

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014 AT 7:02 PM IN THE
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

In Attendance:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director C. Haime	Deputy Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Director M. Young	Electoral Area C
Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director B. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
Director B. McKay	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Hong	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director W. Pratt	City of Nanaimo
Director I. Thorpe	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach

Also in Attendance:

P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
J. Harrison	Director of Corporate Services
W. Idema	Director of Finance
R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Services
G. Garbutt	Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
D. Pearce	A/Gen. Mgr. Transportation & Solid Waste
J. Hill	Mgr. Administrative Services
C. Golding	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order, congratulated the Board of Directors, and recognized the Coast Salish Nations whose traditional territory this meeting takes place.

The Chief Administrative Officer welcomed Chief David Bob, Councillors Natasha Bob, Gordon Edwards, and Brent Edwards from Snaw-Naw-As, Councillors Emmy Manson and Sandy Good of the Snuneymuxw First Nation, and Chief Michael Recalma of the Qualicum First Nation to the meeting.

The Chief Administrative Officer invited Chief David Bob and Councillor Manson to welcome the Regional District of Nanaimo Board on behalf of the Nations.

Chief Bob invited his Uncle Jim Bob to do the opening welcome in the traditional language and his Aunt Anne Bob to perform the prayer.

Councillor Emmy Manson spoke on behalf of the Snuneymuxw Community and their Council stating that they are really honoured to be included in the ceremony and expressed the importance of recognizing this historic event. Councillor Manson noted that her brother Bill Yoachim now sits at the table, which is historic for their community. Garry Manson performed a drumming song as part of the Coast Salish welcome.

Chief Bob spoke of the progress that has been made by both the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Snaw-Naw-As in working together collaboratively and wished the Board luck.

Chief Michael Recalma of the Qualicum First Nation echoed the words of Chief Bob and expressed his pleasure at being invited to participate in the evening and also wished the Board good luck.

The Chief Administrative Officer confirmed receipt of notification from the City of Nanaimo, the City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum Beach, and the District of Lantzville advising of their Council appointments to the Board for the year 2015.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Honourable Judge Justine Saunders conducted the Oaths of Office for the Electoral Area Directors and the Municipal Directors.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations for the position of Chairperson for the year 2015.

Director McKay nominated Director Stanhope.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Administrative Officer declared Director Stanhope as Chairperson of the Board for 2015.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson for the year 2015.

Director Bestwick nominated Director Haime.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Administrative Officer declared Director Haime as Deputy Chairperson of the Board for 2015.

The Chairperson claimed his seat and expressed thanks to the Coast Salish Nations for witnessing the Inaugural Board meeting and acknowledged that the Regional District of Nanaimo is on the traditional territory of several Coast Salish Nations.

BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held Tuesday, November 25, 2014.

- 14-832 MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Houle, that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held Tuesday, November 25, 2014 be adopted with one change to motion 14-825 by replacing the word 'support' with 'hosting'.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

2015 Board and Standing Committee Regular Meeting Schedule.

- 14-833 MOVED Director Bestwick, SECONDED Director McKay, that the 2015 Board and Standing Committee regular meeting schedule be approved as presented.

CARRIED

RECEPTION

The Chairperson extended an invitation to stay and join the Board at the reception following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that this meeting terminate.

CARRIED

TIME: 7:35 PM

CHAIRPERSON

CORPORATE OFFICER