

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 AT 10:00 AM
AT THE RDN OCEANSIDE PLACE**

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director B. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville

Also in Attendance:

Paul Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer
Geoff Garbutt	General Manager, Strategic & Community Development
Chris Midgley	Manager, Energy & Sustainability
Nicole Hewitt	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

Cheryl Dill, Central Vancouver Island Job Opportunities Building Society (CVIJOBS), re: BladeRunners - Programming for Youth at Risk – Construction Focus.

Cheryl Dill provided a visual and verbal overview on the BladeRunner program.

Evelyn Clark, Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce, re: Economic Impact of Summer Events – A Study.

Evelyn Clark provided a presentation requesting funding for an economic impact study on summer events.

Bonnie Chomica, Oceanside Women’s Business Network, re: Beehive Networking Event.

Bonnie Chomica delivered a verbal synopsis on the Oceanside Women’s Business Network and the Beehive networking event.

Kim Burden, Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce, re: Regional Business Walks.

Kim Burden provided a verbal overview on the proposal for a Regional Business Walks project.

Janet Thony, Coombs Farmers' Institute, re: Farmers Feed Families.

Janet Thony, Coombs Farmers' Institute, provided a verbal overview the Farmers Feed Families project to educate consumers and farmers on the local food movement.

Daniel Sailland, Town of Qualicum Beach, re: Qualicum Beach Airport Business Plan.

Daniel Sailland, Town of Qualicum Beach, outlined a proposal seeking funding to develop a business plan and strategy for the Qualicum Beach Airport.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Eugene Thomlinson, Assistant Professor, School of Tourism and Hospitality Management – Royal Roads University, re: Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce, re: Economic Impact of Summer Events – A Study

MOVED Director Westbrook, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, the correspondence from Eugene Thomlinson regarding Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce be received.

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Westbrook, that the minutes of the Northern Community Economic Development Select Committee meeting held on February 24, 2015, be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Northern Community Economic Development Program – Spring 2015 Proposals.

Programming for Youth at Risk: BladeRunners – Construction Focus – Central Vancouver Island Job Opportunities Building Society (CVIJOBS).

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Programming for Youth at Risk: BladeRunners – Construction Focus – Central Vancouver Island Job Opportunities Building Society be awarded full funding in the amount of \$10, 000.

CARRIED

Economic Impact of Summer Events – A Study – Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce.

MOVED Director Westbrook, SECONDED Director Fell, that the Economic Impact of Summer Events – A Study – Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce be awarded full funding in the amount of \$6,371.51.

CARRIED

Beehive Networking Event – Oceanside Women’s Business Network.

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Westbrook, that the Beehive Networking Event – Oceanside Women’s Business Network be awarded partial funding in the amount of \$2,000.

CARRIED

Regional Business Walks – Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Westbrook, that the Regional Business Walks – Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce be awarded full funding in the amount of \$10,000, subject to partnership funding.

DEFEATED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Westbrook, that the Regional Business Walks – Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce be awarded partial funding in the amount of \$5,000, subject to partnership funding.

CARRIED

Farmers Feed Families – Coombs Farmers’ Institute.

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the Farmers Feed Families – Coombs Farmers’ Institute be awarded full funding in the amount of \$4,000.

CARRIED

Qualicum Beach Airport Business Plan – Town of Qualicum Beach.

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Rogers, Qualicum Beach Airport Business Plan – Town of Qualicum Beach be awarded full funding in the amount of \$15,000.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Director Westbrook, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time: 12:30 pm

CHAIRPERSON