

**POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MINUTES – July 15, 2010**

The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting was held at the Regional District Office on July 15, 2010 commencing at 4:05 pm

Present: Director Patrick Brabazon, Chair  
Director Debbie Dee  
Alt-Director Ted Belyea  
Director Chris McNaughton  
Director Dave Murphy  
Director Colin Palmer  
Director Merrick Anderson **via telephone**

Staff  
Present: Frances Ladret, Administrator

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**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. **Minutes of June 17, 2010**

**D. Dee / C. McNaughton THAT** the minutes of the June 17, 2010 meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

1. **Regional Services Financial Statement to June 30, 2010**

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Regional Services Financial Statement to June 30, 2010.

2. **Strategic Plan Implementation**

**C. Palmer / M. Anderson THAT** the Committee endorse the actions set out in the Administrator's memo dated July 15, 2010 regarding the implementation of the 2010 Strategic Plan, subject to the following changes:

- a) Add the following provisions regarding the Regional Development Strategy priority
  - all directors and staff who participated in the strategic planning exercise will meet in early October to develop a more specific and unified definition of this strategic priority;
  - Don Turner be the designated staff representative for this priority.

- b) Defer decisions on the following matters until staff reports have been completed:
- whether to deal with individual priorities through a select committee or the Committee of the Whole;
  - whether to designate a single director as the representative / contact person for each of the strategic priorities.

MOTION CARRIED.

Directors reviewed a draft outline of a revised regional district website and provided the following suggestions:

- Planning & Property Services section:
  - Add information on development guidelines and procedures, limits of RD authority, and authority of other jurisdictions and agencies
  - Do not include sections on individual electoral areas
- Solid Waste Management section
  - Include information on garbage collection services and recycling depot locations
- Utilities section
  - Include information on improvement districts and contacts for same
- Other
  - Consider how and where to report on RD sustainability initiatives. Section may be added as sustainability plans are decided.

It was agreed staff would proceed with an RFP for website design and setup.

### 3. **Climate Action/Sustainability Initiatives**

The Committee reviewed a report on RD initiatives to date related to sustainability and climate action and a staff memo requesting direction on the extent to which directors wish to pursue these matters in the future. A general discussion ensued. Acknowledging the region's small population, limited resources and current economic climate, directors indicated they would like to pursue initiatives that can be funded from other sources or that can be accomplished at modest local expense. They also recognized the need to evaluate costs and benefits when deciding on future actions.

Director Palmer suggested directors review the projects listed in the Sustainability Charter appendix and select those that may be appropriate to incorporate in the Regional District's future plans and encourage community groups to take on others.

Based on the discussion, staff will draft a Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program report for 2010 and 2011.

**4. RD Participation in Recreation Funding**

Director McNaughton provided information on revenues and expenses for City parks and the recreation complex as part of the discussion on the City's request for a financial contribution from the electoral areas. This matter will be further considered at a joint City-RD meeting this fall. Director Murphy asked that the City provide a rationale for its request.

**5. Haywire Bay – Wilderness Camp**

F. Ladret reported that staff met with David Morris, Model Community executive director and School District representative on the project, regarding the development of a Wilderness Camp at Haywire Bay Park. Based on the preliminary review, it appears the camp is compatible with the site and with general park use and can be accommodated without unduly compromising further park development. A staff report is expected in August.

**6. Other – UBCM Meetings with Ministers**

Directors requested staff to arrange the following meetings with Ministers at the UBCM Convention.

- Minister of Healthy Living and Minister of Forests regarding competing forestry and water supply interests in the Jefferd Creek watershed
- Minister of Healthy Living regarding funding to improvement districts
- Minister of Transportation and Highways regarding BC Ferries (meeting to be coordinated with City representatives)

**7. Other – Liquid Waste Management Plan Meeting Report**

Alt-Director Belyea reported on a June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City's Liquid Waste Management Committee where a Dayton & Knight report was presented and a July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting which included a presentation on the proposal for Catalyst to handle City sewage.

**IN-CAMERA**

**C. McNaughton / M. Anderson THAT** the meeting adjourn to an in-camera session pursuant to Section 90(1) (c) & (e) of the *Community Charter*.

MOTION CARRIED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

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Patrick Brabazon, Chair

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Frances Ladret, Administrator