



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024 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,
Kathryn Wykes
Zoom: Dennis Buchanan, Kevin Cameron
- Staff: In person: David Kim, Administrator, Emmanuel Okorji, Development Technician, Matt Dyck,
Operations Supervisor, 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** **2:03 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

192/2024 Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**
THAT the RDMW Board of Directors November 19, 2024 Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

2. Nominations for Chair:

The Administrator assumed the Chair and called for nominations for Chair of both the Regional District Board & Hospital District Board.

Director Andrew Hory was nominated and accepted the nomination for Chair.

The Administrator called twice more for nominations and hearing none declared Director Hory as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Regional District of Mount Waddington and the Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District.

3. Nominations for Vice-Chair

The Administrator called for nominations for Vice- Chair of both the Regional District Board & Hospital District Board.

Director Dennis Buchanan was nominated and accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair

Director Michelle Pottage was nominated and accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair

The Administrator called twice more for nominations and after a vote by the Directors, Director Michelle Pottage was declared as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for the Regional District of Mount Waddington and the Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District. Chair Hory resumed the Chair.

DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

1. 2025 Board Committee Appointments:

Representative / Alternate

A) 911 Corporation	<i>Andrew Hory / Dennis Buchanan</i>
B) Municipal Insurance Authority	<i>Michelle Pottage / Dave Summers</i>
C) Municipal Finance Authority	<i>Andrew Hory / Dennis Dugas</i>
D) Vancouver Island North Training & Attraction Society	<i>Michelle Pottage / No Alternate</i>
E) Vancouver Island North Tourism Advisory Committee	<i>Kathryn Wykes / No Alternate</i>
F) VICC Special Committee on Solid Waste & Circular Economy	<i>Andrew Hory / David Summers</i>
G) Management and Personnel Committee	<i>Andrew Hory/ No Alternate Dennis Buchanan/ No Alternate Pat Corbett-Labatt/ No Alternate James Furney/ No Alternate Michelle Pottage No Alternate</i>
H) Policy Committee	<i>Andrew Hory / No Alternate Dennis Buchanan/ No Alternate Dennis Dugas No Alternate</i>
I) Vancouver Island Climate Leadership Plan Working Group	<i>Michelle Pottage / Andrew Hory</i>
J) Mount Waddington Transportation Advisory Committee	<i>Michelle Pottage/ No Alternate Kathryn Wykes/ No Alternate Dennis Buchanan/No Alternate</i>
K) North Island Regional Emergency Planning Committee (NIREPC)	<i>David Kim /Andrew Hory</i>
L) Natural Resources Committee	<i>Andrew Hory /Dennis Buchanan David Summers /Dennis Dugas</i>

2025 Electoral Area Director Appointments:

M) Vancouver Island Regional Library Board (VIRL)	<i>Andrew Hory James Furney</i>
N) Island Coastal Economic Trust	<i>Andrew Hory No Alternate</i>
O) Vancouver Island North Woodlands Advisory Group	<i>Dave Summers No Alternate</i>
P) Sport Fishing	<i>Kathryn Wykes No Alternate</i>
Q) Marine Planning Partnership (MaPP)	<i>Andrew Hory Dave Summers</i>
R) Mount Waddington Health Network Steering Committee	<i>Andrew Hory No Alternate</i>
S) Nimpkish Woodlands Advisory Committee	<i>Dave Summers Pat English</i>
193/2024 T) Mount Cain Alpine Park Society	<i>Dave Summers Kathryn Wykes</i>

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

THAT the Board Appointments be approved as amended.

MINUTES

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

194/2024 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held October 15, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

195/2024 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

196/2024 THAT the Cheque Registry for October 31,2024 be received and filed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Report: Verbal Report

- Total transit cumulative revenue from Jan – October was \$55,800.00. This is an increase of .5% and ridership decreased by .3% for the same time last year. (Approximately 25, 062 riders over ten months).
- Hiring Status:
 - o There have been several pre-screenings for the Economic Development position.
 - o The Parks and Recreation Manager position has received numerous applicants and will be reviewed later this week.
 - o An offer has been made to a candidate for the position of Operations Technician.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

197/2024 THAT the Board authorizes Chair Andrew Hory and CAO/Corporate Officer David Kim to sign the Community Works Fund Agreement.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

198/2024 THAT the verbal November 19, 2024 Administrator's Report be received.

2. Economic Development – Presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant (November 19, 2024)

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

199/2024 That the Regional District of Mount Washington supports the submission of a funding application to the UBCM Community to Community program for a workshop to review the recommendations of the SIDP and seek participation by First Nations.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

200/2024 THAT the November 19, 2024, Economic Development report be received and filed.

b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (November 19, 2024) *Also noted:***Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

201/2024 THAT the November 19, 2024 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Verbal Report be received and filed.

c) Tourism Coordinator Report – (November 19, 2024) Presented by Natalie Stewart

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

202/2024 THAT the 2025 VINT Marketing Plan be approved as presented.

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

203/2024 THAT the November 19, 2024 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

3. Operations Supervisor – Matt Dyck (November 19, 2024)

Moved/Seconded/CARRIED

204/2024 THAT the 2025 Fire Chief Appointments be approved as follows:

- Andrew Hory: Coal Harbour Volunteer Fire Department
- Glen Watson: Sointula Volunteer Fire Department

- Brock Soderman: Woss Volunteer Fire Department

4. Development Technician Report – Emmanuel Okorji (November 19, 2024)

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

205/2024 THAT the November 19, 2024 Development Technician report be received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Finance Report – David Kim, CFO verbal report (November 19, 2024):
 - o The Administration has started the work on the 2025 Business Plan Report, which will include input from all departments.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

206/2024 THAT the 2023 Audited Financial Statements and the 2023 Statements of Financial Information be approved as presented and further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

207/2024 THAT the November 19, 2024 Verbal Finance Report be received and filed.

2. Single Source Report – October 31, 2024

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

208/2024 THAT the October 31, 2024 Single Source reports be received and filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

BYLAWS

1. Bylaw No.1047, Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1047, 2024” for 1st and 2nd readings.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

209/2027 THAT Bylaw No.1047, Regional District of Mount Waddington Zoning Bylaw No. 21, Amendment Bylaw No. 1047, 2024” be read a 1st and 2nd time.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of Support for Quatsino First Nation re: North Island Transmission Line

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

210/2024 THAT a letter of support be provided for Quatsino First Nation re: North Island Transmission Line Project.

OTHER BUSINESS/ DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING

Electoral Area Updates:

Area “A” - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- Tourism - May was slow, but September is quite busy
- The Resource Centre noted a 40% drop in visitors after the move, but fortunately they should be able to stay in this location for the long term.
- The local B&B's saw a distinct increase in tourism
- One of the big issues of concern was the lack of maintenance at Bere Point, including whale as well as kayak awareness signage. If possible, making the trail

portion out to the lookout fully accessible would be great.

- Attended the NIREPC meeting, and it was very informative and helps keep the momentum going.
- Attended the Seniors Bazaar, which was good, but would like to see more community involvement and volunteers.
- Dr. Armogam had extended the weekly community dinners to the end of the year.
- Winterfest will be held on November 23, 2024. This festival has been happening for over 40 years.

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

- There will be a special NI 911 meeting, the long time single employee of the NI 911 has tendered his resignation, this is a significant change.
- Enjoyed the Autumn Days in Port Hardy

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- Found UBCM a little underwhelming, would like to have attended more ministerial meetings.
- Bus Shelter hop for Halloween was a great success
- Working on the OCP with Emmanuel
- Problem cougar in the neighborhood, stalking kids and pets.

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay:

- Congratulations Director Pottage on being elected to Vice-Chair
- Town square repairs are out on BC Bid
- Have applied for a potential grant for a C2C meeting in December
- Better Homes have come over to do a couple of seniors lunches, with another scheduled for December.
- Hannah Donagen from Cave 7 Productions in Toronto. She is working on a Coast to Coast-to-Coast documentary on the health care system in Canada. The production company is considering coming to the North Island to discuss emergency room closures.
- 'Namgis held a town hall meeting to discuss potential usage of the old nurse's residence

Port Alice:

- Great turnout for the Christmas market, 37 tables were rented out.
- Bouncy Castle was a big hit for the Halloween Howl, all costs were paid for by donations
- Have started an Arena Redevelopment study
- Christmas Tree will be lit up on December 1, 2024

District of Port Hardy:

- Port Hardy Seniors are still working with BC Housing and have meetings scheduled
- The AGM for Hardy Bay Seniors will be held the evening of November 19
- Attended the VINTAC meeting and thank you to Natalie and team for all the work they have done on the North Island, last few years have been very successful.
- Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony, great turn out. Thank you to all veterans, current members serving and first responders for all their hard work and dedication
- Had a raising of the first Metis Flag in Port Hardy.
- The municipal flags are now flying at half-mast in memory of John Horgan, and with deepest sympathy to his family.
- Involved with the decolonize addictions conference (a 3-day conference) this was funded through grant money. Subsequent sharing on social media and CBC, with approximately 150 people in person and 30-40 virtually each day for the 3-day

event. Day 1 was sponsored by the Kwakiutl First Nation, day 2 was sponsored by Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw First Nations and day 3 by Quatsino First Nation. Connection was great. The feedback was very positive.

- The recreation department held a volunteer appreciation breakfast and awards, with approximately 70 people in attendance.
- There was an annual costume crawl which was well attended, by approximately 200 children and their families.
- The Fire Department, along with the Port Hardy recreation department had a haunted house for Halloween. Culminated with the pumpkin walk on November 2, 2024.
- The Port Hardy Autumn festival was well attended.
- The NIREPC meeting was great, and it really helps to ensure connections with everyone.

Town of Port McNeill:

- Tons of gratitude to those who have served, those who are serving and those who support all of them.
- Started the last council meeting with a moment of silence for Premier John Horgan.
- Visit from Canada Post last week to analyze the downtown traffic situation, as it's a bit chaotic. They had some good solutions and were open to suggestions.
- Bill McQuarrie from the Port McNeill Tourism Group came and presented plans for the MRDT monies, including pedal bikes for use.

Questions/Comments – None

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: December 17, 2024

211/2024

ADJOURNMENT **TIME 3:21 PM**

CHAIR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER