

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 7:00 PM IN THE  
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

In Attendance:

Director W. Veenhof	Chairperson
Director I. Thorpe	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. McKay	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Hong	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director G. Fuller	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director B. Colclough	District of Lantzville
Alternate	
Director N. Horner	Town of Qualicum Beach

Regrets:

Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area G
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director W. Pratt	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach

Also in Attendance:

P. Carlyle	Chief Administrative Officer
R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
G. Garbutt	Gen. Mgr. Strategic & Community Development
T. Osborne	Gen. Mgr. Recreation & Parks
D. Trudeau	Gen Mgr. Transportation & Emergency Planning Services
J. Harrison	Director of Corporate Services
W. Idema	Director of Finance
J. Hill	Mgr. Administrative Services
C. Golding	Recording Secretary

## CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and respectfully acknowledged the Coast Salish Nations on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

The Chairperson welcomed Alternate Directors Fuller and Horner to the meeting.

## REPORTS

### **City of Nanaimo Request for Special Event Busing – Rogers Hometown Hockey.**

- 17-086 MOVED Director McKay, SECONDED Director Thorpe, that the report titled City of Nanaimo Request for Special Event Busing – Rogers Hometown Hockey, be withdrawn from the agenda.

CARRIED

### **Cedar Road Bioenergy Request for Consent Agreement.**

- 17-087 MOVED Director McKay, SECONDED Director McPherson, that the Board direct staff to enter into a Consent Agreement between the Vancouver City Savings Credit Union and the Regional District of Nanaimo for the purpose of allowing Cedar Road Bioenergy to obtain financing.

CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS

### **Exam Requirements for Owner Builder Certification.**

- 17-088 MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director McPherson, that the following resolution be forwarded to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for consideration at their annual meeting:

WHEREAS the Province of BC through the *Homeowner Protection Act* establishes the requirements for property owners to be authorized as Owner Builders by BC Housing to build and occupy a new home for their personal use;

AND WHEREAS due to recent amendments to the *Act*, BC Housing requires that Owner Builders write and pass an Owner Builder Authorization Exam prior to authorization under the legislation and has not produced a study guide or hosted educational sessions to allow property owners to prepare for the required examination which has resulted in an extremely high failure rate for applicants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in support of the ability for property owners to reasonably receive authorization as Owner Builders, that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urge the Province to prepare study materials and host education sessions designed to assist applicants through the required examination process.

CARRIED

**Restriction on Single Wide Mobile Homes as Second Dwellings on ALR Properties.**

17-089 MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Thorpe, that the following resolution be forwarded to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for consideration at their annual meeting:

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has established the standards for a second dwelling on ALR land and restricted those dwellings to a CSA Standard Z240 Double Wide Mobile Home unless a property owner makes a non-farm application to the Commission;

AND WHEREAS construction of factory built, movable dwellings has progressed significantly with technology and the CSA Standard is not flexible enough to accommodate the needs of farmers to provide accommodation on their properties without an application;

AND WHEREAS these new movable dwellings incorporate innovative energy-efficient, green building technology and can be sited to reinforce the farmland protection objectives of the ALC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities urges the Agricultural Land Commission to amend the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation to remove the restriction on second dwellings to CSA Standard Z240 and allow for the siting of other types of factory built, movable dwellings.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

TIME: 7:07 PM

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CHAIRPERSON

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CORPORATE OFFICER