

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

RURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES – August 19, 2010

The RURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting was held at the Regional District office on August 19, 2010 commencing at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Director Dave Murphy, Chair
Director Patrick Brabazon
Director Colin Palmer
Alt. Director Ted Belyea

Staff
Present: Frances Ladret, Administrator

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of July 15, 2010**

T. Belyea / C. Palmer THAT the minutes of the July 15, 2010 meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. **Request for City Water Extension – Nootka Street**

C. Palmer / T. Belyea THAT the Committee recommend the Board consent to the City providing water to service DL 3691, Plan 15772, Lot 1 (golf course) and DL 3691, Plan 16678, Lot A (mobile home park) subject to the following conditions:

- (a) All new works shall be designed to current municipal standards;
- (b) Vancouver Coastal Health endorses the plan and issues a construction permit;
- (c) Any distribution mains shall be located within the public road right of way and shall be sized to meet the requirements for a future community water system to service the Nootka St. area and shall be transferred to the Regional District or other agency responsible for developing said system;
- (d) The property owner will not permit other properties to be supplied with City water through mains installed to service the subject properties except with the prior consent of the City of Powell River and the Regional District.
- (e) The subject properties will be required to connect to any future community water system developed by the Regional District or other entity to service the Nootka Street area.
- (f) The Regional District will not incur any costs or responsibilities associated with this request.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Texada Airport Crack Sealing Tenders**

P. Brabazon / C. Palmer THAT the Committee recommend the Board accept the tender from Capilano Highway Services Co. in the amount of \$14,222 plus applicable taxes for crack sealing at the Texada Island airport;

AND THAT funds be moved from the Airport Reserve to cover the associated costs and the 2010 Texada Airport budget be amended accordingly.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Texada Recreation Commission Revised Bylaw**

C. Palmer / T. Belyea THAT the Committee endorse Bylaw 437 as presented and forward it for the Board's consideration at the August meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Texada Heritage Society Funding**

P. Brabazon / C. Palmer THAT the Committee recommend the Board endorse a grant of \$4,000 from the Texada Island Heritage Conservation service to the Texada Heritage Society to cover the costs of the honorarium for the student attendant at the museum and for materials to complete the joint use-room that the Heritage Society shares with the Texada Arts Culture & Tourism society;

AND THAT the Society be advised that the Regional District will consider further funding when the Society has more specific cost estimates for the proposed lighting improvements at the museum.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. **Savary Island Dock Dredging Report**

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Dredging Report from Ralph Watts of North Island Engineering Ltd.,

6. **Savary Island Dock Dredging Archaeological Assessment & Monitoring Report**

P. Brabazon / C. Palmer THAT the Committee recommend the Board endorse payment of \$6,306.61 plus applicable taxes to Simon Fraser University for the "Archaeological Impact Assessment and Monitoring Report" for Keefer Bay, Savary Island.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. **Northside Fire Hall Design and Specifications**

The proposal from Alofii Design was deferred and may be dealt with by the board at the next meeting.

8. Lund Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Management

P. Brabazon / C. Palmer THAT the Committee recommend the Board retain the services of GF Land Development Planning to work in cooperation with Dayton & Knight Engineering to coordinate the Lund Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade project.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Lund Sewer Loan Authorization Bylaw & Elector Approval

The Committee discussed the options for obtaining elector approval of the loan authorization bylaw that will be required to finance a portion of the Lund Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project costs.

The Committee reviewed the 2010 capital plan for Lund Sewer which incorporated the Treatment Plant upgrade and associated works with a budget of \$468,441 and the purchase of standby generators, as required by provincial sewage disposal regulations, at an estimated cost of \$60,000 with \$52,000 to come from Community Works funds. The tax implications of various levels of borrowing for the treatment plant upgrade were also reviewed. A recalculation of the Project Management/Administration allocation was suggested.

The Committee discussed the level of Community Works funding to be allocated to the treatment plant upgrade project, taking into account the already high cost for sewer service.

C. Palmer / P. Brabazon THAT the Committee recommend the Board endorse a total budget of \$462,195 for the Lund Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, with the Project Management / Administration allocation adjusted as required;

AND THAT a maximum of \$252,000 in Community Works funding be allocated to the project on the understanding that if actual costs are less than budgeted, the Community Works fund contribution will be reduced accordingly;

AND THAT staff prepare a loan authorization bylaw authorizing borrowing of up to \$25,000 over a 15 year term;

AND FURTHER THAT the bylaw be submitted for the assent of the electors in the Lund Sewer service area.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. UBCM Economic Development Report

Director Brabazon's summary of this report was presented and discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting. There was no additional discussion at this meeting. Director Brabazon did note that most successes cited in the report had involved initiatives to retain local business.

11. **Open Burning Smoke Control Regulations**

Directors had no further comments on the proposed regulation at this time. Staff will prepare a draft submission for directors' review at the September committee meeting.

12. **Updates** – F. Ladret verbal report

The Administrator briefly updated directors on the following matters:

Provincial Water Plan – directors and staff were to review the report. This has not yet been done.

BC Fire/Rescue Model – no indication that the Province is intending to act on the report recommendations at this time. F. Ladret noted that the RD may want to act on some of the recommendations to ensure firefighter safety and reduced exposure to liability.

Myrtle Pond Water – awaiting Irfan Gehlan's return from vacation to work on the reservoir replacement or upgrade. Tod English has provided a pump test report for his second well that was re-drilled. The report has been sent to the VCH public health engineer for his evaluation. Subject to the engineer verifying that the report indicates Mr. English's wells can provide the amount of water required under our agreement, the amalgamation of the two systems will proceed by October.

IN-CAMERA

P. Brabazon / C. Palmer 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 6:50 pm.

Dave Murphy, Chair

Frances Ladret, Administrator