



Electoral Area Directors & Municipal Regional District Tax Committee

MINUTES

January 18, 2022

RDMW Office – 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

CALL TO ORDER: 12:06 pm

Attendance:

EA/PA Directors: Chair Andrew Hory, Kevin Cameron (Zoom), Sandra Daniels, James Furney (Zoom), Rod Sherrell
Staff: Greg Fletcher, Administrator; Patrick Donaghy, Operations Manager, Cody Pawluk, Operations Assistant, Nicole McDowell, Recording Secretary
Guest: Michael Margolick

1. Agenda

22-01

It was moved and seconded, that the agenda dated January 18, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Delegation

Michael Margolick, Sointula Resource Centre

Delegation shared a [PowerPoint Presentation](#) which included the following highlights:

That the Sointula Resource Centre (SRC):

- *Is a non-profit society, which has been operating for approximately 20 years.*
- *Offers services for residents and visitors, a meeting place, authenticity for visitors, and creates space for personal connections.*
- *Is run with 1.35 equivalent staff, ICET money, has a Board of 6 people, and sometimes employs summer students.*
- *Has full status with Destination BC as the Visitor Information Centre for Malcolm Island and offers the public computer, office, and internet services.*
- *Has a webpage, maintains an event calendar, and posts information in social media.*
- *Displays and helps sell local artists' work.*
- *Operates a green bike program (a free bike service in partnership with the RDMW).*
- *Offers event sponsorships (ie: First Aid courses, documentary film showings, community meetings, etc), market garden stand, Partnerships/memberships*
- *Has expanded its scale and scope of activities, modernized IT, communication, and office functions*
- *Goals are to be the most trusted source of accurate information for residents and visitors on Malcolm Island and are working with other parties to develop the island's sustainable economic opportunities and enrich community life.*
- *Visitor demand has grown significantly since 2016, especially during the pandemic (2020-21) and is expected to continue to grow.*
- *Stayed open during the pandemic*
- *Obtained full-status funded membership from Destination BC; \$15,000 per year operating funds, \$106,000 for the Sointula Community Pavilion from CERIP, a 'one-time' COVID funding of \$59,000 from other sources, including \$45,000 for ICET for one year starting May 2021*

- 2021 Revenue structure is not matched to needs:
 - Applied for and have been receiving the Gaming Grant, which is much needed.
 - Project grants will not fund ongoing operations; easier to receive grants for concrete items.
 - Covid money has doubled the budget to \$100,000
 - When ICET money expires, SRC monies will be cut in half unless successful in securing funding from elsewhere.
 - Without replacement funding, the gains of the past two years will be lost.

SRC is reaching out to the RDMW for any assistance or advice in where/who they can approach and apply for any possible grants they may be eligible for.

Chair Hory thanked Michael Margolick for his presentation and acknowledged the invaluable service that the SRC provides the residents and visitors of Malcolm Island. He noted that the Regional District of Mount Waddington only offers major grant in-aid financial support for fully regional services but that the RDMW Manager of Economic Development may be able to offer assistance to the SRC in researching other sources of possible funding.

3. Minutes

22-02

It was moved and seconded, that the minutes dated October 19, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Report

Application for Gas Tax - Woss Sewer Flow Monitoring Pre-Lagoon

Operations Assistant, Cody Pawluk, noted:

- Excessive rainfall water is getting into the Woss sewage treatment lagoon system.
- Need to determine whether infiltration is occurring around the lagoon or in the upstream network of sanitary pipes throughout Woss.
 - The best way to achieve this is by adding a flow meter at the inflow of the lagoon to compare the flows with the existing meter at the outflow of the lagoon.
 - Mr. Pawluk shared a photo of the ideal flow meter, which is a Parshall Flume Flow Meter with an ultrasonic sensor, which works by converging flow of water and measuring the head depth
 - This is also the most cost-effective solution, and this system will utilize an existing solar power and transmission system to allow for remote data collection.
 - This secondary device will also improve the overall accuracy of the RDMW's wastewater flow data collection.

22-03
GT2022-01

It was moved and seconded, that up to \$11,000 be approved for the Woss Sewer Flow Monitoring Pre-Lagoon, Gas Tax Application GT2022-01.

CARRIED

5 Discussion

Arena Manager Update on Arena Solar/Accessibility Project

- GT2020-05 was already approved for \$48,000 which included the Town of Port McNeill's contribution of \$16,000 for a solar powered back-up power system to provide resiliency to the arena operations as well as another option for an emergency reception centre for Port McNeill and surrounding areas
- Funding approval in principle has been received from Infrastructure Canada for a broader project that would not only provide the power backup but also improve accessibility at the facility and provide an additional 100kw of solar power to greatly enhance the system's effectiveness as well as operating cost savings year-round.

- *Due to supply chain issues, no expenditures were made on the GT2020-05 project prior to the grant eligible expenditure date so it is possible that the allocated funds could be used as part of the RDMW's share of expenditures on the project*
 - *We will also need an Arena Committee Meeting for approval of the revised project with an agreement to provide any additional and contingency funds.*

22-04
GICB contr.

It was moved and seconded to allow GT2020-05 funds to be used as part of the RDMW share of project costs for the approved GICB funding for the Chilton Arena Energy Reduction Project.

CARRIED

Next Meeting – To be announced

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm

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SECRETARY

CHAIR

