



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022 at 2:00pm

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

- Chair: Zoom: Andrew Hory
- Directors: In Person: Dennis Buchanan, Sandra Daniels, Janet Dorward, Dennis Dugas, Rod Sherrell, Gaby Wickstrom
Zoom: Kevin Cameron, James Furney
- Staff: In person: David Kim, Administrator, Pat English, Manager of Economic Development, Patrick Donaghy, Operations Manager: June Kwon, Planning Assistant
Zoom: Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary; Nicole McDowell; Megan Hanacek, Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator, Natalie Stewart, Tourism Coordinator
- Public Zoom: Kathy O'Reilly, John Tidbury, Derek Koel

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER**

1:59 PM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 218/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the RDMW Board of Directors October 18, 2022 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

MINUTES

- 219/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held September 20, 2022 be adopted as presented.
- 220/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.
- 221/2022 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Cheque Registry for September 30, 2022 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report : *Also noted:*
 - *Last Board Meeting of the current board, much gratitude and thank you to all members for all your hard work*
 - *Treasurer applications have been reviewed and there will be a pre-screening with a candidate next week.*
 - *Orientation for new board, the first board meeting will be November 15, 2022. Staff is currently preparing information packages for the new board and working on possible in person session.*
 - *Transit Report: The over year has risen over 33% since last year and the cumulative revenue since January 2022 to date has risen 9%.*

- Campsites
 - o Link River revenue was up 14.5% year over year, although usage dropped by 2%. The year end total was \$33,000.
 - o Bere Point revenue was up 38% year over year, usage increased by 15%. The year end total was \$87,000.00

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

222/2022 THAT the verbal October 18, 2022 Administrator's Report be received.

Travel Report

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

223/2022 THAT the Travel Report be approved as presented.

2. Manager of Economic Development (October 7, 2022) Also noted:

- There is an upcoming meeting with David Leitch, CAO of Strathcona Regional District to continue discussions around the "Home Away Home" endeavor.
- Angela Smith, Mount Waddington Health Coordinator will have a booth set up at the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance Summit and will have the new Housing Coordinator in attendance as well.
- North Island College is asking for a letter of support for the Wilderness Resort Operator Foundation Program
- The 2022 North Island Economic Forum has confirmed several key speakers including Shannon Jantzen from Western Forest Products, and Cory Guy from ICET
- The Connected Coast is moving forward, a schedule for shoreline cable work has been confirmed with an anticipated start October 19. Starting point will be Cluxewe, followed by Hyde Creek, Cormorant Island, Telegraph Cove and the Coast Guard base in Port Hardy. The tenure applications sent to the Province for Malcolm Island, and the Mainland are currently under review. It is hoped that they will be approved shortly.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

224/2022 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports the funding application from North Island College for a Wilderness Resort Operator Foundation Program and will assist with the development of the program and marketing the opportunity to participants.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

225/2022 THAT the October 7, 2022 Economic Development Manager Report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (October 11, 2022) Presented by Megan Hanacek. Also noted:
 - A welcome letter has been sent to an applicant from Sri Lanka for the Provincial Nominee Program. This will be ongoing, as a visa will have to be applied for and details for the visit confirmed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

226/2022 THAT the October 11, 2022 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report (October 7, 2022), Presented by Natalie Stewart

Also noted:

 - Halfway through the influencer trips, 2 pledge principles received
 - Review of MRDT shows that the North Island is trending quite well, and may reach 2019 levels.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

227/2022 THAT the October 7, 2022 Tourism Coordinator Report be received and filed.

3. Manager of Operations (October 7, 2022) also noted:

- *GFL warehouses are all plugged up, which means that recycling is not being picked up. This is causing storage issues; this may continue for another couple of weeks. This is causing issues at 7 Mile Recycling as storage space is at a premium. ICI recycling will continue to be deferred.*
- *The planned meeting with Quatsino First Nation has been postponed due to the death of an elder. The plan is to meet with Quatsino Council before their elections in December in order to all current business.*
- *A meeting request has been put in with the Kwakiutl band to provide updates on 7 Mile Land Tenure. Hoping to include current board with this meeting.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

228/2022 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports and will provide grant management support for the Sointula Volunteer Fire Department's application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund's Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training intake for a grant of \$30,000 for the purchase of equipment and training

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

229/2022 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports and will provide grant management for the Hyde Creek Volunteer Fire Department's application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund's Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training intake for a grant of \$30,000 for the purchase of equipment and training

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

230/2022 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports and will provide grant management for the Woss Volunteer Fire Department's application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund's Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training intake for a grant of \$30,000 for the purchase of equipment and training

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

231/2022 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports and will provide grant management for the Coal Harbour Volunteer Fire Department's application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund's Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training intake for a grant of \$30,000 for the purchase of equipment and training.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

232/2022 THAT the October 7, 2022 Manager of Operations report be received and filed.

4. Planning and Development Services (October 11, 2022) Also noted:

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

233/2022 THAT the Development Variance Permit 2022-DVP-01 be issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the Regional District of Mount Waddington applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this permit.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

234/2022 THAT the Board of Directors gives first reading to Coal Harbour Zoning Bylaw No. 669, Amendment Bylaw No. 1015, 2022, which proposes to amend Coal Harbour Zoning Bylaw No. 669, 2002 by changing the applicable zoning category from the Forestry (FR-1) to the General Commercial Zone (GC-1), for the property described as:

- That Part of PARCEL "A"(DD 97793-I) OF SECTION 1, RUPERT DISTRICT (FORMERLY QUATSINO DISTRICT), PLAN 542, EXCEPT PLANS 598-R, 4926, 4928,

9566, 10196, 11638 AND 16214 (Parcel Identifier 001-486-195) containing 33 acres (13.35 hectare)

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors directs staff to refer Coal Harbour Zoning Bylaw No. 669, Amendment Bylaw No. 1015, 2022 to the following agencies for review and comment by November 15, 2022: Quatsino First Nation, Island Health, Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors directs staff to undertake preparations for advertising and conducting a public hearing with respect to Coal Harbour Zoning Bylaw No. 669, Amendment Bylaw No. 1015, 2022 at 12:00pm on November 15, 2022 at the Regional District office addressed as 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC, in accordance with Section 464 of the Local Government Act."

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

THAT the October 11, 2022 Planning and Development Services report be received and filed.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – Verbal Report Presented by the Administrator.
 - o *No update currently*
2. Single Source Report by Finance Clerk MacEachern
 - *New vehicle was purchased as current vehicle has reached the end of its life, and repairs are now cost prohibitive.*
 - *New vehicle is both economically and environmentally conscious as it's a fully electric vehicle*
 - *This vehicle was ordered as per a previous board motion.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

236/2022

THAT the September 30, 2022 Single Source be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

BYLAWS AND PERMITS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *Last meeting, very impressed with David and the work you have done so far.*
- *Ongoing discussion around the possibility of an air strip on Malcolm Island.*
- *Still talking with BC Ferries around ferry parking*
- *Would like to see some of the revenues from Bere Point come back to the community for road maintenance. *It was clarified by the Chair that the roads on Malcolm Island are owned by the Province and not the Regional District, so there is not an opportunity for the Regional District to provide funding for these kinds of works.*
- *Thank you to all the directors, hope everyone has a prosperous future.*

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

- *Echo sentiments expressed that the last four years have improved the North Island and that the Board has made a difference in a positive way.*

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Volunteer groups have been busy building a new gazebo at the park.*
- *June and James have had some good results with the derelict vehicles.*

Area "D"- Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- *This has been a great board to work with, thank you for your time.*
- *The Regional District is very lucky to have the staff they have, the amount of time and effort that staff have consistently put in has been exceptional.*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay

- *Been a pleasure to work with this board*
- *Starting construction of the building at the Campground*
- *One new councilor starting in November*

Village of Port Alice

- *Working with everyone, all that's been accomplished, we can all hold our heads up with what has been done.*
- *Upgrades going at the fire hall including a new heat pump and doors donated by Town of Port McNeill*
- *Fire at the marina on Sunday, no one was hurt, but 2 boats were damaged.*

District of Port Hardy

- *It has been a pleasure working with the board and staff.*
- *The swimming pool repairs have been approved but there may be a request for some monetary assistance from the Regional District as the estimate for repairs have almost doubled.*
- *Had a meeting with Minister about open net pen farming, the impression was that all open net pen farms would end up being land based. This is not the case, but the is going to be a push to put legislation in place to ensure that closed pen and/or land-based fish farming to ensure that the wild salmon stocks are not affected by fish farms. There will be ongoing consultation with all stakeholders involved.*
- *September 30 Truth and Reconciliation had great participation, with thanks to Mayor Gaby Wickstrom for attending and representing Port McNeill*
- *Available to talk about the Great Bear Rainforest and what it means to the Regional District, and what part local government can play in this.*

Town of Port McNeill

- *This will be my last meeting, thank everyone for such a tremendous and respectful board. Thank you to all staff for their continued assistance. Going to miss it.*

Questions/Comments –

- *John Tidbury: Thank you to everyone for working with me on the various committees for the Regional District.*

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

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ADJOURNMENT **TIME 2:57 PM**

CHAIR

SECRETARY