



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

July 16, 2024 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, James Furney, Dave Summers, Kathryn Wykes, John Tidbury (Alternate for Dennis Dugas) 2:59pm
Zoom: Kevin Cameron, Michelle Pottage
- Staff: In person: David Kim, Administrator, Matt Dyck, Engineer in Training, Emmanuel Okorji, Development Technician, Pat English, Economic Development Consultant
Zoom: Megan Hanacek, RRAP, Natalie Stewart, Tourism Coordinator, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary
- Public Zoom: Kathy O'Reilly – NI Eagle

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER** **2:07 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**
120/2024 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors July 16, 2024 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

MINUTES

- Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
121/2024 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held June 18, 2024 be adopted as presented.

- Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
122/2024 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

- Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
123/2024 THAT the Cheque Registry for June 30, 2024 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: Verbal Report Presented by David Kim
 - Total transit cumulative revenue from Jan – June was \$34,000. This is an increase of 7% and ridership rose by 6% (15,800 riders over six months).
 - PW Transit has been purchased by an international company. Will update as information comes available. Any thoughts and feedback from the Directors will be forwarded to the new owners.

- Hiring Status:
 - o The short list has been completed for the Operations Technician and nearing short listing for the Economic Development Officer and Manager of Parks and Recreation.
 - o The Manager of Finance hiring is on short break while the department reorganizational review is underway.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

124/2024 THAT an agreement be renewed with the TriPort Motorcross and ATV Club for the term of July 18, 2024 to September 30, 2026 for the land described as part of Section 11, Township 2 and that part of Section 23, Township 3, Rupert District, for motorcycle racing and parking lot purposes.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

125/2024 THAT the verbal June 18, 2024 Administrator's Report be received.

Travel Report: None

2. Economic Development – Presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant (July 16, 2024) *also noted:*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

126/2024 THAT the Regional District supports the application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for funding to deliver a Fundamentals of Forestry Harvesting Practices course at Woss commencing on September 3, 2024.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

127/2024 THAT the June 18, 2024, Economic Development report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (July 16, 2024) *Also noted:*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

128/2024 THAT the July 16, 2024 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Verbal Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report – (July 16, 2024) Presented by Natalie Stewart

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

129/2024 THAT the July 16, 2024 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

3. Engineer in Training – Matt Dyck (July 16, 2024) *also noted:*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

130/2024 THAT the July 16, 2024 Engineer in Training report be received and filed.

4. Development Technician Report – Emmanuel Okorji (July 16, 2024)

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

131/2024 THAT the Board passes a motion to delegate Andrew Hory as the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board representative for the scheduled public hearing of the W-850 Quatsino Road re-zoning development application on July 17, 2024

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

132/2024 THAT the Board approves the initiation of the Planning Relaxation for up to but not greater than 1.5 meters (5 feet) to vary the zoning regulations of "Schedule G" of the RDMW Planning

and Development Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 916, 2017.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. Finance Report – David Kim, CFO verbal report (July 16, 2024), *Also noted:*
 - Staff and managers have received initial training on Questica Budget Software.
 - Continuing to support Auditors in their reporting requests.

133/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
 THAT the July 16, 2024 Verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

- 2. Single Source Report by Finance Supervisor, Lisa Nicholson

134/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
 THAT the June 30, 2024 Single Source be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

EA & MRDT Committee:

- 1. CWF2024-02 – Woss Community Hall

135/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
 THAT funding for the Woss Community Hall Flooring project (CWF2024-02) be approved up to \$40,000, with \$20,000 to be received from the Woss Community Recreation Capital Reserve Fund and up to \$20,000 to be received from the Community Works Fund.

- 2. RTAG 2024-04 The Gatehouse Theatre Community Association Funding Application

136/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
 THAT RTAG 2024-04 The Gatehouse Theatre Community Association-North Island Music Festival Application in the amount of \$5,000.00 be approved upon confirmation of the requested grant from the Town of Port McNeill.

BYLAWS

- 1. Bylaw No. 1043, Regional District of Mount Waddington Growing Communities Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1043 be read a 1st, 2nd and 3rd time.

137/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
 THAT Bylaw No. 1043, Regional District of Mount Waddington Growing Communities Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1043 be read a 1st, 2nd and 3rd time.

- 2. Bylaw No. 1044, Regional District of Mount Waddington 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw be read a 1st, 2nd and 3rd time.

138/2027 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
 THAT Bylaw No. 1044, “Regional District of Mount Waddington 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1044, 2024”, be read a 1st, 2nd and 3rd time.

- 3. Bylaw No. 1045, “Regional District of Mount Waddington 1045,

139/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1045, be read a 1st time.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Living Oceans Marine Debris Removal

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

140/2024 THAT a letter of support be provided to the Living Oceans for marine debris removal within the Regional District of Mount Waddington.

OTHER BUSINESS/ DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *Community garden has started a farmer's market to sell produce and flowers grown at the Community garden. The farmer's market has also extended an invitation to members of the community for home grown items.*
- *The ferry lineup information sheet is working, especially during busy visitor season*
- *The Malcolm Island Gravel Grind event was a huge success.*
- *Water issues have been stabilized; however, the large pump is still being repaired. Thank you to Town of Port McNeill Fire Department for use of the water tender, as well as to David Kim and Matt Dyck from the Regional District for their assistance and input*
- *Attended the Seaweed Development Workshop was very informational.*
- *The Natural Resource meeting has been rescheduled to a time to be determined.*

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

141/2024 THAT Dennis Swanson be appointed to the Malcolm Island Advisory Commission effective July 17, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

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

- *Also attended the morning portion of the Seaweed Development Workshop. Was interesting.*
- *Was called upon to Chair the NI911 meeting. Budget was passed for this year.*
- *The Next Gen 911 has been delayed due to some Regional Districts not signing the agreement. There is the possibility of it being implemented next year.*

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Hyde Creek Daze was a success, with approximately 500 people in attendance.*
- *2 athletes from Hyde Creek are attending the BC Summer Games.*

Area "D" – Nimpkish Valley/Woss

- *Thank you for the approval of the flooring funding of the Woss Community Hall*
- *The new Health Inspector met with Bev Webber of the WRA and Matt Dyck of the Regional District to review the Woss Pool and future of same.*
- *There is plans for the Community Roof hall to be repaired.*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay:

- *Attended the Seaweed Development Forum in Port Hardy*
- *Attended the Energy Futures zoom meeting; Emission Reduction Goals that were implemented by the Province are impossible to meet. 17% of the energy in the province comes from electricity, with the balance from fossil fuels. BC now imports 1/5 of hydro currently being used. BC is not equipped to deal with the influx of electric vehicles that the Provincial mandate is demanding. To meet these needs*

- there would need to be the creation of another 2 Site C hydro dams.*
- *There was a Special Meeting of Council on June 27 to provide interested residents with year-end report.*
- *Small Canada Day celebration*
- *Attended the VIHA breakfast on July 4.*
- *Group of volunteers working on the flower beds along the main road.*
- *The Alert Bay Grad supper was held on June 13.*
- *The park project will be completed with one more load of pea gravel*

Village of Port Alice:

- *Whales are back in the inlet.*
- *Doing infrastructure repairs on the water system, as well as determining the larger water users of the system and where the water goes.*
- *New boat ramp has been completed and was extended by 10 feet.*
- *WIFI was installed at the marina*
- *Pharmacy is going well*
- *Working on a parks plan, this will be an interactive plan allowing you to walk a majority of Port Alice with signage.*
- *The updates at Link River are almost complete and discussion is ongoing about getting Wi-Fi service to the campground.*

District of Port Hardy:

- *The Tex Lyon Trail needs maintenance and would like to have further discussion about who is responsible for which areas. This is especially concerning at the start of the trail where there are two logs across a creek and can be dangerous to cross.*
- *FILOMI Days will be happening this weekend. This is made possible by the amazing volunteers.*
- *Condolences to family and friends of a young man who passed away, he was a recent graduate.*
- *The Port Hardy High School Grad went very well and the weather cooperated.*
- *The Kyle Scow Memorial Skateboard Park design is underway, moving quickly.*
- *Shoutout to Hardy Buoys on their 30th year anniversary as a local business. It was great to hear about the network that they are part of with the other small businesses in the region.*
- *Island Health Network breakfast was interesting. There was some lively discussion.*
- *North Island Pride Society held their annual celebration and parade, was a lot of fun.*
- *Helicopters are landing training at Port Hardy Hospital as part of an ongoing training for emergency transportation.*

Town of Port McNeill:

- *Hyde Creek Daze had a phenomenal turnout of participants and volunteers.*
- *Over 60 classic cars and emergency vehicles participated in the 2024 North Island Secondary School Grad Class parade.*
- *Received a complaint from 2 little boys who requested additional skipping stones for the beach. Mayor Furney sourced and laid two five-gallon buckets on the beach for the public. The boys were there on Canada Day with big smiles and sore arms.*
- *Tackling some long put off maintenance for the town and harbour.*

Questions/Comments – None

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: TBA



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER