

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 AT 5:00 PM IN THE  
RDN BOARD CHAMBERS**

**Present:**

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director D. Brennan	Deputy Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area A
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area B
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area E
Director J. Fell	Electoral Area F
Director W. Veenhof	Electoral Area H
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director D. Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
Director J. Ruttan	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director D. Johnstone	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Greves	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Director B. McKay	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 McKay to the meeting.

## DELEGATIONS

**Danielle Morrison, Guardians of Mid-Island Estuaries Society, re GMIES activities and request for renewal of funding from the RDN.**

Ms. Morrison provided a verbal and visual overview on the actions taken by GMIES and requested annual funding of \$10,000 per year for the next 3 years to assist with the goose control program.

**Fraser Wilson, Nanaimo and Area Land Trust, re NALT activities and request for renewal of funding from the RDN.**

Mr. Wilson provided a verbal summary on the actions taken by Nanaimo and Area Land Trust over the past year, and requested that the Board restore the funding to \$30,000 per year.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Peter Bolten, re Proposals for 2012 RDN Budget.**

MOVED Director Johnstone, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the correspondence from Peter Bolten regarding the proposed 2012 Budget be received.

CARRIED

## FINANCE

**2012 Proposed Budget Overview.**

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the tax requisition for the Port Theatre be increased by \$1,632 to provide an annual cost of leaving adjustment in the contract renewal.

CARRIED

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the tax requisition for the Electoral Area 'A' budget be increased by \$2,000 to establish a new service to provide an annual operating grant for the Cedar Community Policing Centre pending a successful alternate approval process.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Kipp, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the tax requisition for the Regional Parks Operations budget be increased by \$30,000 to address the operating grant to the Nanaimo Area Land Trust (NALT).

DEFEATED

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Kipp, that the tax requisition for the Regional Parks Operations budget be increased by \$20,000 to provide an operating grant to the Nanaimo Area Land Trust (NALT).

CARRIED

MOVED Director Bestwick, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the tax requisition for the Regional Parks Operations budget be increased by \$10,000 per year for 3 years to provide a goose control program implemented by the Guardians of Mid Island Estuaries Society (GMIES).

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Houle, that the tax requisition for the Electoral Area Administration budget be reduced by \$20,000 to defer the 2012 Toilet Rebate Program.

CARRIED

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Holme, that the tax requisition for the Area 'A' Recreation & Culture budget proceed as budgeted.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Brennan, that the tax requisition for the Northern Community Recreation budget proceed as budgeted.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the tax requisition for the Ravensong Aquatic Centre budget be reduced by \$11,495 through the deferral of the contribution to the reserve fund.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Willie, that the tax requisition for the Southern Community Wastewater budget be decreased by \$15,000 through the deferral of the minor capital equipment replacements.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the tax requisition for the Southern Community Wastewater budget be reduced by \$51,100 through the deferral of the contribution to the reserve fund.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the tax requisition for the Electoral Area Planning budget be decreased by \$6,000 through the deferral of equipment replacement (departmental printer).

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Houle, that the tax requisition for the Emergency Preparedness budget proceed as budgeted for the generator installation program at reception centres (2012 – Cedar).

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Bestwick, that the tax requisition for the Oceanside Place budget be decreased by \$11,500 to defer the equipment purchases – carpet extractor and floor machine.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director Bestwick, that the tax requisition for the Northern Community Wastewater budget be decreased by \$10,000 by deferring plant painting.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Holme, that the tax requisition for the Northern Community Wastewater budget be reduced by \$36,845 through the deferral of the underground manhole location and repairs.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the tax requisition for the Water/Sewer Utilities budget be reduced by \$10,000 to defer building renovations.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Johnstone, that the tax requisition for the Water/Sewer Utilities budget be reduced by \$30,000 through the deferral of a replacement of a 1999 truck.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Ruttan, that the Corporate Administration budget be reduced by \$36,000 to defer the hiring of the Information Services Technician position to July 1, 2012.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Brennan, SECONDED Director Holme, that the Corporate Administration budget proceed as budgeted for the GIS (Mapping) Technician position.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre, SECONDED Director Houle, that the tax requisition for the Transportation Services budget proceed as budgeted for the Mechanic position with a start date of July 1, 2012.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

CARRIED

TIME: 6:53 PM

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CHAIRPERSON

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SR. MGR., CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION