

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 AT 7:14 PM
IN THE RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director J. Burnett	Electoral Area A
Director G. Rudischer	Electoral Area B
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director L. Biggemann	Electoral Area F
Director D. Bartram	Electoral Area H
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Alternate	
Director B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
Director J. Ruttan	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Holdom	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo
Director L. Sherry	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Unger	City of Nanaimo

Also in Attendance:

C. Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
M. Pearse	Sr. Mgr., Corporate Administration
N. Avery	Gen. Mgr., Finance & Information Services
P. Thorkelsson	Gen. Mgr., Development Services
J. Finnie	Gen. Mgr., Regional & Community Utilities
T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr., Recreation & Parks Services
D. Trudeau	Gen. Mgr., Transportation & Solid Waste Services
N. Hewitt	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson welcomed Alternate Director Dempsey to the meeting.

LATE DELEGATIONS

MOVED Holme, SECONDED Director Bartram, that two late delegations be permitted to address the Board.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Lindsay Arsenault, South Wellington PAC, re Unsafe Buildings/Unsightly Premises at 2128 Minto Avenue – Area ‘A’.

Ms. Arsenault expressed the health and safety concerns that South Wellington PAC has with the property.

Marie Brannstrom & Ron Ewing, Gabriola Rod, Gun & Conservation Club, re Firearms Related Noise – Area ‘B’

Ms. Brannstrom presented a verbal overview on the actions the Gabriola Rod, Gun & Conservation Club have taken to alleviate the complaints by neighbours of the Club.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Holdom, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held July 12, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

South Wellington PAC, re Unsafe Buildings/Unsightly Premises at 2128 Minto Avenue – Area ‘A’.

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Bartram, that the correspondence from the South Wellington PAC be received.

CARRIED

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Regional Services Review – Phase III Bylaws.

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Holme, that #7 be dealt with separately.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Holme, that the "Southern Community Economic Development Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1648" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Holme, that the "Northern Community Economic Development Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1649" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Holme, that the "Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.01" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Holme, that the "Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Ice Arena Amendment Bylaw No. 1358.01" be introduced and read three times;

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Holme, that the "Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 899.01" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Bartram, SECONDED Director Westbrook, that the following plebiscite question be included on the ballot in Electoral Area 'E' local government elections on November 19, 2011 to obtain the opinion of voters:

Are you in favour of the RDN implementing a regional service strategy that would include:

- a) Nanaimo, Parksville and Qualicum Beach becoming participants in the Drinking Water/Watershed Protection service;
- b) Amending the cost allocation formula for the District 69 (Oceanside Place) ice arena and the District 69 (Ravensong Aquatic Centre) swimming pool service to allocate 50% of the costs of the service based on usage; and
- c) Electoral Area E becoming a participant in the District 69 (Ravensong Aquatic Centre) swimming pool service with cost allocations based on participating area usage?

CARRIED

2011 Local Government Elections – Appointment of Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer.

MOVED Director Holdom, SECONDED Director Bartram, that Maureen Pearse, Senior Manager of Corporate Administration, be appointed as the Chief Election Officer and Linda Burgoyne, Administrative Coordinator, be appointed as the Deputy Chief Election Officer for the purpose of conducting the November 19, 2011 local government elections and referendums.

CARRIED

Islands Trust – Election Services Agreement.

MOVED Director Westbrook, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Chairperson and Senior Manager, Corporate Administration be authorized to sign the 2011 Election Services Agreement between Islands Trust and the Regional District of Nanaimo for the purpose of conducting the November 2011 Gabriola Island local trustee election on behalf of the Islands Trust.

CARRIED

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

FINANCE

Surveyor of Taxes Administration Fees.

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Young, that correspondence be sent to the Surveyor of Taxes outlining our concerns regarding the potential disparity between local government costs and Surveyor of Taxes costs to administer the tax collection service and seek assurance from the Surveyor of Taxes that the administration fees applied to rural property tax requisitions are reviewed regularly for reasonableness and that fee rates recover direct costs related the Surveyor's office and do not generate additional "general" revenue for the Province.

CARRIED

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Fire Protection Service Contract – Big Qualicum Fish Hatchery.

MOVED Director Bartram, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the contract between the Regional District of Nanaimo and Fisheries and Oceans Canada covering fire protection to building structures at the Big Qualicum Fish Hatchery be approved.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Regulation of Nuisance Wildlife and Feral Animals.

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Burnett, that the Board receive this report on the regulation of nuisance wildlife and feral animals for information.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Burnett, that this issue be referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for its consideration in part of the development of the Agricultural Area Plan.

CARRIED

2128 Minto Avenue – Unsafe Buildings/Unsightly Premises – Area ‘A’.

Ms. Olfert spoke about the challenges with the property.

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Unger, that the Board declares that the accessory building and fire damaged residence at 2128 Minto Avenue, Lot A, Section 11, Range 6, Plan VIP57359, Cranberry Land District, create an unsafe condition pursuant to Section 73(1)(a) of the "Community Charter".

CARRIED

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Unger, that the Board directs the owner of the property, pursuant to Section 72(2)(b) of the "Community Charter", to demolish and remove the accessory building and fire damaged dwelling from the property within thirty (30) days of service of the attached Resolution or the work will be undertaken by the Regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the owner's cost.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Burnett, SECONDED Director Unger, that the Board directs the owner of the property, to remove from the premises those items as set out in the attached Resolution within thirty (30) days, or the work will be undertaken by the Regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the owner's cost.

CARRIED

Unsafe Building – 1038 Horseshoe Road – Area ‘B’.

MOVED Director Rudischer, SECONDED Director Bartram, that the Board declares that the building at 1038 Horseshoe Road, Lot 7, Section 18, Gabriola Island, Nanaimo District, Plan 21586, creates an unsafe condition pursuant to Section 73(1)(a) of the "Community Charter".

CARRIED

MOVED Director Rudischer, SECONDED Director Bartram, that the Board directs the owner of the property or agent, pursuant to Section 72(2)(b) of the "Community Charter", to demolish and remove the building and debris from the property within thirty 30 days of service of the attached Resolution or the work will be undertaken by the regional District of Nanaimo's agents at the owner's cost.

CARRIED

REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY UTILITIES

WASTEWATER

Bylaws No. 813.48 and 889.61 – Inclusion of Property into the French Creek and Northern Community Sewer Service Areas – Electoral Area ‘G’.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that "French Creek Sewerage Facilities Local Service Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 813.48, 2011" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that "Regional District of Nanaimo Northern Community Sewer Local Service Boundary Amendment Bylaw No. 889.61, 2011" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

COMMISSION, ADVISORY & SELECT COMMITTEE

Regional Hospital District Select Committee.

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Hospital District Select Committee held September 6, 2011 be received.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Westbroek, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that correspondence be sent to the Vancouver Island Health Authority advising that the Regional Hospital District supports the Oceanside Health Centre project and is prepared in principle to cost share in an estimated \$14.4 million dollar budget, pending confirmation of Provincial cost sharing and a final budget.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Holdom, that pursuant to Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter the Board proceed to an In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting to consider items related to land issues.

CARRIED

TIME: 8:10 PM

RISE & REPORT

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Regulation of Firearms Related Noise – Gabriola Island.

MOVED Director Rudischer, SECONDED Director Holdom, that staff be directed to continue working with the community, GRGCC and other agencies to find a solution to noise concerns and provide the Board with a further report.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Rudischer, SECONDED Director Holdom, that the Board advise the Chief Firearms Officer of community concerns regarding the frequency and level of noise associated with the Gabriola Rod, Gun and Conservation Club, and forward a letter requesting consideration of reviewing the Club's license to address these concerns.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the meeting terminate.

CARRIED

TIME: 8:31 PM

CHAIRPERSON

SR. MGR., CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION