

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES – June 10, 2010

The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting was held at the Regional District Office on June 10, 2010 commencing at 3:00 pm

Present: Director Patrick Brabazon, Chair
Director Debbie Dee
Director Stan Gisborne
Director Chris McNaughton
Director Dave Murphy
Alt-Director Louise Williams
Director Merrick Anderson **via telephone**

Staff Present: Frances Ladret, Administrator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 20, 2010

C. McNaughton / M. Anderson THAT the minutes of May 20, 2010 meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

DELEGATION

1. **Vancouver Coastal Health Representatives (Sandra Swanson, John Marais, Dave MacIntosh, Brenda Langevin, Eileen Formosa, Lu Wuthrich, Stephen Gorelik) re: Capital Funding**

J. Marais explained the structure and process for capital planning and financing approvals. He noted that VCH received no new capital funding for 2010/11 so only capital projects already in progress are being funded.

Mr. Marais asked the RHD to consider contributing to the purchase of a new, \$150k chemistry analyzer as the existing machine has reached the end of its useful life. He also said the replacement equipment would be an upgrade to the current model. According to Mr. Marais, this equipment is the fifth highest equipment priority in VCH and an RHD contribution would enable the Health Authority to finance another equipment priority, although not in Powell River.

D. McIntosh provided an update on current projects in the Powell River area. He noted the CAT scan project went extremely well and equipment is now operating. Mr. McIntosh also reported that \$685,000 has been committed to address life/safety issues at the Olive Devaud facility. \$225,000 will go to a patient monitoring system than can be transferred to a new facility. Other costs are for items that are not transferable but are needed to ensure resident health and safety in the short term.

Re: Heliport at PR General Hospital: Mr. Marais informed directors that the hospital heliport does not meet new Transport Canada standards and failure to upgrade may result in restrictions on its use. He outlined the requirements to bring the facility up to standards, which will cost \$200,000 - \$250,000. He noted that VCH has 60% of the cost and requested a 40% share (i.e., \$80,000 - \$100,000) from the Regional Hospital District.

In her update on capital equipment, Sandra Swanson noted that current funding cannot sustain VCH's existing equipment inventory. She reviewed the items purchased with the 2009 RHD contribution to equipment. She noted that for 2010, \$115,000 (including 7.85% tax) will be allocated to the Powell River hospital.

IN-CAMERA

L. Williams / C. McNaughton THAT the meeting adjourn to an in-camera session pursuant to Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter*.

MOTION CARRIED.

The open meeting reconvened at 3:40 pm.

2. RCMP Staff Sergeant Brinton re Crime Stoppers

As the second delegation had not yet arrived, the Committee continued with the Items of Business on the agenda.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Request for Funding: BC SPCA "Paws for a Cause"

D. Murphy / C. McNaughton THAT the Committee recommend the Board donate seven (7) days free camping at either Shelter Point Park or Haywire Bay Park campsites with the winner being permitted to use the days consecutively or intermittently at any time that the campgrounds are open, excluding holiday weekends or Sandcastle weekend (Shelter Point Park only) as a contribution to the 2010 SPCA's "Paws for a Cause" fundraising event.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Kiwanis Park Proposal**

C. McNaughton / D. Murphy THAT the Regional District discuss with Kiwanis the option of undertaking some aspect of the planned cemetery improvements as a community project.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Elections Task Force Report**

The Committee reviewed and accepted the report on the Local Government Elections Task Force from Director Brabazon.

4. **Other – Leave of Absence**

C. McNaughton / D. Murphy THAT the Committee recommend the Board grant Director Gisborne a leave of absence for personal reasons for July and August, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED.

DELEGATION

2. **Staff Sergeant Brinton re Crime Stoppers**

Staff Sergeant Brinton and Grant Rainsley, local Crime Stopper volunteer, attended the meeting to discuss the Crime Stoppers program. SSgt Brinton noted that Mr. Rainsley is a former Vancouver police officer and liaison with Crime Stoppers.

Staff Sergeant Brinton provided a brief history on the program noting that 8-10 years ago, Powell River had a stand alone Crime Stoppers that was run by volunteers, but had since been disbanded. Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers then agreed to deal with Powell River through its 24 hour call centre located in Vancouver. Metro Vancouver now would like funding to continue carrying Powell River. The annual fee is \$2,000 which covers payment of rewards, when applicable. SSgt. Brinton noted Powell River get 20-23 tips annually; and has an average of three payments.

Since a portion of the benefit is provided in the rural areas, SSgt. Brinton proposed that the Regional District pay \$500 on behalf of the rural areas with the City paying the \$1,500 balance. He noted there will be no additional expense to this region over and above the \$2,000.

C. McNaughton / L. Williams THAT this request be referred to the Rural Services Committee for consideration.

MOTION CARRIED.

Director Anderson asked that Lasqueti Island be excluded from any contribution to Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers because they deal with Crime Stoppers through Parksville.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Patrick Brabazon, Chair

Frances Ladret, Administrator