



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING AGENDA**

June 20, 2023 at 2:00pm

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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Page(s) **CALL TO ORDER**

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 1-3 1. Adopt June 20, 2023 RDMW Board of Directors Meeting Agenda as presented.  
(or amended)

**B. DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

*This meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'wala speaking peoples.*

- 1) Sport Fishing – Lawrie Garrett
- 2) Sperling Hansen – Tony Sperling

**C. MINUTES**

- 4-9 1. Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held May 16, 2023 as Presented  
(or amended)

- Available for Review 2. District of Port Hardy – Regular Council April 11, April 25, 2023, Special Council Meeting – March 31, April 26, 2023, Committee of the Whole – April 11, April 20, April 25, 2023; Town of Port McNeill – Regular Council April 25, May 9; Village of Alert Bay – Regular Council April 11, April 24, 2023; Village of Port Alice: Regular Council – April 26, 2023

- Available for Review 3. Cheque Register Report (May 31, 2023)

**D. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Administrator – Verbal Report
- b) Travel Report – No Travel Report

- 10 2. a) Economic Development Services – (June 12, 2023)

**Recommendations:**

1. *THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports the application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for funding to deliver a Fundamentals of Forest Harvesting Practices course in Woss commencing Sept 5, 2023.*
2. *THAT the RDMW supports the application to the Island Coastal Economic Trust for funding to compile a seaweed cultivation business plan in the Gwawa'enuxw First Nation traditional territories as an adjunct to our Seaweed Industry Development Plan.*

- 11                    b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (June 12, 2023)
- 12-14                c) Tourism Coordinator Report (June 12, 2023)
- 15-16                3. Operations Department (June 12, 2023)

**Recommendation:**

*THAT the Board of the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports and directs staff to submit a Crown Grant application for the land on the 7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Centre is located, defined as Surveyed Crown Land being that part of SECTION 11, that part of SECTION 12, that part of SECTION 13 and that part of SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 3, RUPERT LAND DISTRICT, containing 41 hectares more or less*

- 17                    4. Planning and Development Services – (June 12, 2023)

**E. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- 1. CFO Report – Verbal Report
- 18                    2. Single Source – May 31, 2023

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

*(To be brought forth from earlier Committee Meetings)*

Regional Planning Committee:

*THAT the Board approves Development Variance Permit 2023-DVP-01 to vary the provisions of section 5.3.3 (c) (i) of Coal Harbour Zoning Bylaw 669, 2002, to:*

- 1. *Decrease the setbacks for primary dwelling from the rear lot lines from 9.0 metres (30.0 feet) to 4.8 metres (15.7 feet) for accommodating the construction of proposed primary dwelling, described as ‘Proposed Primary Dwelling,’ as shown on the site plan attached as Schedule ‘B’ to this Development Variance Permit 2023-DVP-01;*

Subject to the following conditions:

- a) *The development upon the land, construction of proposed primary dwelling unit, shall be carried out according to the specifications attached hereto as Schedule ‘A’ and plan attached hereto as Schedule ‘B’, which form part of this permit;*
- b) *The development must not cause any adverse impact to the RDMW infrastructure and right of ways. The provision of adequate professional engineer’s recommendations(s) and endorsement(s) will be required before the release of the Development Variance Permit.*
- c) *The permittees to contact the Ministry of Forests advising the current condition of the portion of Crown land abutting to side lot line (SE side) of the subject property and implement Ministry’s recommendations if required.*
- d) *The permittees to contact the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure advising the scope of the work, especially the work relevant to the access passage where the culvert associates with, and derive the work in accordance to the Ministry’s standards, policies and recommendations.*
- e) *Provision to the Regional District of Mont Waddington of a site plan that accurately depicts the siting and area of all buildings and structures.*

- f) *Provision to the Regional District of Mount Waddington, certified by a professional engineer that the building and site (such as, deep-fill, slope stability), as proposed, would be safe as per section 5.3.3. (c) (i) except the part what would be varied through this permit.*

*AND FURTHER THAT the planning staff, on behalf of Manager of Planning & Development Services, be authorized to execute the permit once the conditions described herein have been completed in full.”*

## **G. BYLAWS AND PERMITS**

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

19-20

1. Letter of Support addressed to the Ministry of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard re: Support of the Ghost Gear fund.

### **Recommendation:**

*THAT the Board provide a letter of Support addressed to the Ministry of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard in support of the Ghost Gear Fund.*

## **I. OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING**

1. Other Business: Discussion
2. **Electoral Area Updates:**
  - Area “A” - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland
  - Area “B” - Quatsino / Winter Harbour
  - Area “C” - Hyde Creek / Rupert
  - Area “D” - Nimpkish Valley / Woss
3. **Municipal Updates:**
  - Village of Alert Bay
  - Village of Port Alice
  - District of Port Hardy
  - Town of Port McNeill
4. Question Period
5. Committee Meetings:
6. Next Meeting: August 15, 2023

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023 at 2:00pm

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

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

Resolution No.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**2:03 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**

120/2023 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors May 16, 2023 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

#### **DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

Strathcona Regional District – Aniko Nelson, Stacey Marsh, Renee LaBoucane

##### 1) The Connected Coast Project

- Review of the connected coast backbone network which runs from Prince Rupert to Haida Gwaii, south to Vancouver and around Vancouver Island. This will provide service to 154 communities including 56 First Nation communities, as well as 12 Coast Guard sites and 25 Early Earthquake warning sensors.
- This service is provided via subsea cable.
- This project is being managed by the Strathcona Regional District and City West. The SRD role is advocate for communities within the Strathcona Regional District.
- To date 1300km of subsea cable has been deployed with 70 landing sites constructed.
- Currently north of Prince Rupert is connected and live.
- Within the Regional District of Mount Waddington, there will be 26 landing sites, including 5 lighthouses.
- To prevent accidental seabed cable damage, the cable locations are geo mapped and the locations are available from the Strathcona Regional District.
- The Strathcona Regional District will own and operate the connected coast system for five years (this was part of the funding agreement).
- The Backbone Fiber system will be an open network for any service provider (for last mile connections).
- The average speed is anticipated to be 1gb download and 100mb upload.
- There is no requirement for communities to connect to the backbone service, but it will be in place if it's needed.
- There will be funding made available for any community that requests financial

assistance from City West. Additionally, 20% of sale profits will be rolled back into the individual communities.

2) Just Like Home Project

- Service was established to provide temporary affordable housing while accessing services at Campbell River Hospital.
- Campbell River Hospital serves 32 communities inclusive of North Vancouver Island and Central Coast, which has approximately 60,000 residents.
- Almost 20% of people who access the Campbell River Hospital are from the Mount Waddington Regional District.
- There is an overwhelming proportion of people who do not access care at the Campbell River hospital due to financial and transportation restrictions for travel.
- The Just Like Home facility will have 10 bedrooms with ensuites, communal lounge and communal kitchen. Will also include laundry facilities. There will also be RV lots available.
- It is anticipated that this would alleviate some of the stress of overcrowding in the hospital and allow people to heal quicker if they are within a home-like situation.
- The current cost for the building is \$2,600,000.00. Ongoing operational costs will be covered by the Strathcona Regional District.
- There is a "Because You Care" lottery, with a grand prize of \$20,000.00 and 2 tickets to anywhere WestJet flies, as one of the current fundraising projects.
- Accommodation parameters have not yet been established but will be managed by the Strathcona Regional District.

3) SRD Regional Transportation Study

- Preliminary findings of the 2023 transportation services for connecting remote communities to Campbell River were presented to the SRD Board.
- Communities involved include Kyuquot, Zeballos, Nuchatlaht First Nation, Tahsis, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Gold River, Woss, Upper Campbell Lake, Sayward Valley, Sayward
- Several different types of operational models and service partnerships are being reviewed, including discussions with BC Transit, Regional District of Mount Waddington and the City of Campbell River.

**MINUTES**

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

121/2023 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held April 18, 2023 be adopted as amended.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

122/2023 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

123/2023 THAT the Cheque Registry for April 30, 2023 be received and filed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. Administrator Report: *Noted:*

- Transit Update:
  - o Cumulative revenue from January to April, 2023 was \$20,00 which has risen by 10% year over year.
  - o The ridership rose by 10% for the same period, resulting in 9,540 trips.

- Campsite Update:
  - o Bere Point cumulative revenue for from January to April was \$57,000.00 which is an increase of 2% year of year.
  - o Link River cumulative revenue for January to April was \$16,600 which is an increase of 24% year over year.
- Hiring Status: Currently undergoing recruitment for the following positions
  - o Economic Development Officer
  - o Finance Clerk 2
  - o Executive Assistant
  - o Planning Manager posting will follow upon organizational restructure

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

124/2023 THAT the verbal May 16, 2023 Administrator's Report be received.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

125/2023 THAT the Travel Report be approved as presented.

2. Manager of Economic Development – No Report
- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (May 5, 2023) Presented by Megan Hanacek.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

126/2023 THAT the May 5, 2023 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report (May 5, 2023), presented by Pat English

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

127/2023 THAT the May 5, 2023 Tourism Coordinator Report be received and filed.

3. Manager of Operations (May 5, 2023) *also noted:*
  - *The 7 Mile Landfill and Malcolm Island Recycling Depot Grinder project has begun.*
  - *There were four contractors who submitted bids for this. The scope of work and costs are set at \$13,000.00, however, a review will be done after 4 days of work to determine if the six days provided for in the contract will be sufficient time.*
  - *MOTI asked the Manager of Operations what the plans for a knotweed program for the Regional District. The Manager of Operations advised that the Regional District was not successful in funding requests this year. MOTI has advised they may be able to provide assistance within communities that they are working on in the Regional District.*
  - *There may be a large special report from the Manager of Operations at the June board meeting with regards to 7 Mile Landfill closure planning. Anticipate having a design operation closure plan, a follow up to the Solid Waste Management Plan, which was done back in 2020.*
  - *In the fall, the big 7 Mile Operator Contract is coming due, there are few changes that will need to be made before it goes out for bid.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

128/2023 THAT the May 5, 2023 Manager of Operations Solid Waste report be received and filed.

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

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

129/2023 THAT the April 6, 2023 Planning Assistant be received and filed.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – Presented by the Administrator.
  - Auditors completed their visit in the first week of May and will present at the June Board meeting.
  - Recruitment is ongoing for the Manager of Finance and Finance Clerk 2 positions.
  - Moving of the accounting software (Vadim) to the cloud has been initiated and purchase of the budget software called “Citywide”, it is the plan to integrate the two financial systems to provide staff with current programming. This will allow finance staff to draft the budget and monitor the status in real time. This will free up finance staff resources, which will allow for better collaboration and coordination throughout the organization.

130/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source Report by Finance Clerk MacEachern

131/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the April 30, 2023 Single Source be received and filed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Planning Committee:

132/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT Development Variance Permit 2023-DVP-02 be approved.

## BYLAWS AND PERMITS

133/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT Bylaw No. 1030, cited as “Regional District of Mount Waddington Malcolm Island Solid Waste Bylaw No. 812, Amendment Bylaw No. 1030 be adopted.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Strathcona Regional District Board – North Island Natural Resources

134/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the report from the Strathcona Regional District Chair, Mark Baker be received and filed.

135/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports the creation of a Natural Resource Committee as a standing committee.

136/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT Chair Andrew Hory will poll the

2. Rogers Communications Tower – Sointula
  - The community is very happy that Rogers has agreed to withdraw the application of the proposed telecommunication tower at 165 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Sointula

137/2023 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**  
THAT the Rogers Communication Tower correspondence be received and filed.

## OTHER BUSINESS / DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

### Electoral Area Updates:

#### Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *No update on the APP contract for the Sointula Clinic, currently there are 70 people on the physician schedule for May.*
- *Local seniors had a mother's day plant loonie auction, was a great event.*
- *The May Long weekend ball tournament is this weekend, includes food, beer garden, market and dance.*
- *Went camping at Bere Point, it was wonderful.*

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

- *Ongoing meetings with Island Health*

#### Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Stay hydrated with this heat and check on your neighbors.*

#### Area "D"- Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- *Woss sign is almost complete.*
- *Did a walk through the Heritage park.*
- *The plumber attended to hook up water for the pool.*
- *The concrete contractor attended to look at cracks in the pool area.*
- *Found out last Wednesday that the medical clinic in Woss has been closed. Reasons stated that there was no replacement receptionist for the current employee who is retiring, as well as that the building is unsafe for union employees.*
- *Dave contacted Island Health but was told that there is no one available to act as a receptionist for the clinic. Dave was advised that a former nurse did apply for the reception position but had not heard back.*
- *The clinic is very important to the community as the current physician*

## 2. Municipal Updates:

### Village of Alert Bay

- *Community hall roof is being replaced.*
- *Community meetings are going to resume (had stopped due to COVID)*
- *...UMISTA*
- *Four cruise ships have stopped in to date this year.*

### Village of Port Alice

- *Construction ongoing at Lions Park, phase 1 completed and working into Phase 2*
- *OCP is ongoing.*

### District of Port Hardy

- *Community clean up and spring clean happen.*
- *North Island Seniors housing working with ...*
- *FILOMI days are upcoming for July 14, 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. Food vendors needed.*
- *The Salmon Enhancement Program workshop will be happening in Port Hardy on May 19, 20 and 21. Currently there are over 200 participants registered.*
- *Hardy Bay Seniors held a Mock Coronation Ceremony and tea event, it was well attended.*
- *Attended the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women event, it was shocking the number of women from the North Island that are missing or murdered. It needs to be as public as possible.*
- *Attended a 2-day Emergency Operations Centre essentials training at the Image Room in Port McNeill. This was facilitated by Marjorie Giroux, Emergency Coordinator the Regional District and taught by the Justice Institute.*



- *Attended a breakfast meeting with Island Health this morning. Pat reiterated the sooner the ER can be open 24/7 the better. The recruitment process continues to be challenging.*
- *Pat was invited to participate in talks with the Royal BC Museum engagement regarding repatriation of their belongings.*

Town of Port McNeill

- *Spent a couple weeks in Sointula, got to see the community in its traditional state.*
- *Moving towards sharing the role of Economic Development officer with Alert Bay, as Port McNeill does not have full-time requirements for this position.*
- *Logger Sports are upcoming.*

Questions/Comments – None

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: Regular Meeting: June 20, 2023 at 2:00 pm

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**ADOURNMENT      TIME 4:01 PM**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### MONTHLY REPORT

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FILE:** 315.03

**DATE:** June 12, 2023

**FROM:** Pat English, Manager of Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Economic Development Department Report

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During the past month I undertook the following economic development activities:

- I have been working with the CAO to help recruit an Economic Development Officer. We have received several applications and conducted preliminary interviews of a short list of applicants during the past week.
- I met with representatives from VIU to plan a marketing program for the fall intake of the Fundamentals Forestry program commencing Sept 5th. We are scheduling information sessions in Port McNeill and Port Hardy on June 28th and 27<sup>th</sup> respectively and will promote the events on our social media and newspaper advertisements. Further to the fall session, I am requesting approval of the following resolution:

*That the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports the application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for funding to deliver a Fundamentals of Forest Harvesting Practices course in Woss commencing Sept 5, 2023.*

- The CAO and I met with representatives from Ecotrust to review their initiative to retain the services of a home energy advisor for the RDMW to assist homeowners access federal and provincial grants for home heating options that would help reduce dependence on costly legacy heating installations. We have been working with Ecotrust for over a year and provided a letter of support for their latest funding application to NRCAN.
- I have been working to complete a request for proposal for a Seaweed Industry Development Plan and to convene a steering committee to oversee the project. Funding for this project was approved in the REDI grant that we received in the spring, and I expect to have a consultant in place shortly to start the project.
- I attended a strategic planning meeting with the Board of the VINTAS to discuss our work plan for the next 18 months. VINTAS will focus on providing marketing support for the Fundamentals Program in order to attract greater participation from area residents, complete the Ambassador program to support resident attraction, maintain the biannual North Island Economic Forum, and assist with a health sector attraction campaign.
- I have applied to ICET for additional funding for our Seaweed Industry Development plan to include a site-specific business plan. In support of the funding application, I am requesting approval of the following resolution:

*That the RDMW supports the application to the Island Coastal Economic Trust for funding to compile a seaweed cultivation business plan in the Gwawa'enuxw First Nation traditional territories as an adjunct to our Seaweed Industry Development Plan.*

Respectfully submitted,

Manager of Economic Development

## Update Regional District of Mount Waddington Resident Attraction and Retention

### 1) My Vancouver Island North Media

(website: [myvancouverislandnorth](https://myvancouverislandnorth.ca), and social media channels: [#myVIN](https://twitter.com/myVIN), [#myVancouverIslandNorth](https://www.instagram.com/myvancouverislandnorth))

#### Social Media details:

- Facebook currently has 2374 followers (2313 last month). One of our posts (regarding Vancouver Island 360 sailing race) reached over 100,000 people!
  - Instagram currently sits 1064 followers (1014 last month).  
Daily locally relevant posts are being added to both channels (several times a day on FB). With continued traffic being slowed due to Cameron Lake fire (access to Tofino and west coast), we expect further interest in our region for the summer months.
- a. **Website:** Megan and Geoff continue to work on the 4 video segments: Health Care/Education, Tourism, Industry and Small Businesses. The draft video of the Small Business sector, the Health Care/Education and Industry ones are now complete and will be viewed by the VINTAS marketing committee this month.  
Our local RDMW events calendar (<https://myvancouverislandnorth.ca/life-here/our-stories/>) is being updated frequently -both internally and with external inputs from event holders.

### 2) Vancouver Island North Training and Attraction Society

Pat, Megan, Dave and Riley continue with planning for the Fall 2024 Economic Forum session.

Ongoing VINTAS Marketing monthly meetings continue with recent focusses on these topics: Video series, Ambassador program, VICEDA meetings, the Fundamentals of Forestry school, and other upcoming marketing deliverables. We continue to help support input into the Labour Market Project

### 3) Provincial Nominee Program

64 inquiries for candidate packages to date. We continue to work with individuals from India and UAE to complete the PNP application and potential interview by our VINTAS committee. Regular monthly meeting attendance and reporting with PNP government staff is occurring to discuss candidate vetting and learning from other jurisdictions.

### 4) Executive Pulse Data Content Management System

Ongoing work is being completed with the database (collaboration with RDMW and Community Futures). Consideration for use in the Ambassador networking.

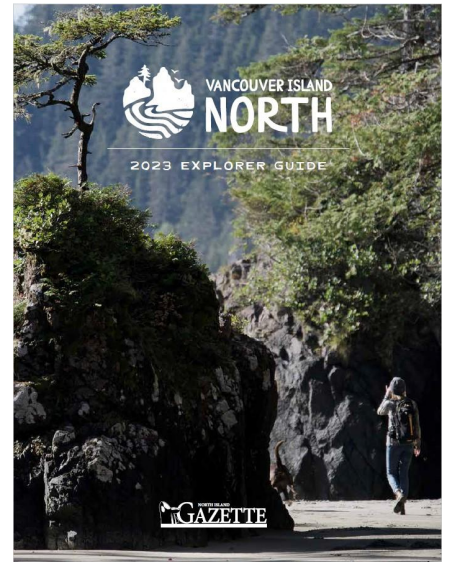
June 08, 2023

Pat English  
Manager of Economic Development  
Regional District of Mount Waddington  
PO Box 729 Port McNeill, BC

Vancouver Island North Tourism Report: May 2023 to June 2023

**Upcoming and in-progress activities:**

- Search Engine Marketing & display ads continue to run as an always on tactic.
- In addition to sharing UGC (user generated content) and stakeholder posts, we are also using these channels to promote firesmart practices and share emergency information for visitors.
- Paid static and animated ads have switched from the Spring- Book Now brand awareness campaign to ads promoting the pledge and responsible tourism.
- Stakeholder visits have started in Port Hardy. Donna Gault (Port Hardy Tourism Chair), Sandra McLaughlin (Port Hardy Visitor Services Manager) and myself visited several Port Hardy stakeholders to check in and deliver, rec maps, explorer guides, art tour guides, and local brochures and shop local information. During these visits, I also discussed the VINT Regional Tourism Challenge with stakeholders and let front end staff know about the program. Port McNeill and surrounding area stakeholder visits are scheduled for the next two weeks and will be completed before the end of June.
- The VINT Regional Tourism Challenge was launched in early June. Information was given out during stakeholder visits and also shared on our website and through our stakeholder newsletters. During the first couple weeks in June, I will be onboarding stakeholders and communities that wish to participate.



**Program Overview:**

With the 2023 peak visitor season around the corner, Vancouver Island North Tourism is proud to introduce a new program designed to educate frontline staff and volunteers to create unforgettable experiences for visitors to the region. Staff that are passionate and knowledgeable about the region can make lasting impressions on visitors and create a superior visitor experience while they are visiting our beautiful region. The 2023 VINT Regional Tourism Challenge which will launch in late June and run until August 15 inviting anyone working a frontline role or volunteers to go explore our communities, tourism stakeholders and region to collect stamps and get entered to win weekly prizes plus a chance to win the grand prize.

**How it works**

- All front line staff and volunteers are invited to participate in the 2023 The VINT Regional Tourism Challenge.
- Participants are required to collect stamps and earn entries by exploring the VINT region, visiting participating stakeholders and identified locations.
- By visiting participating stakeholders, communities and landmarks and fulfilling the identified requirements for earning a stamp, participants are entered to win a grand prize and weekly draws.

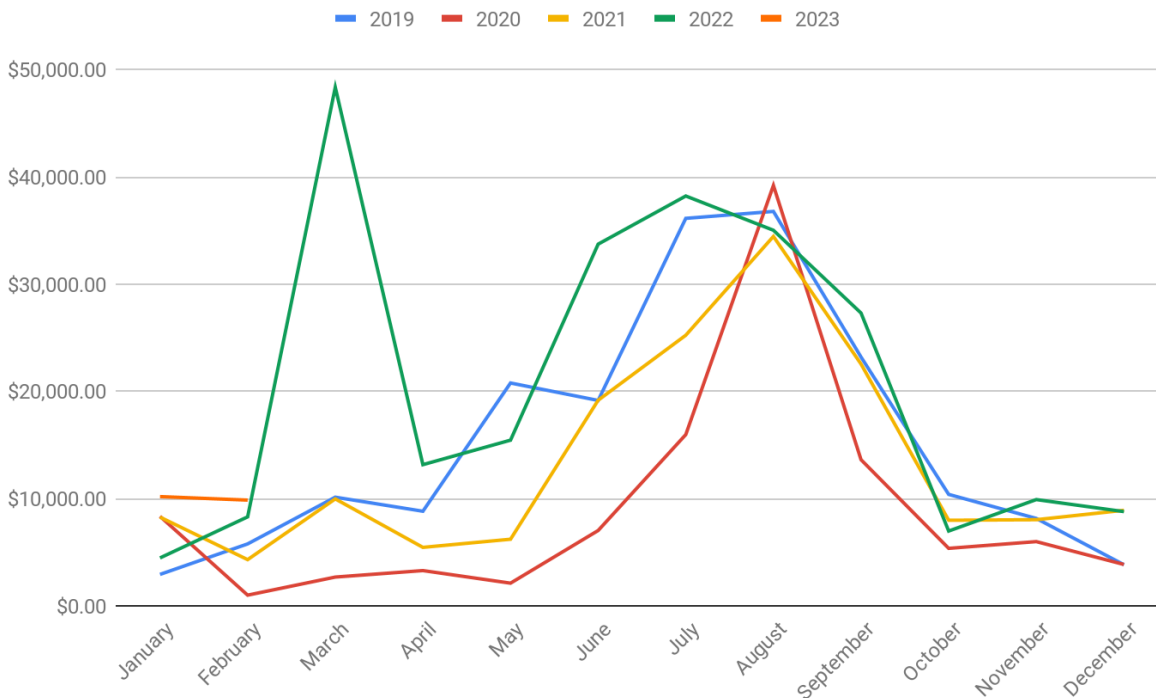
- 2023 VINT Tourism Challenge Postcard and rules can be picked up at a local Visitor Centre
- The program is based off a similar successful program that has operated in Vancouver over the past few years.
- Digital billboard campaign ads continue to run until June 25th. The ads will be paused for the busy summer months and are scheduled to run for another 6 weeks in the Fall, capturing local traffic during our shoulder seasons



- I had an initial meeting with Epic Exeo (who works closely with Ocean Legacy Foundation) to discuss possible volunteer opportunities this summer. One of the Influencer campaigns we have planned will focus on volunteer tourism and are hoping to join one of the planned beach cleanups with this group. Ocean debris, what to do with it, who to report to etc. and information about the FREE drop off location for ocean plastics at Seven Mile has been added to our website
- Updating Stakeholder listings on an ongoing basis and reaching out to stakeholders to gather information for stakeholder features on our social media channels.
- The first in a series of image acquisition trips is scheduled for June 15 & 16.

**MRDT Revenue by Month:**

The Vancouver Island North Tourism project receives 80% of the first 2% (or 53.33%) of MRDT revenue collected from designated recipients in the Vancouver Island North Region (Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Alert Bay, RDMW & Port Alice). All MRDT collecting communities on the North Island are collecting MRDT at a rate of 3%



	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Jan	\$2,917.78	\$8,330.62	\$8,259.55	\$4,802.82	\$10,173.87
Feb	\$5,761.99	\$982.04	\$4,294.63	\$7,801.24	\$9,847.10
Mar	\$10,120.56	\$2,668.57	\$9,959.97	\$48,383.40	
Apr	\$8,809.07	\$3,273.34	\$5,438.80	\$13,435.76	
May	\$20,770.41	\$2,100.10	\$6,198.53	\$15,438.90	
June	\$19,143.08	\$7,011.24	\$19,162.48	\$33,721.69	
July	\$36,126.77	\$15,957.51	\$25,225.62	\$38,211..38	
Aug	\$36,772.69	\$39,195.56	\$34,441.50	\$3,5016.19	
Sept	\$23,188.65	\$13,615.46	\$22,537.80	\$27,294.07	
Oct	\$10,380.61	\$5,348.35	\$7,967.36	\$6,957.05	
Nov	\$8,138.24	\$5,976.56	\$8,020.04	\$9,897.00	
Dec	\$3,819.56	\$3,844.11	\$8,895.76	\$8,774.50	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$185,949.40</b>	<b>\$108,303.64</b>	<b>\$160,402.04</b>	<b>\$249,561.26</b>	<b>\$20,020.97</b>

**Vancouver Island North Tourism Advisory Committee**

The next meeting will be held on October 4, 2023 from 9:00-3:00 and will be our planning session for 2024. MRDT carryforward will be on the agenda as we decide how to best move forward with these funds.

Respectfully submitted,



Natalie Stewart  
 Tourism Coordinator, Vancouver Island North



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

### MONTHLY REPORT

**TO:** Board of Directors      **FILE:** 315.04      **DATE:** June 12, 2023  
**FROM:** Patrick Donaghy, Manager of Operations  
**SUBJECT:** June 2023 Operations Report

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The following report highlights the various initiatives that the Manager of Operations has been focusing on since the May Board meeting.

Sperling Hansen has submitted to the Regional District the draft of the **7 Mile Landfill Design Operations and Closure Plan (DOCP) Update**. The report provides a multidecade plan for the operation of 7 Mile Landfill including projections on its environmental impact and needed capital costs. The following elements will be of particular importance to the Board:

- The remaining lifespan of the landfill is projected to be 136 years.
- That construction of the Phase 4 landfill cell, which will succeed the current Phase 3 cell should be done by 2025.
- That the Phase 4 cell should be lined with 60 mil High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) membrane underlain by a low permeability subject to availability or geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) if the low permeability material is not available.
- Leachate will be collected and treated in the leachate treatment system. The rapid waste stabilization method with temporary biocover will continue to be applied at this landfill as long as leachate production does not exceed 12 L/s, the design capacity of the leachate treatment system. Closure of the landfill with an engineered geomembrane cap will be implemented when the landfill air space capacity is exhausted if leachate quality exceeds discharge limits.
- Should the biocover succeed without leachate production exceeding 12 L/s, closure costs estimated at over \$17,000,000 can be avoided over the lifetime of the landfill operation.
- Estimated capital costs for Phase 4 are approximately \$2.7 Million with an expected 10 years of service.

Staff will attempt to have a representative from Sperling Hansen give a short presentation of the DOCP update so that Board members can ask questions.

The Manager of Operations attended the June 6-9 BC Fire Chiefs' Conference in Penticton in the company of officers from Port Hardy, Port McNeill and Sointula. Presentations on risks associated with lithium-ion batteries and WorkSafe BC revised strategies for managing injured emergency responders were of particular interest. Those attending will endeavor to pass on knowledge gained to other volunteer fire departments.

The Manager of Operations will also be assisting the Kwakiutl First Nation in their annual community cleanup on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Past cooperation resulted in events that diverted more waste from the landfill, more garbage being removed from the community with significantly less tipping fees being charged. The event will also be an opportunity to hopefully discuss with the Kwakiutl community members about the possibility of bringing curb side recycling to Fort Rupert.

If anyone on the Board has any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted.

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Patrick Donaghy PEng, MSc





**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON**  
**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**MONTHLY REPORT**

**TO:** Board of Directors                      **FILE:** 315.05                      **DATE:** June 20, 2023  
**FROM:** June Kwon, Development Technician, Planning & Development Services  
**SUBJECT:** June 2023 Planning & Development Services Department Report

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**1. Development Variance Application:**

Staff attended RPC on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June with prepared staff report for DVP application 2023-DVP-01. By the resolution made by the RPC, Development Variance Permit for aforementioned is attached hereto for the Board's consideration.

**2. Site Permit:**

- 2023-SP-03-NH (Pending): application proposing to construct a primary dwelling; staff advised the applicant regarding the covenant condition that necessitates the provision of geotechnical assessment to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; staff circulated received application to MoTI.
- 2023-SP-04-MI (Issued): expansion of existing legal non-conforming primary dwelling; site permit was issued as the variance, 2023-DVP-02, has been granted to relax rear and side lot line setback requirements.
- 2023-SP-05 (Received): application proposing to construct an additional cabin in the property located within Balaklava Island.
- 2023-SP-06-HC (Received): application proposing to construct a primary dwelling unit.

**3. Miscellaneous:**

- a) *May Building and Demolition Permits Survey* has been submitted to *Statistics Canada*.
- b) Mapping updates;
  - i. Staff noticed discrepancies in Coal Harbour Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 657, 2002 - Map No. 1 and Coal Harbour Zoning Bylaw No. 669, 2002 - Zone Map No. 1; maps has been updated accordingly.
  - ii. Staff corrected the error found within Coal Harbour Zoning Bylaw 669.
  - iii. Staff noticed a discrepancy in LTSA Map regarding the location of the fire station symbol in Sointula, Malcolm Island: staff advised LTSA and Data BC of noticed discrepancy and has requested the correction.
- c) Pre-application: staff provided feedback to preapplication 2023-PREAPP-01, 2023-PREAPP-02 and 2023-PREAPP-03.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*June Kwon, Development Technician*

*Approved by*

*David Kim, Chief Administrative Officer*



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON**  
**Single Source May 2023**

**TO:** REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM:** Shelley MacEachern, Finance Clerk

**DATE:** June 12, 2023

Policy 2.2.2 Purchasing & Authorization Policy requires that instances where there has been a single source procurement above \$1000 or the lowest quote has not been accepted, the reasons shall be reported to the Board for information. Local preference policies or most value criteria may override accepting the lowest bid.

**Single Source Procurements - May 2023**

DATE	PO #	CHEQUE #	PAYABLE TO	AMOUNT	Department	Description
8-May-23	23-019	2416	T. Nicholson Welding	\$2,289.00	Woss Heritage Park	Excavation and Landscaping
9-May-23	23-029	2438	Foreman Equipment	\$31,620.00	Solid Waste - 7-Mile and Malcolm Island	Rental and Transport of 2013 Komtech Cranbo 5000 - Wood Grinder for waste wood.
11-May-23	23-014, 23-015, 23-016	2453	WFR Wholesale Fire and Rescue Ltd.	\$37,714.35	Woss, Sointula, Hyde Creek Fire Departments	Fire Equipment
23-May-23	23-014, 23-015, 23-016	2529	WFR Wholesale Fire and Rescue Ltd.	\$5,596.79	Woss, Sointula, Hyde Creek Fire Departments	Fire Equipment



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File No. 310.01

June 20, 2023

Ministry of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard  
The Honourable Joyce Murray  
2112, West Broadway  
Suite 206  
Vancouver, BC V6K 2C8

Dear Honourable Joyce Murray,

The Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) would like to begin this letter by expressing our gratitude to the Department of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard for their financial and developmental support of projects that support the retrieval and disposal of abandoned, lost and otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG or Ghost Gear). The RDMW culture is dependent upon the health of the Pacific Ocean and any degradation of its ecology impacts our residents directly. Unfortunately, the citizens and businesses of our coastal communities encounter plastic waste as it washes ashore on to our beaches on a continuous basis. With no consistent or reliable provincial or federal funding, our small communities must rely upon the local tax base for any initiatives to responsibly manage this material that hasn't originated from within our communities. In the past several years, our landfill has had to sacrifice a part of its long-term capacity to provide space to dispose of the plastic waste that has landed on shores both within and outside of our region. This decision was not made out of want but necessity in tackling this global challenge.

As we are all starting to experience more severe weather combined with incidental and unintended gear loss within the fishing and aquaculture industry, gear loss is inevitable to some degree. These factors cannot be eliminated and are inherent to this industry and the environment it operates within. Ongoing funding to help retrieve lost gear is imperative and incumbent of the Canadian government that is overseeing this industry. The continuation and growing importance of the Ghost Gear Fund to respond not only to historical ALDFG, but also to climate-related disasters to ensure that steps are taken to protect and restore sensitive marine environments and reduce species loss is significantly important to coastal communities.

The Ghost Gear Fund is an invaluable resource, catalyzing powerful actions across the country to reduce plastics in the marine environment. These funds are part of the foundation of resources that help launch efforts to solve Canada's plastic pollution crisis, supporting pragmatic solutions which retrieve and dispose of Ghost Gear responsibly, procure and pilot technologies. If Canada wants to achieve the creation of a plastic circular economy, critical support such as the Ghost Gear Fund must grow and be reliable for long term planning and investments, especially in regards to responsible industrial gear and marine debris management.

ALDFG and abandoned aquaculture across the Province of British Columbia is not just the priority of the RDMW but has also been identified by First Nations, Transport Canada, and the Department of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard as major concerns to marine health that require immediate attention and remediation. However, understanding the full impact caused by ALDFG and abandoned aquaculture sites is not yet fully understood.

What is known is that the retrieval of ALDFG and the dismantling and removal of abandoned aquaculture sites has been instrumental in remediating the determinantal impacts on migratory corridors for wild salmon, improved eelgrass beds, and regenerated life in important salmon rearing estuaries. More importantly, this large-scale remediation work has brought employment opportunities to Indigenous and coastal communities and returned stewardship opportunities to those with deep seated knowledge of these lands and waters.

With incoming legislation that requires the removal of outdated aquaculture tenures, the Ghost Gear Fund provides the resources to ensure that this large-scale removal of infrastructure includes support for the management of the end of life. Landfills are also at risk of losing many years of operational life if large amounts of expanded or extruded polystyrene (flotation foam) are brought for disposal as opposed to diversion. Disposal is the cheaper option and diversion efforts are unlikely to happen if there is no funding to foster and support this higher value effort.

Consistent, reliable and sustainable funding will allow the expertise and capacity of organizations in BC to begin the necessary work of remediating critical habitats and operationalizing end-of-life waste management to support Canada's growing of the Blue Economy. The RDMW, as a coastal local government actively advocating for this work, is calling for urgent attention to the following calls to action:

1. Continue to flow funding opportunities to reputable organizations and entities across the Province of British Columbia using funding mechanisms such as the Ghost Gear Fund to retrieve, remove and dispose ALDFG and abandoned aquaculture sites.
2. Implement Large-Scale Coastal Remediation into Canada's Blue Economy as a long-term solution to climate change and damage caused by hundreds of years of commercial and industrial environmental use.
3. Continue to invest in end-of-life mechanisms to ensure that the materials collected during retrieval and remediation of ALDFG, and abandoned aquaculture sites are managed responsibly and entered into systems which are founded on the principles of the circular economy.

Thank you for your consideration as we look forward to continuing this imperative work.

Yours truly,

Andrew Hory  
Chair  
Regional District of Mount Waddington