

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES – June 17, 2010

The COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE meeting was held at the Regional District Office on June 17, 2010 commencing at 4:00 pm

Present: Director Patrick Brabazon, Chair
Director Debbie Dee
Director Stan Gisborne
Director Chris McNaughton
Director Dave Murphy
Director Colin Palmer
Director Merrick Anderson **via telephone**

Staff
Present: Frances Ladret, Administrator
Linda Greenan, Manager of Financial Services

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of June 10, 2010**

D. Dee / C. McNaughton THAT the minutes of the June 10, 2010 meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

DELEGATION

To allow the delegations time to set up their presentation equipment, the Committee agreed to proceed with the agenda Items of Business.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. **VCH Funding Request**

D. Dee / D. Murphy THAT the Committee recommend the Regional Hospital District Board approve funding for a Chemistry Analyzer and Heliport Upgrade at the requested 40% contribution.

MOTION CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

1. **Chris Morwood, Russ Brewer, and John Van Oostven, President, PR Cycling Association re: RD Cycling and Trails Master Plan**

C. Morwood addressed the committee on behalf of the PR Cycling Association which is comprised of local road and mountain bike groups. He stated that the Association's objectives are to protect existing trails, develop new trails and get improved bike trail mapping. He also outlined the association's current initiatives which include promoting the development of a Cycling Master Plan for the region, working with other recreation groups to develop a community bike park and promoting Powell River as a mountain biking tourism destination, like Whistler-Squamish and the Shuswap.

Dr. Morwood referred to the agenda package information explaining the purpose of the presentation, i.e., to initiate the development of a Cycling and Trails Master Plan for the Regional District of Powell River and to discuss the creation of a Cycling and Trails Coordinator position, in conjunction with the City. He noted that the rationale for the plan is that it would enhance recreational and commuter biking options, help to meet the City's goals for greenhouse gas emissions, and develop Powell River as a destination for cycling tourists.

Mr. Van Oostven presented a map denoting a main cycling corridor along Highway 101 from Saltery Bay to Lund with connections to mountain bike access trails in the back country. He said the group is proposing "sharrows" (shared lane pavement markings) which integrate bikes and vehicle traffic rather than separate bike lanes which are more expensive and take more space. Signage and bike racks would be part of the system. It was noted that sharrows are not suitable on roads with higher speed limits (i.e. over about 50 kph).

The delegation proposed that the Regional District and the City jointly fund a Cycling and Trails Coordinator position to coordinate the development of a Master Plan for Cycling and Trails. It was noted that funding may be available from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other sources.

Director Murphy expressed interest in having a cycling corridor from Blubber Bay to Shelter Point Park included in any future plan.

Committee members agreed to consider the delegation's proposal further.

The delegation left the meeting at 4:35 pm.

It was agreed to refer this item to the Parks & Greenspace planning group and to the next joint City-PRRD meeting. Staff was directed to investigate the possibility of using Gas Tax (Community Works) funds for the proposed plan and/or coordinator position and potential funding through the Ministry of Transportation.

2. **Jay Yule, Superintendent, School District 47 and David Morris, Executive Director, Model Community Society re Wilderness Camp at Haywire Bay**

J. Yule outlined the difficulties project proponents had encountered in trying to obtain a tenure over the Thornton Bay site for the Wilderness Camp. He noted ICET had extended the deadline for construction to March, 2011 and would grant no further extensions, therefore, the group was anxious to get firm plans in place as soon as possible to avoid losing the ICET funding.

He advised that the School District is interested in developing the camp at Haywire Bay as it has road access, some infrastructure already in place, a better gradient and is close to the Sunshine Coast trail. Also, the existing campground could accommodate caregivers and relatives of disabled people participating in the wilderness camp.

Mr. Yule pointed out potential advantages to the Regional District, e.g., economic development for the region, increased usage of existing campground, potential cost-sharing on park operations, and possible development of a day use area for joint use.

He indicated the School District is open to any tenure arrangements the Regional District is prepared to entertain and does not expect the Regional District to pick up any costs associated with the development of the camp. He further noted that the development would have a minimal footprint.

Dave Morris advised that the proponents would do an environmental assessment of the area to be developed. He said the development has minimal permanent structures and accommodations will be in yurts, which are mobile.

Director Dee informed the Committee that she is the president of the Model Community Society and may have a conflict of interest if formal talks about site tenure develop.

D. Murphy / C. McNaughton THAT the Regional District move forward on this proposal with staff to further investigate the plans in conjunction with the proponents and report back to the Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

The delegation left the meeting at 5:00 pm.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS cont'd...

2. **UBCM Convention Resolutions**

The Committee had no issues to put forward as resolutions to the 2010 UBCM Convention.

3. August Board Meeting Arrangements

S. Gisborne / C. McNaughton THAT the Committee agree to the option of chartering Lund Water Taxi to transport directors and staff to Lasqueti for the August Board meeting

AND THAT the Committee recommend directors be paid a per diem for attending the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

It was agreed that media representatives may go on the charter, space permitting. Staff will work with Director Anderson to arrange the on-island schedule and lunch.

4. 2009 Directors Remuneration & Expenses Report

D. Dee / D. Murphy THAT the Committee recommend the Board endorse the 2009 Directors Remuneration, Expenses and Contracts Report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. 2009 Audited Financial Statement – Regional District

The Committee reviewed the 2009 Audited Financial Statement for the Regional District and forwarded the Financial Statement to the Regional Board for approval.

6. 2009 Audit Results and Communications – Regional District

C. Palmer / C. McNaughton THAT the Committee accept the “2009 Audit Results and Communications” report from BDO Canada LLP.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. 2009 Statement of Financial Information – Regional District

C. Palmer / D. Dee THAT the Committee endorse the 2009 Statement of Financial Information and forward it to the Regional Board for approval.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. 2009 Audited Financial Statement – Regional Hospital District

The Committee reviewed the 2009 Audited Financial Statement for the Regional Hospital District. The statement will be presented to the Regional Hospital District Board for approval.

9. **2009 Audit Results and Communications – Regional Hospital District**

The Committee reviewed the 2009 Audit Results and Communications report from BDO Canada LLP for the Regional Hospital District.

10. **Veterans Publication**

D. Dee / D. Murphy THAT the Committee authorize placing a business card size colour advertisement into the Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$295.

MOTION CARRIED.

L. Greenan left the meeting at 5:25 pm.

11. **Other – Emails to Office**

F. Ladret informed directors that office staff tries to limit the number of times they check their e-mails to minimize work interruptions and recommended that directors notify staff by phone if they are sending messages that require a fairly immediate reply.

IN-CAMERA

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Patrick Brabazon, Chair

Frances Ladret, Administrator