



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2024 at 2:00pm

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

- Chair: Andrew Hory
- Directors: In Person: Dennis Buchanan, Dennis Dugas, James Furney, Michelle Pottage, Dave Summers, Brent Schmidt (Alternate for Kathryn Wykes), John Tidbury (Alternate for Pat Corbett-Labatt)
Zoom: Kevin Cameron
- Staff: In person: David Kim, Administrator, Matt Dyck, Engineer in Training, Emmanuel Okorji, Development Technician
Zoom: Megan Hanacek, RRAP, Natalie Stewart, Tourism Coordinator, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary, Shayla Burnham, Executive Assistant
- Public Zoom: Kathy O'Reilly – NI Eagle, Lesley Dyck

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER** **2:13 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**
090/2024 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors May 21, 2024 Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

MINUTES

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
091/2024 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held April 16, 2024 be adopted as amended.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
092/2024 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
093/2024 THAT the Cheque Registry for April 30, 2024 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: *also noted:*
 - *Total transit cumulative revenue from Jan – April was \$22,680. This is an increase of 12.7% and ridership rose by 15.4% (11,012 riders over four months).*
 - *Hiring Status:*
 - o *Pre-screening interviews for Manager of Parks and Recreation are scheduled for later this week.*
 - o *Awaiting return calls for reference checks for the Finance Manager*

094/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the verbal May 21, 2024 Administrator's Report be received.

Travel Report: May 21, 2024

095/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the May 21, 2024 Travel Report be approved.

2. Economic Development – Presented by David Kim (May 21, 2024) *also noted:*

096/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the May 21, 2024, Economic Development report be received and filed.

b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (May 21, 2024)

097/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the May 21, 2024 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Verbal Report be received and filed.

c) Tourism Coordinator Report – (May 21, 2024) Presented by Natalie Stewart

098/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the May 21, 2024 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

3. Engineer in Training – Matt Dyck (May 21, 2024) *also noted:*

- *The electric vehicle charging network sites are not yet confirmed, but a list will be available for review once all sites are confirmed.*

099/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the May 21, 2024 Engineer in Training report be received and filed.

4. Development Technician Report – Emmanuel Okorji (May 21, 2024) *also noted:*

100/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the May 21, 2024 Development Technician report be received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – CAO verbal report (May 21, 2024), *Also noted:*
 - *Financial Auditors will be in office the week of May 27, 2024*
 - *The full audit will take place over a few months.*

101/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the May 21, 2024 Verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source Report by Finance Clerk Shelley MacEachern

102/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the April 30, 2024 Single Source be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

BYLAWS AND PERMITS

- Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 103/2024 THAT Bylaw No. 1042, cited as the "Quatsino Zoning Bylaw No.670, Amendment Bylaw No. 1042 be read a 1st time.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
 104/2024 THAT the Regional District letters of Invitation to join the RDMW Public/Technical Advisory Committee for the Solid Waste Management Plan be received and filed.

OTHER BUSINESS/ DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *Attended the ribbon cutting for the world's smallest burl (a play on the Port McNeill World's Largest Burl). Complete with signage.*
- *Ferry Line-up info sheet created by Director Pottage & MIAC. This has been posted at Bere Point Campsite and will be posted to RDMW website.*
- *Beautiful Bay trail upkeep needs to be addressed.*
- *The Health Clinic is in a state of continued deterioration, the admin staff has had to take a leave of absence and there are not enough people to step into this role in the interim. This means that all calls are getting forwarded to Gold River, and creating transportation issues, including patients not being able to access their TAP forms. This is a topic of concern in the community as failure to fill empty staffing positions amongst other things is becoming the norm.*
- *Attended the AGM for Malcolm Island Water District. There were only 2 other attendees besides Director Pottage, not a lot of community engagement.*
- *Attended the Natural Resource Committee meeting, three delegates attended to provide a list of concerns and an update of what's happening. Meeting can be seen on the SRD website.*
- *Attended the seniors Mother Day plant sale, was a great success.*
- *Lots of people for the May long weekend baseball tournament, the bigger ferries make a huge difference.*
- *Upcoming is the Malcolm Island Gravel Grind (mountain bike ride) currently 170 racers registered. There will be a dance, parade, and pancake breakfast. The event is scheduled from June 30 to July 1.*
- *Sointula Resource Centre has moved to it's new location on 2nd street, by the Post Office and is open.*

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

- *Also attended the Natural Resource Committee meeting, was interesting. The mining presentation was of particular interest.*

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Hyde Creek days going forward on July 13th. Tickets are available for sale.*

Area "D" – Nimpkish Valley/Woss

- *Having lots of tourists coming in off the highway to view the Heritage Park.*
- *The local campsites were packed on the long weekend.*
- *The Woss Volunteer Fire Department will be doing a recruitment drive.*
- *WRA has asked if a paramedic station in Woss could be established, however, there is a Paramedic staffing shortage, over 20 staff positions unfilled for Woss North, but this will definitely be added to the conversation.*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay:

- Well testing was done to determine the size of the aquifer. Awaiting results
- 2 new generators have been purchased; one will be permanently set up on a well water pumping station. In the past, a mobile one was used for both the water well site and two sewer systems.
- Four cruise ships have currently stopped in, with an additional 20 scheduled.
- Meeting on May 17 to start planning for Indigenous People's Day.

Village of Port Alice:

- Opened Link River campsite this weekend and were fully booked. The new sites still need another 3 weeks to green up.
- Marina project rebuild including the exterior is ongoing.
- Audit completed, noted as a clean audit thanks to Bonnie and the staff. Working on the annual report.

District of Port Hardy:

- Planning for power outage on May 26.
- Update from BHP on ongoing works at the old Copper Mine site, including re-seeding.
- The Hardy Bay Seniors Society, which currently has 323 members, received a grant for transportation from seniors' residential homes to the centre, this funding will be used in part to transport Seniors to the centre for Thursday lunch and scenic tours of the North Island. The first tour is scheduled for June 20 and will be a trip to Holberg with a stop at the Scarlet Ibis for lunch.
- Tourism is starting strong for this early in the season.
- Art Tourism is happening at the Visitor Information Centre which has now been combined with the Port Hardy Museum. The full transition of the Museum to the Information Centre will take a few years to be completed.
- North Island Seniors Housing foundation talks are still ongoing with BC Housing.
- The May 9 Spring cleanup was very successful and included participation by local schools assisting with sidewalk cleanup.
- The pool is scheduled to open soon.
- Water restrictions are well respected in Port Hardy, the community as a whole seem to understand the seriousness and importance of following the restrictions set.
- Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new gas station that Quatsino First Nation will be building in Coal Harbour. Quatsino First Nation have also re-opened the restaurant in Coal Harbour.
- In response to the recent wave of substance deaths, the Kwakiutl, Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw, Quastino First Nations and Foundry have come together to create a well devised youth program to provide youth with activities within the community.
- FILOMI days will be held July 19-21, great prizes for the duck race. There will be 2000 ducks available for sale for the race.

Town of Port McNeill:

- Pool opened on May 6, a week ahead of schedule. As before, free attendance for both adults and kids.
- \$10,000.00 received from BC Hydro for site appropriate plants to be planted on Campbell Way. Consultation was held with Sonya Strang for plant options.
- Drinking water fountains have been installed for both water bottle and pet fillers.
- June Logger Sports are upcoming on June 1.
- Wharf head closure is an ongoing issue between Port McNeill and Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans. There is particular disregard for small craft harbours in general and response/reaction has been limited when discussing the neglect of the wharf head. The repairs are anticipated to take an afternoon.

Port McNeill will be offering to take on the section that needs to be repaired in an effort to get the work completed, as this matter has been outstanding for a while.

Questions/Comments: None

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: Regular Meeting: June 18, 2024 at 2:00 pm

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ADJOURNMENT

TIME 3:23 PM

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER