAP program. The proponent must send a letter of Intent to him by June 1st 2012 & a full proposal by June 22nd.
- The community should consider any optional extras to the Barge Ramp Proposal that might make it more attractive to a grant program.

Jeff Long asked who is going to take the lead on the Barge Ramp Facility. Neil Smith's Report suggests that the Community will need to take action and work within a short time frame if it wants to go ahead with this plan and get possible funding. Peter Solga, President of the QRO was asked to contact Neil Smith for further details on how to proceed.

b) COLONY LAKE TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE:

The Quatsino Residents Organization was awarded an MWRD Area C Recreation Grant of \$6000.00 plus our Matching Grant of Donations & Labour. (50/ 50). Prerequisites for the Project are as follows:

- i) **Liability Insurance** for Volunteers (possibly through Coastal Community Credit Union in Port McNeill) once the grant money has been released.
- ii) **Provincial Public Highway Permit.** Brendan Kelly from the Ministry of Transport was over with the MWRD staff, checked out the Trail Head Area with Gwen Hansen and then spoke at the meeting. He said the Ministry supports the project & a Permit for trail

access will be issued. The Road Allowance for the Trail is 66' wide. The actual Park Site will be on Crown Land.

- iii) **First Nations Authorization:** Andrew Hory, our Area C Director, said the Quatsino First Nations are very interested in Co-operating with the community. "The energy from the Quatsino Band seems quite positive." Ralph Wallas, the main contact person, has said that most of the concerns for the Park and Trail center around the CMTs (Culturally Modified Trees). Carrie Noel from Quatsino has also been in touch with the Native Band and said they plan to discuss this issue at their next Community Meeting. Ralph Wallas & perhaps Tom Nelson may come over to Quatsino to view the site. As well, Andrew Hory is also working with the Quatsino Band to get authorization for the Landing Barge Site.

6) **New Business:**

- a) **Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Fund:** \$23,350 was paid by Don Avis as part of his subdivision development in Quatsino. Jeff Long spoke to this. Local Government (RDMW) can require that local developers donate land or money which is kept as a Reserve Fund for Communities to use in the acquisition of Park Land but it cannot be used to develop the Park. Also, the donated money does not have to be used within the particular Community from which it was received. This money can be used for Survey Costs though.
- b) **Government Wharf (Update)** Andrew Hory received an e-mail from **Michele Fung** from **Transport Canada**, one of the ladies that met the QRO group on the Gov. Wharf on March 28th, 2012. She said, "**I can confirm that there are no immediate plans for either divestiture or removal of remote ports.**" As well, **Dave Addison** brought an e-mail to the meeting from **John Duncan, MP for Vancouver Island North**, It read, "**Transport Canada has advised us that** at this time the review of the operation of Quatsino Wharf was part of a review of all small remote Transport Canada operated wharfs. They have advised that there **is no specific or immediate plan to divest the wharf.** They also advise that there would be **consultation and negotiation** with the community should the Quatsino wharf be a candidate for divestiture."
- c) **Nominations and Elections:** The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary all stepped down. Appointed until the end of 2012 are: Chairperson: Debbie McNabb, Vice-Chair: Donnie Botel and Secretary Nancy Botham. Andrew Hansen , Alan Johnson, Dianne Johnson and Perrie McGhee continue to be APC members

7) **Next Meeting Date: April, 2013 or when necessary**

8) **Adjournment: 2:50 pm**