

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES – February 25, 2010

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall on Thursday, February 25, 2010, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Director Colin Palmer, Chair
Director Merrick Anderson
Alternate Director Ted Belyea
Director Patrick Brabazon
Director Debbie Dee
Director Chris McNaughton
Alternate Director Sandy McCormick

Staff
Present: Frances Ladret, Administrator
Don Turner, Planner

AGENDA

The Board agreed to add the following items to the agenda

Bylaws: Bylaw No 117.11 - Myrtle Pond Local Area Water System Rates and Regulations Amendment
New Business Participation in 2010 Bear Aware program

It was also agreed to move Motion #6 forward on the agenda to accommodate the large delegation interested in this issue.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of January 28, 2010**

C. McNaughton / D. Dee THAT the Minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Correspondence dated February 10, 2010 from Tourism Powell River et al re Goat 2 Road Access** (71 correspondence items in total)

M. Anderson / S. McCormick THAT the 71 items of correspondence related to retaining access on the Goat 2 road be received.

MOTION CARRIED.

DELEGATION

1. **Eagle Walz et al Outdoor Recreation User Groups (ORUG) re Goat Lake 2 Road**

Mr. Dave Hodgins, PR ATV Club President, expressed dissatisfaction with Plutonic Power's short deadline for coming up with a community solution to preserve access on Goat 2. He noted the ATV club presently maintains 103 km of trail and would help the RD with maintenance if it takes over the road. Mr. Hodgins presented photographs of the Squirrel Creek road which Plutonic "promised" to deactivate to ATV access standard but had not done. He thanked the Regional District for considering any assistance they can give.

Nicholas Simons, MLA spoke about the Provincial government's perspective. He noted that the public was consulted before the project got underway but did not hear anything about road deactivation; therefore, the public consultation process failed. Mr. Simons suggested that the public write letters to the Ministry of Environment and commented that the government that gave permission for the projects needs to be persuaded to protect the public interest.

Don Krompocker, representing the Chamber of Commerce, also a PR ATV Club member, thanked the RD for its parks and greenspace initiative and for stepping up to the plate. He noted that access to areas like the South Powell Divide and the North Powell Divide needs to be preserved as these areas provide opportunities for a potentially lucrative but untapped market in back country recreation.

Maggie Hathaway, Powell River City councilor, commented on the tourism potential of the alpine area accessed by Goat 2. .

Ron Diprose, Knuckleheads Winter Recreation Group, noted local access to alpine areas is limited but needs to be preserved to realize back country potential. He commented that rock climbing in areas like the Eldred Valley rivals anything the Squamish area has to offer.

Mark Forsyth, Powell River Alpine Club, expressed appreciation for RD support and committed his group to assist with manual maintenance of Goat 2.

Randy Mitchell, Mitchell's Canoe and Kayak, commented on tourists' appreciation for this region's recreational resources and the need to develop this potential as other economic opportunities decline. He expressed dissatisfaction with the provincial government's failure to protect the public interest in approving the development of IPPs. Mr. Mitchell thanked the board for taking the initiative.

Ray Hogan, Alpine Club of Canada member, also Climbers Access Associate, commented on the need to work together on the bigger picture and get the dollars that could be brought into the community.

Bev Dunn, Back Country Horsemen, advised that this group is working throughout BC to maintain back country access. They have some access to funding through a provincial umbrella.

Lars Hawkes, commented that Plutonic stands to make a lot of money in this region and needs to give something back, perhaps by maintaining the roads.

George Ferreira - 4 Wheel Drive Association, commented that Plutonic had committed to the same or better access. His preference is that Western Forest Products, the present road tenure holder, would take responsibility for the road as they have also made money in the region. His group is prepared to help with maintenance.

George Iles, PR Salmon Society commented that his group supports access but users need to honour the streams as they could have fish in them.

Terry Roberts, ATV Club, asked what Plutonic will contribute if they do not have to deactivate.

Eagle Walz, President PRPAWS, commented that PRPAWS and other recreation groups are trying to reach a common good for this community. He expressed thanks to the Regional District for agreeing to consider this investment in our future and offered to support the District in its efforts to reach an agreement with Plutonic. He advised that he had spoken to Don McInnes of Plutonic Power. Mr. McInnes is willing to negotiate an agreement with the RD to take over the road and had indicated could be some money available to the RD to make this happen. However, Plutonic is anxious to deactivate as soon as possible and cannot wait until the Parks and Green Space Plan is completed. Mr. Walz stated he hoped the Board would be able to see a vision for Powell River that will create work and jobs for young people through eco tourism and he will help in this endeavour however he can.

Consideration of Motion #6. Goat 2 Road Deactivation

P. Brabazon / M. Anderson THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to send a letter to Plutonic asking them to defer the deactivation of Goat 2 Road until the Parks and Greenspace Plan and recommendations are complete, because the Regional District has an interest in the site.

MOTION CARRIED.

It was agreed the Chair would contact the Minister's office to express the community's interest and possibly to arrange a meeting with the Ministry while in Victoria on other business in March.

Following the adoption of this motion, Eagle Walz presented the Board with a package of additional letters of support for keeping Goat 2 road open. .

The delegation left at 8:25pm

Director D. Dee left the meeting at 8:25pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Brabazon reported on the Committee of the Whole meetings of February 2, 11 and 18, 2010.

Alternate Director McCormick reported on the Rural Services Committee meetings of February 18 and 25, 2010.

Director Palmer reported on the Emergency Management Planning Committee meeting of February 11, 2010.

OTHER REPORTS

Director McNaughton reported on the Sustainability Charter Steering Committee meeting of February 22, 2010 and advised of an upcoming meeting with the Sliammon First Nation.

Director Palmer reported on the Kelly Creek Community School meeting of February 24, 2010 and on the February meeting of the Stillwater Community Advisory Committee. He noted the committee is prepared to share map information with others.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Palmer commented on the Torch Relay, the Island Coastal Economic Trust meeting and community meetings regarding deactivation of industrial roads. He announced an upcoming Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department awards night.

MOTIONS

1. Regional District Fraud Risk

M. Anderson / C. McNaughton THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to advise the Regional District auditors, BDO Dunwoody, that the Board and its members are unaware of any fraud occurring during 2009 or to date in 2010, and that the Board does not consider there to be any substantial risk of fraud in future Regional District operations.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2009 Doubtful Accounts

M. Anderson / C. McNaughton THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to write-off uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$1,175.00

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Financial Assistance Request – Theodosia Roundtable

P. Brabazon / T. Belyea THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Rural Services Committee to endorse a grant in the amount of \$235 from Electoral Area A to the Theodosia Roundtable to assist them in coordinating Federal, Provincial and local efforts on river rehabilitation.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Financial Assistance Request – PR Amateur Radio Society

S. McCormick / P. Brabazon THAT the Board concur with the recommendations of the Emergency Management Committee to provide the following financial assistance to the Powell River Amateur Radio Society on the understanding the Society will provide communications support to the Regional District in the event of an emergency where other lines of communications are interrupted:

- \$2,500 for repeater on Mt. Pocohontas, Texada Island (carried forward from 2009); and
- \$3,500 to offset costs for an emergency communications equipment trailer.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. **AVICC Convention Attendance**

M. Anderson / T. Belyea THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Rural Services Committee to authorize the attendance of interested electoral area directors at the 2010 AVICC Convention to be held on April 9-11, 2010 in Powell River;

AND THAT all reasonable expenses be paid.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Goat 2 Road Deactivation** – *considered under the Delegations section of the meeting.*

7. **Savary Island Operational Fuel Treatments Proposal Acceptance**

P. Brabazon / T. Belyea THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Rural Services Committee to accept the proposal from Loki Tree Services dated January 29, 2010 to complete the work as set out in the Regional District's Request for Proposals "Operational Fuel Treatments – Savary Island, December 2009" for a cost of \$79,800, net of taxes.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. **Savary Island Dock Repairs Contract**

P. Brabazon / T. Belyea THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Rural Services Committee to award a contract to Spick and Sons to undertake repairs to the Savary Island Dock as itemized in their quote dated February 15, 2010 at a cost of \$43,350 plus applicable taxes.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Provincial Funding Cuts for Local Gov't. Emergency Response Training**

S. McCormick / P. Brabazon THAT the Board concur with the recommendation of the Emergency Management Committee to send a letter to the provincial Fire & Emergency Management Commissioner supporting the Capital Regional District correspondence regarding changes to provincial funding for local government emergency response training, and that the letter emphasize local concerns about emergency training.

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

BYLAWS

1. **Bylaw No. 430 - Savary Island Public Transportation Marine Facilities Service Parcel Tax, 2010**

P. Brabazon / M. Anderson THAT Savary Island Public Transportation Marine Facilities Service Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 430, 2010 be given first and second reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION CARRIED.

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MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Bylaw No. 431 - Myrtle Pond Water Service Parcel Tax, 2010**

T. Belyea / S. McCormick THAT Myrtle Pond Water Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 431 be given first and second reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

T. Belyea / S. McCormick THAT Myrtle Pond Water Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 431 be given third reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

T. Belyea / S. McCormick THAT Myrtle Pond Water Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 431 be reconsidered and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Bylaw No. 432 - Lund Sewer Service Parcel Tax, 2010**

P. Brabazon / M. Anderson THAT Lund Sewer Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 432 be given first and second reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

P. Brabazon / M Anderson THAT Lund Sewer Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 432 be given third reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

P. Brabazon / M. Anderson THAT Lund Sewer Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 432 be reconsidered and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Bylaw No. 433 - Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Local Service Parcel Tax, 2010**

M. Anderson / C. McNaughton THAT Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Local Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 433 be given first and second reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

M. Anderson / C. McNaughton THAT Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Local Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 433 be given third reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

M. Anderson / C. McNaughton THAT Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Local Service Parcel Tax Rate Bylaw No. 433 be reconsidered and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. **Bylaw No. 366.1 - Northside Recreation Service Area Boundary Amendment**

P. Brabazon / M. Anderson THAT Northside Community Recreation Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 366.1, 2010 be given first and second reading.

P. Brabazon / M. Anderson THAT Northside Community Recreation Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw 366.1, 2010 be given third reading.

P. Brabazon / M. Anderson THAT the Board authorize Northside Community Recreation Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 366.1, 2010 to be adopted with the written consent of the participants, in accordance with Section 802.(1) (b) of the *Local Government Act*.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Bylaw No. 117.11 – Myrtle Pond Local Area Water System Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw, 2010**

T. Belyea / C. McNaughton THAT Myrtle Pond Local Area Water System Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 117.11 be given first and second reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

T. Belyea / C. McNaughton THAT Myrtle Pond Local Area Water System Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 117.11 be given third reading.

MOTION CARRIED.

T. Belyea / C. McNaughton THAT Myrtle Pond Local Area Water System Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 117.11 be reconsidered and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Van Anda Dock – Repair Contract Amendment**

S. McCormick / T. Belyea THAT the contract with Pacific Industrial and Marine Ltd. for repairs to the Van Anda dock be increased by \$42,400 plus applicable taxes to include the demolition and disposal of the derelict section

AND THAT a total budget of \$279,875 be approved for this project.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Participation in 2010 Bear Aware Program**

C. McNaughton / T. Belyea THAT the Regional District submit a Bear Aware Community Program Application for the purpose of having a Bear Aware Program Delivery Specialist hired to provide public education and awareness throughout the Region for 6 – 8 months in 2010;

AND THAT the Regional District agree to contribute \$2,500 to the program to offset direct expenses, plus and equivalent in-kind contribution in the form of office space, equipment and supplies with costs to be financed from the General Administration service.

MOTION CARRIED.

MEDIA INQUIRIES

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Colin S. Palmer, Chair

Frances Ladret, Administrator