



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 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, Michelle Pottage, Dave Summers, Kathryn Wykes, John Tidbury (Alternate for Dennis Dugas)
Zoom: Kevin Cameron

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, Nicole McDowell, Administration

Public Zoom: Kathy O'Reilly – NI Eagle

Resolution No. **CALL TO ORDER** **2:05 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**
143/2024 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors September 30, 2024 Meeting Agenda be approved as amended.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

MINUTES

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
144/2024 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held July 16, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
145/2024 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
146/2024 THAT the Cheque Registry for July 31, 2024 and August 29, 2024 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: Verbal Report Presented by David Kim
 - Total transit cumulative revenue from Jan – July was almost \$40,000. This is an increase of 7% and ridership rose by 4.7% (18,200 riders over six months). Transit use has risen steadily over the years.
 - Hiring Status:
 - o A finalist for the Economic Development Officer has been chosen and we will be doing reference checks. The candidate is currently working and has

extensive experience.

- o The Operations Technician that we have been in contact with and were at the checking reference stage has decided to pursue another opportunity.
- o Held 3 interviews for the Parks and Recreation Manager position. This position will be posted.
- o The Emergency Coordinator position will be posted as the current emergency coordinator would like to scale back her work.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

147/2024 THAT the verbal June 18, 2024 Administrator's Report be received.

Travel Report

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

148/2024 THAT the September 3, 2024 Travel Report be approved as presented.

2. Economic Development – Presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant (September 3, 2024) *also noted:*
 - *The Fundamentals of Forestry program may be scaled back to one intake for 2025, dependent on funding.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

149/2024 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington hereby approves the contract between the RDMW and VIU for the purpose of delivery skills training for the Fall of 2024 Fundamentals of Forestry course for a cost not to exceed the quoted amount of \$140,316.72.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

150/2024 THAT the September 3, 2024, Economic Development report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (September 3, 2024) *Also noted:*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

151/2024 THAT the September 3, 2024 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Verbal Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report – (September 3, 2024) Presented by Natalie Stewart

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

152/2024 THAT the September 3, 2024 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

3. Operations Supervisor – Matt Dyck (September 3, 2024) *also noted:*
 - *All quotes are in for work at the Woss Community Hall.*
 - *There was a small smolder fire at 7 Mile Landfill & Recycling. It was first observed by the Operations Supervisor, Matt Dyck. Port McNeill Fire Chief Dean Tait was in the area and attended at the same time as the Operations Supervisor. Call went out to the 7 Mile Landfill equipment operator to attend to break the pile down (the pile was high in one area and was the result of self-combustion from the wood grinding pile). Possible areas of combustion have been identified and the 7 Mile Equipment contractor is working with Matt to update best practices that will minimize the risk of this happening again.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

153/2024 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington approve the purchase of six sets of turnout gear for the Woss Volunteer Fire Department from the service's surplus fund.

154/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the September 3, 2024 Operations report be received and filed.

4. Development Technician Report – Emmanuel Okorji (September 3, 2024)
 - Andrew Hory advised that most of the feedback received during the public hearing was not zoning specific.

155/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the September 3, 2024 Development Technician report be received and filed.

156/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the Board approves the minutes of the Public Hearing of the W-855 Quatsino road rezoning development application held on 17th of July 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – David Kim, CFO verbal report (September 3, 2024), *Also noted:*
 - *WorkSafe and GST reporting for the 2nd quarter completed on time*
 - *Financial Statements and Audit are in the final stage of completion*

157/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the September 3, 2024 Verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source Report by Finance Supervisor, Lisa Nicholson

158/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT the July 30, 2024 and August 28, 2024 Single Source reports be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

EA & MRDT Committee:

1. RTAG 2024-05 BC Movement Arts Society

159/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**
THAT RTAG 2024-05 BC Movement Arts Society request in the amount of \$5,000.00 be approved.

BYLAWS

1. Bylaw No.1043, Growing Communities Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 1043, 2024

160/2024 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**
THAT Bylaw No. 1043, Regional District of Mount Waddington Growing Communities Reserve Fund Bylaw No.1043, 2024 be adopted.

2. Bylaw No.1044, Regional District of Mount Waddington 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No.1044, 2024

161/2027 **Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**
THAT Bylaw No.1044, Regional District of Mount Waddington 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1044, be adopted.

3. Bylaw No.1045, Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1045, 2024”.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:
 162/2024 THAT Bylaw No.1045, Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1045, be read a 2nd and 3rd time.

4. Bylaw No. 1046, Regional District of Mount Waddington Amendment Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1046, 2024", for 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:
 163/2024 THAT Bylaw No.1046, Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1046, be read a 1st, 2nd and 3rd time.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:
 164/2024 THAT Bylaw No.1046, Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1046, be adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) District of Port Hardy re: Tex Lyon Trail

Also noted:

- *The entire area where the Tex Lyon Trail is located under Provincial jurisdiction under the Ministry of Forests, however there are 2 hectares that the Regional District has tenure over. The 2 hectares are not located at the beginning of the trail. Staff is currently collecting and reviewing documents for follow up on jurisdiction, collaboration and trail maintenance.*
- *Staff will provide a brief to the Board of Directors with their findings re: tenure and jurisdiction of the area where Tex Lyon Trail is located.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED
 165/2024 That Staff compile a letter to the Ministry of Forests and cc'd to the Ministry of Tourism outlining the popularity of the Tex Lyon trail, and the concerns from the Regional District around the safety issues at the entrance of the trail.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED
 166/2024 THAT the letter from the District of Port Hardy regarding the Tex Lyon Trail be received and filed.

- b) Sointula Recreation Association Grant Application Support

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED
 167/2024 THAT the Regional District of Mount Waddington supports in principle the Community Building Grant application by the Sointula Recreation Association towards UBCM up to \$400,000.

OTHER BUSINESS/ DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

- a) Emergency Coordinator Report (September 3, 2024)

Also noted:

- *There may be an option for Regional Districts that don't have the resources, that the Province will provide a Fire Safety Inspector for rural areas.*

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED
 168/2024 THAT the Emergency Coordinator report be received and filed.

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *Met with MLA Michele Babchuck, and provided a tour of and discussions around*

the Sointula Community, Water District, the Community Building and held a meet and greet at the Resource Centre. Was a great meeting and very informative.

- *Water system is back up and running at full capacity*
- *Eco-Trust Canada is offering a free service regarding a home energy savings program.*
- *Good tourism year in Sointula, not overwhelming, very steady (close to capacity on a regular basis).*
- *Winterfest will be happening on November 16, 2024.*

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

- *Also met with MLA Babchuk to discuss concerns on the North Island.*

Area "C" - Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *Hyde Creek is having an issue with items going missing from people's yards.*
- *Sidewalks are getting installed at the gazebo to ensure wheelchair accessibility.*

Area "D" – Nimpkish Valley/Woss

- *The Community Hall repairs are still ongoing.*
- *The WRA meetings will recommence in September.*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay:

- *The annual Alert Bay 360 was held and roughly 130 participants.*
- *Held the Moveable Feast (music fest), which was Indigenous entertainer and dancer centered. Would have been better attended if the ferry had been running. (Ferry run was delayed until 3 in the afternoon).*
- *Willow Road stairs, which is a tsunami evacuation route, collapsed. The current quote to replace is \$650,000.00.*
- *Had the Alfred Family memorial potlach, there were over 1,000 people in attendance. All the hotels and air bnb's were full, resulting in people having to be billeted out.*
- *Met with Michele Babchuk and took her on a tour of the Cormorant Island Health Centre.*
- *Attended the Sovereignty Pole meeting, which included a participant from a gallery in New York, as well as engineers and landscape architects.*
- *Met up with K'odi, who is the head of Nawalakw and Bond Sound project who advised that he has a meeting scheduled with the Prime Minister's Financial Advisor for the West Coast and asked Director Buchanan to attend to discuss how Nawalakw and Bond Sound have helped the economy of Alert Bay. This project is looking forward to going into stage 2 with eco-tourism.*

Village of Port Alice:

- *Met with MLA Babchuk*
- *Finished off the paving and crack sealing of the roadways.*
- *Marina work is ongoing*
- *Still a Saturday markets to go.*
- *Have 8 meetings scheduled for UBCM.*
- *Link River campsite has an anticipated season end revenue of \$40,000.*

District of Port Hardy:

- *The skateboard park committee has held a couple of meetings, including a 3D design showing the new design.*
- *Port Hardy has created and filled a part-time Fire Chief staff position. The current Fire Chief Brent Borg has been hired on in this role.*
- *FILOMI Days was a huge success*
- *Have had a number of meetings with the Sanala Supportive Housing hiring*

committee.

- The Connective Society have purchased 3 apartment complexes in Port Hardy. They have been very proactive in discussions with Port Hardy council.
- Attended a suicide prevention walk. The statistics are showing a majority of suicides are male, age ranging from early 20's to 60's
- Attended the Island Health breakfast
- Prepping for a 3-day workshop on de-colonization and addiction workshop in Port Hardy.
- Fall Fair will be held next weekend in Port Hardy.
- Have just returned from Japan, where there was a 30-year sister celebration with the town of Namata. Mayor Yokohama picked cherry blossoms and preserved them in snow for the celebration. Everyone was phenomenal. The Namata Festival was amazing. Highly recommend.
- Mayor Corbett-Labatt will be going to Ottawa at the end of the month to attend the unveiling of the official "Missing Children" totem pole carved by Stan Hunt.

Town of Port McNeill:

- The North Island Music Festival was well attended.
- Live Fire Training Centre arrived on August 27 and is currently being put together.
- Orca Fest was great.
- Met with Elizabeth May, Federal Leader of the Green Party who came to Port McNeill.

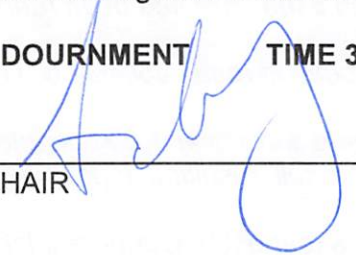
Questions/Comments – None

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: October 15, 2024

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ADOURNMENT

TIME 3:42 PM



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER