



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

January 18, 2022 at 2:00pm

Board Room, RDMW Administrative Office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

Chair: In Person: Andrew Hory  
Directors: In Person: Sandra Daniels, Rod Sherrell  
Zoom: Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Gaby Wickstrom

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator; Patrick Donaghy, Operations Manager; Pat English, Manager of Economic Development.  
Zoom: Gerry Little, Arena Manager; Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary; Natalie Stewart, Tourism Coordinator; Megan Hanacek, Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator

Resolution No.      **CALL TO ORDER**      **2:08 PM**

*The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'waka speaking peoples.*

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

001/2022      THAT the RDMW Board of Directors January 18, 2022 Meeting Agenda be approved.

**B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

1. *North Isle Copper and Gold Inc. – Michelle Tanguay, Nicholas Van Dyk*
  - *The work is ongoing re: exploration of a possible mining operation site.*
  - *A preliminary economic assessment has been released, which showed that it is feasible to continue on with the project with a baseline for going forward.*
  - *Currently there are two exploration sites, Hushuma and Red Dog areas near Holberg, with a possibility of two more within a 50km radius*
  - *Mine would focus mainly on copper production, as copper is a critical metal used in a variety of applications including, electrification, and as a surface material due to the refractive properties that kill bacteria and viruses on contact.*
  - *In addition to the economic feasibility study to determine if the mine site would make business sense, North Isle Copper and Gold Inc will also be conducting socio-economic study to determine impacts from operations on the local communities and steps that need to be taken to ensure that any impacts are mitigated in a positive manner. This will include interaction with First Nations, service providers and local governments. The plan is to front load the process to ensure Ministerial approval. North Isle is aware of the current housing issues and would include this in as part of the study, as well as the power interruptions that occur frequently and will be researching upgrades to the current electrical infrastructure to reduce power outages that would affect both production and local communities.*
  - *The potential mine site would be an open pit operation, however, materials are close to the surface and there will be plans in place to ensure that there is minimal damage, as well as a closure plan that would ensure environmental impact is kept to a minimum.*
  - *Due to the location of the mining operation, at this time, workers would be housed in a camp style operation.*

- *Best case scenario, looking at approximately 6.5 years before production can begin, however, hiring would begin in roughly 4 years and anticipate up to 500 jobs.*
- *Considerations of product transportation are to use the old BHP site, but this is not confirmed yet, and other possibilities could include a slurry pipeline or a covered conveyor. There are limited landing points on the Holberg Inlet.*
- *Current projections show a 20-year life span for the mine*

*Chair Hory thanked the delegation for their presentation and appreciate that North Isle is keeping the board up to date with progress.*

### **C. MINUTES**

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

002/2022 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held December 21, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

003/2022 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

004/2022 THAT the Cheque Registry for December 31, 2021 be received and filed.

### **D. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Administrator Report (January 13, 2022): *Also noted:*

*Chair Hory would like to acknowledge the “Can Do” attitude displayed by both acting REPC Cathy Denham and Patrick Donaghy for the work they did with getting essential supplies and medications to the cut off west coast communities.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

005/2022 THAT the January 13, 2022 Administrator’s Report be received and filed.

2. a) Manager of Economic Development (January 11, 2022) *Also noted:*

- *Working with Pacifican on an application to upgrade the Winter Harbour boardwalk*
- *Struggling with moving forward the 2022 Knotweed Eradication Initiative and will share further at the CAO meeting.*
- *The Fundamentals of Forestry intakes for both spring and fall have received more applicants than space, which is a great thing for the program.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

006/2022 THAT the January 11, 2022, Manager of Economic Development Report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (January 11, 2022) Presented by Megan Hanacek

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

007/2022 THAT the January 11, 2022 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report (January 11, 2022). Presented by Pat English.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

008/2022 THAT the January 11, 2022 Tourism Coordinator Report be received and filed.



3. Manager of Operations (January 12, 2022) *Also noted:*

- *Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement is up for renewal, this will be discussed January 19, 2022 at the Fire Chief meeting and from there it will be brought forth to local governments.*
- *A wood stove placement program will be set up at 7 Mile to accept old wood stoves.*
- *Tenure expansion for 7 Mile Landfill was approved today. Thank you to past and current staff, Board members and Kwakiutl First Nations for all their support. This has been a project that has been in the works for any years. The next step will be getting a survey completed to ensure that all requirements are being met, with design and the Interim Solid Waste Plan will be reviewed and revised accordingly.*
- *The tub grinder application was not successful. Annual rental is not ideal, but can be utilized until a more permanent solution can be determined.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

009/2022 THAT an application be made to the Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure-Environmental Quality (EQ) Program for works at 7 Mile Landfill titled “7 Mile Landfill Green Infrastructure Project” and that the Regional District’s contribution to the funding come from the existing solid waste reserves.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

010/2022 THAT the January 12, 2022 Manager of Operations report be received and filed.

4. Planning and Development Services (January 12, 2022) *Also noted:*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

011/2022 THAT the January 12, 2022 Planning and Development Services report be received and filed.

**E. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Finance Report (January 13, 2022) Presented by the Administrator. *Also Noted:*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

012/2022 THAT the January 13, 2022 Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source – No Single Source payments for December

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS - (Brought forth from earlier Committee Meetings):**

EA.MRDT Committee

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

013/2022 THAT Gas Tax Application GT2022-01, Woss Sewer Flow Monitoring Pre-Lagoon, for up to \$11,000 be approved.

**G. BYLAWS AND PERMITS - None**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**I. OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING**

Electoral Area Updates:

Area “A” - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *No dumping signs are now posted on the main roads now*
- *Working on getting another care home in Sointula*

- *Ministry of Transportation will be coming over to view sidewalks and roads*
- *Looking for new members for the MIAC – would like to put forth Jen Clausen for nomination.*

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

014/2022 THAT Jen Clausen be appointed to the Malcolm Island Advisory Committee

**Area "B" – Coal Harbour / Quatsino / Winter Harbour**

- *Tsunami alert went out, pleased that this was a benign experience*
- *There has been issues with filling positions in Quatsino, will follow up with Patrick regarding this.*
- *Would like to have a meeting with Mainroad re: work and issues of last snowfall and general works that they are responsible for.*

**Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert**

- *Tip of the hat to Mainroad for their work during the snowfall for the cleanup.*

**Area "D"- Nimpkish Valley / Woss**

- *There were definitive issues with Mainroad's minimal response during the last weather*

**2. Municipal Updates:**

**Village of Alert Bay**

- *Snowfall clearance was an issue, as the hills were a problem for the plough and truck, so looking at getting a blade for the tractor, as it will gear down low enough for safe travel on the larger hills on the island.*
- *Chief Svanvik did another video with Mayor Buchanan encouraging people to get vaccinated, as Alert Bay is currently only at a 60% vaccination rate.*

**Village of Port Alice**

- *Finished the design for the kayak project*
- *Moving ahead with signage for "Welcome to Port Alice"*
- *There have been some discussions around mural project. This would have to be privately funded, so still in the talking stages.*
- *Hoping that gyms and weight rooms can be open on Thursday.*

**District of Port Hardy**

- *Deep into budgeting process, including pool issues*
- *Lots of recreation programming ongoing*
- *Excited to hopefully have a Canada Day celebration at Stories Beach, recreation department is planning for this.*
- *Filomi Days group has started for 2022.*
- *Would like to thank all of those that were out working to keep the roads clear and safe.*
- *Ongoing discussions around aquaculture, including sustainability. This will include future discussions with the Provincial and Federal Governments.*

**Town of Port McNeill**


- *Interested in hearing feedback from the meeting with Mainroad.*
- *Port McNeill Economic Development Manager Marilyn McArthur has started.*
- *Have hired the tourism/info centre manager who is a returning young person who is trying to come back to the region.*
- *Gaby has assisted with both attracting and scheduling volunteers for the next COVID clinic in Port McNeill.*
- *Curling club came forward to the Town of Port McNeill with a request for maintenance funding and the Town of Port McNeill was happy to support this request.*

Questions/Comments – None

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: Regular Meeting: February 15, 2022 at 2:00 pm

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**ADOURNMENT**      **TIME 3:40 PM**

  
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CHAIR

  
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SECRETARY

