



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024 at 2:00pm

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

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

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'wala speaking peoples.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

106/2024 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the RDMW Board of Directors June 18, 2024 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

MINUTES

107/2024 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held May 21, 2024 be adopted as amended.

108/2024 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

109/2024 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the Cheque Registry for May 31, 2024 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: *also noted:*

- *Total transit cumulative revenue from Jan – May was \$28,100. This is an increase of 10% and ridership rose by 11.2% (13,500 riders over four months).*
- *Campsite Update:*
 - o *Quatse has generated revenue of \$35,000 as of May 31. This is 64% of the reported 2023 revenue.*
 - o *Bere Point has generated revenue of \$65,000 as of May 31, which is up 30% from the same time last year.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

110/2024 THAT the verbal June 18, 2024 Administrator's Report be received.

Travel Report: None

2. Economic Development – Presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant (June 18, 2024) *also noted:*

- *The Ev Charging Network will be a total of 18 stations on the North Island will have dual charging abilities.*
- *There will be an additional component added to the site selection that considers possible issues if EV vehicle batteries catch fire.*
- *The Seaweed Industry Development Plan workshop has had 6 First Nations confirmed that they will attending.*
- *VIU Students will be going on a two-week job placement. Request has been sent to VIU for follow up on graduating students about where they find permanent work.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

111/2024 THAT the June 18, 2024, Economic Development report be received and filed.

b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (June 18, 2024)

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

112/2024 THAT the May 21, 2024 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Verbal Report be received and filed.

c) Tourism Coordinator Report – (June 18, 2024) Presented by Natalie Stewart

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

113/2024 THAT the June 18, 2024 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

3. Engineer in Training – Matt Dyck (June 18, 2024) *also noted:*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

114/2024 THAT the June 18, 2024 Engineer in Training report be received and filed.

4. Development Technician Report – None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – CAO verbal report (June 18, 2024), *Also noted:*

- *The 2023 Fiscal year Audit is in progress*
- *The Questica budget software training has been arranged for staff*
- *The annual utility billings were completed.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

115/2024 THAT the June 18, 2024 Verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source Report by Finance Supervisor, Lisa Nicholson

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

116/2024 THAT the May 31, 2024 Single Source be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

EA & MRDT Committee:

1. RTAG 2024-03 Hyde Creek Daze

- 117/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT RTAG 2024-03 Hyde Creek Daze Application in the amount of \$5,000.00 be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OTHER BUSINESS/ DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *There has been a water issue on the Island, the water went down to 12% in the tank. One of the leaks has been located, but it was also discovered that the pump on well #2 also died. Big kudos the Water District for timely communication and plan for mitigating current issues.*
- *As the Fire Department is under the purview of the RDMW and does not have a water tender. Thank you to Town of Port McNeill for loaning their water tender to the Sointula Fire Department. It has been requested that the tender be left until after the Canada Day long weekend, to ensure water available for any possible emergencies that may arise, especially*
- *Advocating for a cohesive health clinic system. Working diligently to bring the clinic back to where it was previously.*
- *The Gravel Grind will be happening on June 30 and there are currently 173 riders registered. There is a dance in the evening on June 30 and breakfast planned for Canada Day as part of this.*
- *Attended the BC Salmon Farmers Association AGM virtually to stay on top of the information.*
- *The next Natural Resources Committee meeting will be held July 12. This is the 2nd meeting.*
- *The Resource Centre's new location is working out, and they are continuing with the free bike rentals as well as pay per use electric bike rentals.*

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

- *First reading was given to a variance bylaw for Quatsino community, which has created a lot of interest.*
- *Accepted the position as a Vice President of the NI911. Will be chairing the next meeting and will bring back information from this .*
- *E-Comm has said that they are delaying their processes, as not enough Regional Districts have signed contracts with Telus. The Mount Waddington Regional District was compliant, having signed in May, 2024.*

- 118/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT Gwen Hansen, Ron Sadesky, Peter Solga, Florian Tovstigo and John Taylor be appointed as members of the Quatsino Advisory Commission effective June 18, 2024 until May 31, 2028.

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Attending committee meetings including sport fishing advisory and VINTAC.*
- *Thank you for the support for the RTAG application for the Hyde Creek Daze.*
- *Roof has been installed on the pavilion. Definitely being used by the community*

Area "D" – Nimpkish Valley/Woss

- *WRA meeting held on June 11, quite a few topics discussed, including the replenishment of supplies for the clinic. Have spoken with Ian Wood at VIHA who has agreed to assist with this.*
- *The Community Hall roof is metal, and due to weather conditions, the screws have come loose. A local contractor is going to go up on the roof to tighten the screws.*
- *A quote has been received for the Community Hall floor and will work with staff to*

- move forward with this.*
- *Volunteer Drive for Woss VFD was successful with four new volunteers for the Fire Department*
- *Sani-dump discussion was held, with insight and ongoing assistance from a former camp manager who is familiar with the infrastructure of Woss. Looking at possible sites with a couple of contenders.*
- *Another issue was a danger tree – will be working with Emmanuel to determine if it's on private property or crown land. Large cottonwood that is dying and needs to be seen too.*
- *Emmanuel attended the previous WRA meeting, and has been very pro-active with his communication*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay:

- *New alarm system for the water tank. This will ensure that the breakers don't kick off and affect the system*
- *Farmer's Market held on Sunday and another on today in conjunction with the summer Cruise Ship schedule*
- *3 days of June Sports, very successful, including 10 men's teams, 8 women's teams and numerous children teams.*
- *Indigenous People's Day on June 21*

Village of Port Alice:

- *A new pharmacy opens today.*
- *Canada Day celebrations planned.*
- *There is a new fish company, Akavafuture, which will be moving to Quatsino Inlet. They have advised that they have been green stamped by Quatsino First Nation. They use enclosed floating tanks that will contain all excess debris, including sea lice and feces from the fish. The debris is turned into a fertilizer product.*

District of Port Hardy:

- *The Port Hardy Pool has passed inspection and held a soft opening, which went very well. All the staff and the public comments were very positive. For the month of June, all programming will be free. June 30th will be the Grand Opening.*
- *Starting July 1st, all public and family swims will be free. This has been a 3-year project, it's so nice to have it completed.*
- *Next project will be to update the skate park at the same location. The first meeting will be held June 24, 2024*
- *Hardy Hustle had approximately 100 participants with roughly 50 in the 10km and 50 participants in the 21km marathon, the weather cooperated and the Farmer's Market was held the same day.*
- *The Farmer's Market will be partnering with BC Farmer's Market to provide coupons for high nutrient foods for those that qualify*
- *Pat volunteered at the North Island Loggers Golf Tournament over 2 days which raises money for scholarships for local high school students. It was well attended and a great event.*
- *The Coastal Community and Climate Action Committee had a virtual summit a few weeks ago. A future date will be decided to have a debrief from the summit/*
- *Grad this weekend for both PHSS and NISS.*
- *Port Hardy Farmer's Market is twice a month.*
- *Attended the BC Salmon Farmer's AGM, first time it was held on the North Island and was well received. it was well attended*
- *Awaiting on announcement from the Ministry of Fisheries, Ocean and Coast Guard with regards to licensing. The licenses are up at the end of June, so anxiously awaiting additional information.*
- *Excited about what's happening with the combination of the visitor centre and the*

museum

- *Congratulations to National Indigenous Day - June 21.*
- *Very excited about FILOMI Days, and duck tickets are still available.*
- *Thank you to the Town of Port McNeill for assisting with training for the pool staff*

Town of Port McNeill:

- *Grad this weekend for the North Island.*
- *Updates ongoing to the public harbour, including bathrooms, showers and paving*
- *The 1938 Steam Donkey was sandblasted, and it was discovered that the Steam Donkey was actually dated 1927. May have to update the historical plaque*
- *Congratulations to Port Hardy on the pool opening.*

Questions/Comments:

- *Kathy O'Reilly, North Island Eagle: What time is the Seaweed Initiative Conference tomorrow?*
- *Pat English, Economic Development: 11:00am at the Civic Centre*
- *Lesly Dyck, Community Health Coordinator for Mount Waddington Region: Want to say thank you for all the updates, and how this connects with my role. It's always nice to go back and say "look at all these things that are going on".*
- *Andrew Hory, Chair, RDMW: Thank you, that's very nice to hear.*

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: Regular Meeting: July 16, 2024 at 2:00 pm

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ADJOURNMENT TIME 3:17 PM



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

