



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2023 at 2:00pm

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

Chair: Andrew Hory
Directors: In Person: Dennis Buchanan, Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Michelle Pottage, David Summers, Kathryn Wykes
Zoom: Kevin Cameron

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

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER**

2:17 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

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
095/2023 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors April 18, 2023 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Strathcona Regional District – Cancelled, to be rescheduled.

MINUTES

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
096/2023 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held March 23, 2023 be adopted as amended.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
097/2023 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
098/2023 THAT the Cheque Registry for March 31, 2023 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: *Noted:*

- Transit Update:
 - o Cumulative revenue from January to March, 2023 was \$13,900 which is a 3.3% increase year over year.
 - o The ridership rose by 16.4% for the same period, resulting in 7,747 trips.
- Campsite Update
 - o Bere Point cumulative revenue for from January to February 2023 was

- o \$52,000.00 which is an increase of 23% year of year.
- o Link River cumulative revenue for 2023 was \$12,000 which is an increase of 6.5% year over year.

- Hiring Status: Joseph Medallon has accepted the position of Finance Clerk 2 for the finance department. 2 applications have been received for Health Network Coordinator. The Health Network Executive are reviewing the applications received.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

100/2023 THAT the Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2024 be approved.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

101/2023 THAT the annual Volunteer Transportation Network operating agreement with PW Transit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 be approved.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

102/2023 THAT the verbal April 18, 2023 Administrator's Report be received.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

103/2023 THAT the Travel Report be approved as presented.

2. Manager of Economic Development – (April 10, 2023) *Also Noted:*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

104/2023 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington conclude a contract with Vancouver Island University for \$120,000, subject to funding from the Community Workforce Response Grant program, for delivery of the Fundamentals of Forest Harvesting Practices course in Woss.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

105/2023 THAT the RDMW supports the proposal for a C2C meeting with Gwawa'enuxw First Nation to discuss development of seaweed cultivation and tourism initiatives in GFN Traditional territories and the associated application for funding from the UBCM Community to Community Program.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

106/2023 THAT the Manager of Economic Development report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (April 11, 2023) Presented by Megan Hanacek. *Also noted:*

As part of volunteer work with ICET, Megan met with Adam Olson, and was able to secure \$10,000,000.00 for ICET. This is a small portion of the \$150,000,000.00 that was asked for, but the work is ongoing.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

107/2023 THAT the April 11, 2023 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report (April 11, 2023), Presented by Natalie Stewart

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

108/2023 THAT the April 11, 2023 Tourism Coordinator Report be received and filed.

3. Manager of Operations (April 10, 2023) *also noted:*

- Quatsino First Nation has signed off on their Fire Protection Agreement and Solid Waste Agreement. They have agreed to an increase in rates.

- *The tenure process at 7 Mile Landfill has been completed. The Province has requested that the Regional District apply for a Crown Grant for the property.*
- *Fire Department equipment that was approved at the March Board meeting was ordered and arrived for 3 of the 4 fire departments.*
- *Attended Tom Trimmer's retirement potluck in Sointula, it was well attended.*
- *Coal Harbour Fire Hydrant information has been updated with the Fire Underwriters Survey. This will also be completed for Woss and Sointula.*
- *Recycle BC is on the North Island, with the intention of visiting all the local communities.*
- *Cody Pawluk is organizing a community work party for the Quatsino wharf, which greatly decreases costs to the Regional District.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

109/2023 THAT Glen Watson be appointed as Fire Chief of the Sointula Volunteer Fire Department for the balance of 2023.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

110/2023 THAT the April 11, 2023 Manager of Operations Solid Waste report be received and filed.

a) Special Operations Report: CR-SARS

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

111/2023 THAT the RDMW Board approve entering the North Vancouver Island Emergency Rescue Plan for Locations Outside of Established Emergency Local Service Areas with the Campbell River Search and Rescue Society and the municipalities of Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy and Port McNeill.

b) Special Operations Report: Plastic Ocean Waste

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

112/2023 THAT ocean waste plastic that can be recycled by Ocean Legacy be classified as Type B Controlled Waste as of May 1st, 2023.

113/2023 THAT the Regional District Solid Waste Program cover the costs of transporting ocean waste plastic collected by community cleanups or by individuals bringing less than one cubic meter of ocean waste plastic to Ocean Legacy's facility for the purpose of recycling said materials.

4. Planning Assistant Report (April 6, 2023) *also noted:*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

114/2023 THAT the April 6, 2023 Planning Assistant be received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – Presented by the Administrator.
 - *2022 Year End process is progressing.*
 - *Auditors are scheduled for the first week of May.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

115/2023 THAT the verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source Report by Finance Clerk MacEachern

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

116/2023 THAT the March 31, 2023 Single Source be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

BYLAWS AND PERMITS

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

117/2023 THAT Bylaw No. 1018, cited as "Regional District of Mount Waddington Malcolm Island Solid Waste Bylaw No. 812, Amendment Bylaw No. 1018" be repealed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

118/2023 THAT Bylaw No. 1030, cited as "Regional District of Mount Waddington Malcolm Island Solid Waste Bylaw No. 812, Amendment Bylaw No. 1030 receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *Attended the Economic Forum at the 7 Hills Golf Club*
- *Attended the Mariculture workshop, which was super informative.*
- *Attended the AVICC, very beneficial for both networking and how government agencies work.*
- *Rogers Tower location is very controversial, as it is 35m tall and just off the ferry. There is a petition going around to find another location. It is hoped that a compromise can be reached.*

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

- *Pretty quiet in Area B*

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Attending lots of meetings, including the AVICC, which was great.*
- *Thank you to the media for putting in a good plug for Hyde Creek.*

Area "D"- Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- *Meeting with Patrick and Pat re: the trail*
- *On April 24, there will be a public meeting being hosted by the Provincial Government, 'Namgis First Nations and Western Forest Products to discuss the future of Woss, looking forward to that for clarity between all the partners.*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay

- *Returned from AVICC*
- *Contracted awarded for the repair of the community Hall roof.*
- *Baylink was in Alert Bay doing work for Connected Coast.*

Village of Port Alice

- *Tsunami screening at the community centre happened on Saturday, April 8.*
- *The Financial Plan was well received by the community.*
- *Kayak launch is still under construction.*
- *All sidewalk remediation has been completed.*

- *Bike trails are a current work in progress.*
- *The x-ray machine at the health care centre was removed due to certification issues.*

District of Port Hardy

- *Thank you to the team who put together the Economic Development Forum, it was well done.*
- *Had the opportunity to discuss being a part of the Northern Vancouver Island Seniors Housing Foundation, in discussion with BC Housing at AVICC. Intake may start as early as late fall.*
- *Met with BC Salmon Farmers Association, had a chance to get an update on the future of the aquaculture industry. More to come soon.*
- *April 21 is the Port Hardy Community Cleanup. Everyone is invited.*
- *Port Hardy has received a Reddit Grant to continue with Economic Development, as well as an ICET Grant this will also be used in part for the Port Hardy recreation department.*
- *Grant received the situation table for the RCMP files.*
- *The one workshop at the AVICC that was well done was the 3 Emerging Risks affecting Local Government presented by the MIAC, including how to determine risks, and mitigation for cyberspace use, including financial matters.*

Town of Port McNeill

- *Promising news on the climbing wall in the gymnasium, there is a teacher who is trained to run it and is willing to train others which will mean that the climbing wall will be open and available for use. Currently will be one day a week for the public.*
- *Rotary club run will happen May 5, hoping for a good turnout. Any profits will be put back into Rotary Trails.*
- *Saturday, April 22 is Earth Day, and there will be a call to the community to participate in backwoods clean up.*
- *The new Fire Pumper truck will arrive on April 21, with a public presentation on Saturday, April 22.*
- *There will be a push for the residents in Port McNeill, that when hiking, to cut the broom where available.*

Questions/Comments – None

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: Regular Meeting: May 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm

119/2023

ADOURNMENT TIME 3:38 PM

CHAIR

SECRETARY