



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 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, Pat Corbett-Labatt (Alt.), Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Gaby Wickstrom

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

Public Zoom: Josephine Schrott, Phil Climie, Dylan Heerema, Graham Anderson – Ecotrust Canada

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**

016/2022

THAT the RDMW Board of Directors February 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda be approved.

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

1. *Ecotrust Canada – Josephine Schrott, Phil Climie, Dylan Heerema,*
 - *Partnership recap including a review of the last three years of work and projects completed, including rebate coordination, finance feasibility study, and fundraising for heat pumps for the 'Namgis and Quatsino First Nations.*
 - *2022 will include the following:*
 - o *Support of heat pump installations (total of 45 installations scheduled currently, with an additional 50 homes on the waiting list*
 - o *Local contactor certification, which will allow the local contractor the ability to offer rebate programs for heat pump installation*
 - o *Training and certifying an energy advisor on the North Island*
 - o *Policy Advocacy around BC Hydro Customer Crisis Fund, safety & resilience (switching over from electric baseboard heating), income qualified program and the BC Hydro residential rate redesign (this is the first redesign in 7 years, and there is consideration around a flat rate).*
 - o *Community Efficiency Financing Study is in the final stages of completion and some of the findings include the following*
 - o *Barriers in the RDMW with possible solutions (high up-front costs, complexity of process, information and awareness gaps and contractor and EA availability.)*
 - o *Next steps will include the design and final phase.*

017/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the 2022 Partnership Agreement (MOU) between the Regional District of Mount Waddington and Ecotrust Canada signing be moved to the March 15, 2022 Board meeting to allow for additional review.

The Chair thanked the Ecotrust delegates for their informative presentation.

C. MINUTES

018/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held January 18, 2022 be adopted as amended.

019/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held February 8, 2022 be adopted as presented.

020/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

021/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Cheque Registry for January 31, 2022 be received and filed.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report (February 10, 2022):

a) Emergency Coordinator Report (Verbal):

- *The Federal Government announced that they will be removing the mandate for a PCR test for entry into Canada and will allow for rapid testing to be performed by the country of origin. Restrictions will be lifted on unvaccinated children under 12 who travel out of the country and are travelling with vaccinated adults.*
- *BC will be dropping capacity restrictions for indoor and outdoor gatherings. These will come into effect at 11:59pm on February 16, 2022. Vaccine cards/passports will still be required.*
- *300,000 rapid tests have been put aside for rural and remote communities.*
- *Schools will be providing students with take home tests for the entire family.*

022/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT an application for Emergency Social Services Community Emergency Preparedness (CEPF) grant for \$25,000 be ratified as submitted on January 28, 2022.

023/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT an application for Emergency Operations Centre and Training Community Emergency Preparedness Grant from the CEPF in the amount of \$25,000 be approved.

024/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the February 10, 2021 Administrator's Report be received and filed.

025/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Emergency Coordinator Verbal Report be received and filed.

- b) a) Manager of Economic Development (February 9, 2022) *Also noted:*
- *working with the graphics design class from NISS to redesign the Woss Hamlet sign at the highway*

026/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a contract be concluded with Chrissie Bowker Projects for an amount not to exceed \$16,320 to update the myvancouverislandnorth website and provide WordPress training to RDMW Staff.

027/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a contract be concluded with Denise Cook Design for an amount not to exceed \$6,975 for the development of three information signs for the Nimpkish Valley Heritage Park and the Woss Community Trail.

028/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the February 9, 2022, Manager of Economic Development Report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (February 2022) Presented by Megan Hanacek

029/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the February 2022 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report (February 8, 2022). Presented by Pat English.

030/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the following VINTAS Committee recommendations as per Motion 2022-01 be approved: Section a) of the Vancouver Island North Tourism Advisory Committee Conflict of Interest Guidelines be updated to read: "Act honestly and in good faith and in the best interests of the organization when working on Vancouver Island North Tourism business.", and that John Tidbury be elected as Chair and Riley Zimmerman be elected as Vice-Chair for the 2022 Vancouver Island North Tourism Advisory Committee.

031/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the February 8, 2022 Tourism Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Manager of Operations (February 10, 2022) *Also noted:*
- *Ground Water license applications will be submitted for the Hyde Creek Fire Department and 7 Mile Landfill by March 1, 2022 as per the requirements set by the Ministry of Environment.*
 - *Streetlight file is almost complete and includes additional consultation with both the BC Municipal Insurance Association and the Ministry of Transportation about standards and risk management.*
 - *System review for Coal Harbour Water & Sewer systems, including developing a cross connection strategy. This work will be done in conjunction with the Coal Harbour LCC.*

032/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Mount Waddington Regional Fire Departments' Emergency Services Agreement be renewed with the term starting on January 1, 2023 and concluding on December 31, 2027.

033/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a direct award be given to Sperling Hansen to complete the design operation closure plan for 7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Centre for an amount not to exceed \$67,283.

Opposed: Directors Corbett-Labatt and Dugas

034/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Manager of Operations report be received and filed.

d) Planning and Development Services (February 10, 2022)

035/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the February 10, 2022 Planning and Development Services report be received and filed.

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Report (February 10, 2022) Presented by the Administrator.

036/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Finance Report be received and filed.

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

Electoral Area Directors and Municipal Regional District Tax Committee

037/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT an application from Seven Hills Golf and Country Club (RTAG 2022-1) for \$1,650 be approved.

G. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

- 1. Bylaw No. 1001, cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No. 725, Amendment Bylaw No. 1001, 2022 (Cottage Dwellings) for 1st reading.

038/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Bylaw No. 1001, cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No. 725, Amendment Bylaw No. 1001, 2022 (Cottage Dwellings) receive 1st reading.

- 2. Bylaw No. 1002, cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No. 725, Amendment Bylaw No. 1002, 2022 (Animal – Chickens) for 1st reading.

039/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Bylaw No. 1002, cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No. 725, Amendment Bylaw No. 1002, 2022 (Animal - Chickens) receive 1st reading.

- 3. Bylaw No. 1003, Cited as "Regional District of Mount Waddington Sointula Sewer Connection and Fee Bylaw No. 455, Amendment Bylaw No. 1003, 2022" for 1st reading.

040/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Bylaw No. 1003, Cited as "Regional District of Mount Waddington Sointula Sewer Connection and Fee Bylaw No. 455, Amendment Bylaw No. 1003, 2022" receive 1st reading.

H. CORRESPONDENCE – None

I. OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- Sawmill project in Guildford Island is almost complete
- Ministry of Highways came to Sointula to review roadways that are 30 years old and re-assess their plans
- Co-Op Store has reduced hours due to lack of staff
- In discussion with Ministry of Agriculture concerning feasibility of using clearcut areas to introduce hemp production.

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

- Upgrade of remaining gym at the old Coal Harbour School is moving forward
- Lot of interest in the community around the timeframe and intention of the Quatsino First Nation over the recent land acquisition in the community. Waiting to hear back from Chief Tom Nelson for possible dates for consultations.

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- Quite a few property sales lately, and it appears to be mainly from people who are moving to the North Island.

Area "D"- Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- Very successful Woss Residents Association meeting, which included a vote for board positions, with Bev Webber as Chair, Karl Sinclair – Vice Chair, Rona Doucette – Secretary and Ulla Lutz – Treasurer. The next meeting will be March 8, 2022.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

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THAT the following people be appointed to the Woss Services Management Committee: Bev Webber, Dave Rushton, Rona Doucette, Ulla Lutz.

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay

- Looking forward to some of the restrictions being lifted
- Awaiting to hear back on submitted grant applications

Village of Port Alice

- Thank you to local volunteers including:
 - o Leanne Watson for teaching Yoga at no cost to participants or the village for the last 17 plus years
 - o May and Peter Fung for teaching Tai Chi at no cost to participants or the village for the last five years
 - o The Tourism Operator for the kayak adventures are hoping the weather will cooperate to allow for a March start.

District of Port Hardy

- The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women walk was held in Port Hardy yesterday. It was anticipated that there would be roughly 100 participants, there were over 300 participants from all walks of life.
- Parks and Recreation department at the District are very active. Kudos to them in taking the lead in the programs.
- Talks continue with regards to the possibility to putting in an application towards the BC Restoration and Innovation funding, dealing with Ministry of Aquaculture, Food and Fisheries through their Parliamentary Secretary Finn Donnelly. This is being done in conjunction with the local Indigenous First Nations.
- Continue to have meetings with our MLA Michelle Babchuk, including discussions

- around aquaculture, particularly with the renewal of the licenses set for the end of June.
- Excited about the under 18 midget hockey tournament in Port Hardy to run from March 19 to March 24, 2022.
- Still discussing with North Island communities re: sustainable electrical power and alternatives
- Excited about getting a program together for FILOMI days for 2022

Town of Port McNeill

- North Island Mayors discussed the forestry rally that had been tentatively set to occur in Victoria this spring. There was a discussion around the current climate of demonstrations and felt that the message would get diluted, misunderstood, or possibly hijacked by others. The decision was made to contact the organizers about moving the date, with recognition of the work required to put something of this magnitude together.
- Thomas Symons was selected by STIHL to represent Western Canada in the Timbersports Event to be held in Vienna, Austria this spring.
- There is a public hearing scheduled for March 7, 2022 at 7:00pm for the Official Community Plan.
- New zoning bylaw will be forthcoming.

Questions/Comments – None

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

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ADOURNMENT

TIME 3:51 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY