



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2022 at 2:00pm

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

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

Staff: In person: Greg Fletcher, Administrator; Pat English, Manager of Economic Development, June Kwon, Planning Assistant
Zoom: Patrick Donaghy, Operations Manager, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary; Natalie Stewart, Tourism Coordinator; Megan Hanacek, Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator
Public Zoom: Kathy O'Reilly, John Tidbury

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER** **2:06 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**
080/2022 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors April 19, 2022 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

C. MINUTES

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
081/2022 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held March 15, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
082/2022 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
083/2022 THAT the Cheque Registry for February 28, 2022 be received and filed.

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report (April 13, 2022):

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
084/2022 THAT the annual Transit Operating Agreement with BC Transit for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2023, be approved.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
085/2022 THAT the annual Volunteer Transportation Network operating agreement with PW Transit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, be approved.

086/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Regional Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement with four member municipalities and nine First Nations for the five-year period commencing January 1, 2022, be approved.

087/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Chuck Lok be appointed as the Regional District of Mount Waddington Chief Election Officer for the 2022 Local Government Election and that Nadine Weldon be appointed as the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

088/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT an agreement be made with School District 85 to share 2022 election costs, with their share estimated to be one third the total costs.

089/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a renewed agreement be approved with the Woss Resident's Association to lease the "Woss Village Office" property, Lot 4, Block H, Section 21, Rupert Land District, for the period from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027.

090/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a renewed agreement be approved with BC Hydro for a license to utilize a portion of the "Quatsino Museum" property, Lot A, Section 36, Township 18, Rupert Land District VIP80457 for the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027 at a rate of \$1,700 per year.

091/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the April 13, 2021 Administrator's Report be received and filed.

a) Travel Report (No Travel)

Arena Service:

092/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a custom-built sign be purchased from Grant Signs of Campbell River in the amount of \$86,647.75

093/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Westport Welding be contracted to build and install replacement Fire Stairs at the Chilton Arena for an amount not to exceed \$55,941.95.

2. a) Manager of Economic Development (April 12, 2022) *Also noted:*
The Electoral Area/Port Alice RTAG Committee approved \$5,000 funding for the proposed Wild Heart Concert in Port McNeill on May 27th, subject to matching contribution from the 3 remaining municipalities.

094/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a letter be sent to the District of Port Hardy, the Town of Port McNeill and the Village of Alert Bay seeking contributions that in total will match the contribution from the Regional Tourism Action Grant program to support the planned May 27th Wild Heart Music Association concert.

095/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington provide a letter of support and partner with the District of Port Hardy on the submission an application to the UBCM Strengthening Communities Fund to enable the Port Hardy Salvation Army to increase capacity in shelter beds and hours of service.

096/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the April 12, 2022 Economic Development Manager Report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (April 12, 2022) Presented by Megan Hanacek.

097/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the April 12, 2022 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report (April 11, 2022). *Also Noted:*
 - *The Sustainability Campaign currently now has 240 pledges signed.*
 - *Discussion ongoing around moving the Season Launch from Port Hardy to Seven Hills Golf Course, which is a more central location for everyone.*

098/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the April 11, 2022 Tourism Coordinator Report be received and filed.

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

- *Although automated garbage system would have the benefit of less chance of injuries, there is no ability to check the contents of the loads leading to much higher levels of contamination compared to having operators loading the trucks manually.*
- *On April 12, Staff participated with representatives of the Kwakiutl First Nation and the Ministry of Forests in a conversation around relationships, including land usage at 7 Mile Landfill. It is hoped that additional discussions will be ongoing and expand to include both the Economic Development Department and transit options as well.*
- *Ali Abedini and Scott Garthwaite will be on site at 7 Mile Landfill on April 19 and 20 preparing for the annual report as well as gathering information for the design and operations plan.*

099/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Tex Electric be hired to install two emergency generator receptacles and transfer switches at the two Woss Water Service wells, for the price of \$17,985.

100/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the April 12, 2022 Manager of Operations report be received and filed.

4. Planning and Development Services (April 12, 2022)

101/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the April 12, 2022 Planning and Development Services report be received and filed.

E. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Report (April 14,2022), Presented by the Administrator.

102/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the April 14, 2022 Finance Report be received and filed.

103/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the single source report be approved.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Electoral Area & MRDT

104/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT up to \$13,500 be approved for the Woss Community Hall Heat Pump Replacement, Gas Tax Application GT2022-02.

G. BYLAWS AND PERMITS

1. Bylaw No. 1001, Cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No.725, Amendment Bylaw No.1001, 2022" (Cottage Dwellings) for 2nd reading

105/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Bylaw No. 1001, Cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No.725, Amendment Bylaw No.1001, 2022" (Cottage Dwellings) receive 2nd reading.

2. Bylaw No. 1002, Cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No.725, Amendment Bylaw No.1002, 2022" (Animal – Chickens) for 2nd reading.

106/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT Bylaw No. 1002, Cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No.725, Amendment Bylaw No.1002, 2022" (Animal – Chickens) receive 2nd reading.

107/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT a public hearing for Bylaw No. 1001, cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No. 725, Amendment Bylaw No. 1001 (Cottage Dwellings)" and Bylaw No. 1002, cited as "Malcolm Island Zoning Bylaw No. 725, Amendment Bylaw No. 1002, 2022 (Animals-Chickens)" be held on May 17, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Regional District of Mount Waddington Office located at 2044 McNeill Road.

H. CORRESPONDENCE – None

I. OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *The local thrift store has a surplus and are looking for anyone going down island that would be willing to take some of the surplus with them to drop off at pre-determined stores.*
- *Planning in the works to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Sointula Recreation Association.*
- *Will be working on funding ideas for local trail repairs.*

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

- *School gym demolition security fencing has been taken down, the project appears to be mostly completed*
- *Winter Harbour boardwalk work is underway, if anyone is out there please take pictures*

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Planning ongoing for renewed/revised Hyde Creek Days, anticipate happening July 2, including a parade that will end at the local ball field, will include local food trucks, children's games during the day and a concert in the afternoon.*

Area "D"- Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- *Number of efforts to continue work with issues in the community hall*
- *Hoping to open the pool in July*

Director Cameron left the meeting.

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay

- Dennis Buchanan attended the UBCM Chair/CAO conference in place of Andrew Hory. It was very informative, including the upcoming elections and changes that may be forthcoming.
- Alert Bay was awarded just over \$1,000,000 to redo the town square, which is a great relief as the last storm season almost decimated this area.
- Campground enlargement and updates are still in the works
- Angela Smith of the Mount Waddington Health Network gave a presentation at the last council meeting regarding the Housing Initiative.

Village of Port Alice

- No report

District of Port Hardy

- Local First Nations provided a boat blessing, very significant as representatives of the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw' First Nation were on the boat and approached representatives of the Kwakiutl First Nation, asking permission to come ashore from a long journey. Symbolic of how the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nations were relocated to Port Hardy. There was also an announcement in the park declaring First Nations rights to self-governance including over traditional fisheries.
- The Easter celebration was very successful, including an egg hunt put on by the Lions Club.
- FILOMI Days will be happening July 15, 16, & 17.
- The AVICC was well attended with a lot of good sessions. One of the highlights was a discussion that Sayward Mayor Mark Baker had with Rogers & Shaw about the need for consistent cell service on Highway 19. Both Shaw and Rogers would like additional information on how many emergency service calls happen on Highway 19 between Sayward and Port Hardy annually.
- U18 Hockey tournament in Port Hardy, which included a packed house for the final.
- The Quatsino First Nation grant application for a study of Sustainable electric power on the North Island was not successful. The District of Port Hardy will review the grant application and determine if the application can be scaled back and perhaps the four municipalities and RDMW may be able to assist with funding.
- News release from Island Health about support of substance use. The numbers are going up, in February of 2022, more people died than all years previous. This is something that needs to be addressed proactively in both local and provincial government.
- Island Health sent out a news release on April 4, which discussed launching a campaign to support men dealing with use of substances to avoid further loss of life due to opioid use. The Province has put a plan together to try and help people with substance abuse, including helping with safe support systems; the timeline is set for 18-24 months, but this means that many more lives are going to be lost which could be prevented.

Town of Port McNeill

- Provincial highway digital notification signage is being installed both south of Port McNeill and at Sayward. Kudos to RDMW for lobbying to get this done.
- Broughton Strait campground is up and running. Trees have been removed and new tenting sites have been developed. Reservations can be made online.
- The North Island Music fest is scheduled for August 27
- The North Island Drag Racing Association will be held on July 16th and 17th.
- Orca Fest will be a one-day event on August 20th.

Questions/Comments –

CAO Greg Fletcher: Noted that Kellen Truant, Vancouver Island Ministry of Transportation Operations Manager will be presenting at the May 17 Board Meeting.

Dennis Dugas: Concern over the highway contractor taking down trees and shrubs on the highway but leaving them there. Fuel for possible wildfires.

Megan Hanacek: Had a chat with one of the highway contractor employees who advised that a chipper will be brought up to deal with all the wood waste that is currently being trimmed.

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: Regular Meeting: May 17, 2022 at 2:00 pm

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ADJOURNMENT

TIME 3:31 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY