



Electoral Area Directors & Municipal Regional District Tax Committee

MINUTES

June 21, 2022

RDMW Office – 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

CALL TO ORDER: 12:01pm

Attendance:

EA/PA Directors: Chair Andrew Hory, Kevin Cameron (Zoom), Sandra Daniels, James Furney (Zoom), Rod Sherrell

Staff: Greg Fletcher, Administrator; Pat English, Manager of Economic Development, Patrick Donaghy, Manager of Operations; Nicole McDowell, Recording Secretary

1. Agenda

22-17 It was moved and seconded, that the agenda dated June 21, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Minutes

22-18 It was moved and seconded, that the minutes dated May 17, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Reports

A) Revised RTAG Guide

Also noted:

- *Starting in July 2022, the MRDT rate will increase from 2% to 3%*
- *The same tax increase will be put into effect for Town of Port McNeill and Village of Alert Bay; District of Port Hardy already collects 3%*
- *This increase will result in substantial increase in fund flow; and subsequently, we may be subject to requests from other jurisdictions to participate in programs or tourism marketing activities as these activities are not segregated by jurisdiction.*
- *The original guidelines for RTAG applications limit our ability to contribute funding to programs that originate by or primarily benefit other jurisdictions.*
- *If we are going to enter into partnerships, then we need to change the guidelines.*
- *If a request is made from an organization within another jurisdiction (ie: ToPM Tourism Committee) then it would be brought forth to the EA.MRDT Committee for review and subject to a 50% matching contribution from the applying committee's municipality.*
- *This was driven by two things, the recent Tenors Concert and a conversation with the chair of the Town of Port McNeill Tourism Committee - they would like the RDMW to participate in programs; such as, the development of day trips from Port McNeill to areas within the regional district (Telegraph Cove, Alert Bay, Malcolm Island, etc.) – Electoral Area Directors would still have to approve the applications, as it would still be Area A/B/C/D/Port Alice funds, if it is established that the activity/event benefits their area.*

22-19 It was moved and seconded, to approve the amended guidelines for Rural Tourism Action Grant applications to state: 1) The proposal's activities must offer substantial benefits to communities within MRDT Bylaw area and be supported by the Committee; and 2) Proposals that offer benefits to Port Hardy, Port McNeill, and/or Alert Bay are eligible to apply subject to matching contributions from these jurisdictions.

CARRIED

B) Completion Report GT2017-06 Malcolm Island Recycling Depot Upgrade

Also noted:

- *In the process of our annual UBCM required "AER" reporting, we are working on doing some 'housekeeping' to try to complete all projects within 2 years.*
- *Closing this project puts remaining money back into the pot as only \$14,000 has been spent of the \$40,000 that was approved.*
- *The biggest component for this project was the organic diversion area which was completed in 2018 and has been consistently utilized since.*

22-20 It was moved and seconded, to receive and file the completion report for GT2017-06 Malcolm Island Recycling Depot Upgrade.

CARRIED

C) 2021 Annual Expenditure Report

Additional document shared at end of agenda

Also noted:

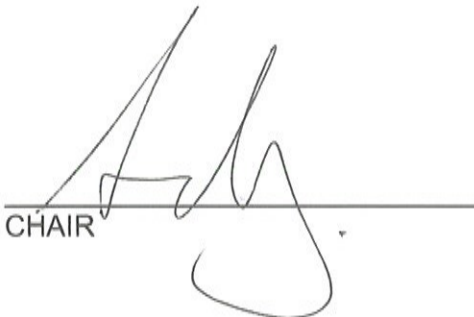
- *This report was submitted yesterday, June 20, 2022.*
- *This is an annual requirement to UBCM for Gas Tax reporting.*
- *Balance for this year is \$1.1 million.*
- *~\$520,000 is already ear-marked for the projects that are underway.*

20-21 It was moved and seconded to receive and file the 2021 Annual Expenditure Report.

Next Meeting – To be announced

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:24pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT


CHAIR


SECRETARY