



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

February 26, 2025 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, David Summers, Kathryn Wykes  
Zoom: 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 Coordinator, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary, Nicole McDowell, Administration

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Resolution **CALL TO ORDER**  
No.

**2:02 PM**

*The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Kwak'waka peoples.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

020/2025 THAT the RDMW Board of Directors February 26, 2025 Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

**DELEGATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None**

**MINUTES**

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

021/2025 THAT the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held January 21, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

022/2025 That the Correspondence on the table be received and filed.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED:**

023/2025 THAT the Board respond to the BC Hydro letter received.

Moved/Seconded/**CARRIED**

024/2025 THAT the Cheque Registry for January 31, 2025 be received and filed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. Administrator Report: Verbal Report

- Total transit cumulative revenue for January 2025 was \$5,400,000. The ridership

declined by 7.7% compared to the same period for 2024. There were a total of 2600 riders. There was a significant ridership drop

- Campground reservations for Bere Point are up 6% from last year, Quatse Campground is up by 160% from the same time last year.
- Hiring Status is taking a while as it is imperative that the right people are brought in.
  - o The new Operations Technician started February 2, 2025.
  - o Making progress with the Economic Development Officer
  - o Final candidate for the Emergency Coordinator
  - o Hoping to add assistance with Human Resources shortly

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

025/2025 THAT the verbal February 26, 2025 Administrator's Report be received.

2. Travel Report - None
3. Economic Development – Presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant (February 26, 2025)
  - The preliminary funding application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has been accepted.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

026/2025 THAT the February 26, 2025, Economic Development report be received and filed.

- b) Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report (February 26, 2025)

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

027/2025 THAT the February 26, 2025 Rural Resident Attraction Coordinator Report be received and filed.

- c) Tourism Coordinator Report – (February 26, 2025) presented by Pat English, Economic Development Consultant.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

028/2025 THAT the February 26, 2025 Tourism Coordinator report be received and filed.

4. Operations Supervisor – Matt Dyck (February 26, 2025)

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

029/2025 THAT the February 26, 2025 Operations Supervisor report be received and filed.

5. Development Technician Report – Emmanuel Okorji (February 26, 2024)

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

030/2025 THAT the February 26, 2025 Development Technician report be received and filed.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

031/2025 THAT the Board supports the application for replacement of the lapsed Hyde Creek land Crown Tenure with the Province.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Finance Report – David Kim, CFO verbal report (February 26, 2025):
  - *The Department has been assisting with the budget and business plan preparation. The team have been very engaged with this process.*

- Preparation of the annual utility bills for mailout in March is ongoing.
- Taxation request will go out in April.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

032/2025 THAT the February 26, 2025 Verbal Finance Report be received and filed.  
2. Single Source Report – January 31, 2025

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

033/2025 THAT the January 31, 2025 Single Source reports be received and filed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**BYLAWS**

1. Bylaw No.1050, cited as the “Coal Harbour Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1050” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**

034/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1050, cited as the “Coal Harbour Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1050” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

2. Bylaw No. 1051, cited as the “Coal Harbour Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1051” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**

035/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1051, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Coal Harbour Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1051” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

3. Bylaw No. 1052, cited as the “Sointula Sewer System Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1052” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**

036/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1052, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Woss Sewer System Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1052” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

4. Bylaw No. 1053, cited as the “Woss Solid Waste Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1053” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**

037/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1053, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Woss Solid Waste Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1053” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

5. Bylaw No. 1054, cited as the “Woss Water System Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1054” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**

038/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1054, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington Woss Water System Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1054” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

6. Bylaw No. 1055, cited as the “7 Mile Solid Waste Disposal Bylaw No. 1055” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**

039/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1055, cited as the “Regional District of Mount Waddington 7 Mile Solid Waste Disposal Bylaw No. 1055” be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

7. Bylaw No. 1056, cited as the "Coal Harbour Garbage Collection Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1056" be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**Moved/Seconded/CARRIED:**

- 040/2025 THAT Bylaw No. 1056, cited as the "Regional District of Mount Waddington Coal Harbour Garbage Collection Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1056" be read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**OTHER BUSINESS/ DIRECTORS REPORTS / NEXT MEETING**

Received for Information:

- 041/2025 THAT the Board approve Rocksteady Roadbuilding as the contractor of the 7 Mile Landfill operation for a term of 2 years, starting March 1, 2025, with the adjustment of terms, equipment and personnel as summarized in Appendix A, Procurement Briefing.

Electoral Area Updates:

Area "A" - Broughton / Malcolm Island / Mainland

- *No Report*

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

- *Attended the Resource meeting along with other Directors. This included discussion around current uncertainties, processes and voices being heard.*
- *Attended the Library Board meeting, which was very constructive, but also noted the increase in annual rates.*

Area "C"- Hyde Creek / Rupert

- *The APC has been working on OCP.*
- *Pavillion building has been completed, just need to finalize the accessibility area.*
- *Look forward to renewing the Crown Tenure for the Hyde Creek park area*
- *There is a large cougar active in the area, please be aware.*

Area "D" – Nimpkish Valley / Woss

- *Attended the Area Director UBCM EA Forum with Michelle Pottage. Was a great learning experience. Including how gas tax funds work as well as the Disaster Financial Assistance program and process.*
- *Meeting in Woss around garbage pickup, the business that took over from previous vendor has announced a very large increase without an option for the residents.*

2. Municipal Updates:

Village of Alert Bay:

- *2 Meetings with BC Hydro and 'Namgis First Nation regarding the old BC Hydro building. The building is in a very serious state of disrepair, but the 'Namgis First Nation would like to see the building kept. The Village is in discussion with 'Namgis First Nation about how they would like to proceed*
- *Numerous training sessions with Holistic Emergency Response in regards to hazard risk vulnerability assessment on Cormorant Island.*
- *C2C meeting was held with 'Namgis First Nation and Holistic and included a community dinner was held to update the community around emergency management, including liability to residents and council.*
- *Meeting with BC Ferries, including Mayor Corbett-Labatt, Director Pottage, Mayor Furney and Chief Victor Isaac. The meeting left the Directors and Chief Isaac*



frustrated. BC Ferries does not want to hear from the communities, they have their agenda. They want to put the Quadra Queen 2 back in service for six months, which is far too small to meet the needs of the community. Campbell River has 2 vessels on a 10-minute crossing. When asked why the Quadra Queen 2 can't be used for one of the 2 ferries on that crossing, it was advised that the Quadra Queen 2 would not fit the docks in Campbell River. This is untrue.

- Sat in on a Town Hall Energy Futures meeting with Barry Penner. BC has imported 1.4 billion dollars of hydro from the United States. BC currently cannot meet the mandate for EV vehicles. To meet these needs BC would need two more Site C dams. The meeting can be viewed on YouTube called Town Hall Energy Futures.
- Held 2 public sessions around revamping OCP.
- Working on budget.
- The Alert Bay 360 has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers.

#### Port Alice:

- We received funding for 2 new propane generators. One is for the Fire Department and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one will be for the Village Office. They are designed to start automatically in the event that the electrical power is disrupted.
- Work in Lions Park is moving along, including removal of some of the danger trees (It was surprising the extensive number of trees that needed to be removed).

#### District of Port Hardy:

- Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying day). Be careful of words, use kindness instead.
- Wounded warriors were in Port Hardy to start their journey down Vancouver Island. This group focuses on mental health for First Responders, Army, Navy, Air Force and Peacekeepers. They are travelling 800km.
- Missoula Children's Theatre group was in Port Hardy. This is an annual event which brings drama training to local youth.
- The BC Ferries meeting was very depressing and disappointing.
- Attended a Cultural Awareness seminar created by EMCR and spearheaded by the Town of Port McNeill. There was a good representation across communities of the North Island.
- RCMP Appreciation day is this month.
- The VINTAS meeting was very positive, and included discussions around the statistics of 40% of people who were scheduled go to the United States have cancelled. It is hoped that some of them will come to the North Island.
- Port Hardy is getting a brand-new reservoir. This will provide an additional 20% water capacity for the District.
- The Port Hardy Recreation department has been working hard and has submitted a video for the Kraftville Hockey contest.
- Pool usage has risen 300%.

#### Town of Port McNeill:

- On Friday, MP Rachel Blaney will be presenting Jackie Hildering with the King Charles Medal at the Brew Pub on Friday at 1:00pm. Very proud of all the work Jackie does.
- Had the pleasure of joining the Wounded Warrior group on Sunday for lunch at the Port McNeill Legion.

#### Questions/Comments –

1. Has anyone applied for the exercise classes in Port Hardy?
  - o Not at this time.

2. What is the financial relationship between Mount Cain Alpine Park Society and the Regional District?
  - The RDMW holds the Crown Tenure where the Mount Cain Alpine Park Society has the ski resort. Additionally, RDMW does provide Grant-In-Aid to them.
  
3. It was shocking to hear how much power BC imports from the US.

Next Meetings of the Board of Directors: March 18, 2025

042/2025

**ADJOURNMENT**

**TIME 3:37 PM**



CHAIR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER