

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
OF THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 AT 7:07 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
W. Idema	Director of Finance
R. Alexander	Gen. Mgr. Regional & Community Utilities
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 Chairperson called the meeting to order.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Cory Vanderhorst, MNP, re Audited Financial Statements.**

Mr. Vanderhorst provided a visual and verbal overview of the Audit Findings Report and the consolidated financial statements of the Regional District of Nanaimo for the year ended December 31, 2014.

## **LATE DELEGATIONS**

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that late delegations be permitted to address the Board.

CARRIED

### **John Barker and Garry Hein, re Rogers Cell Tower, 1957 Plecas Road, Electoral Area 'C'.**

John Barker and Garry Hein voiced their concerns regarding the public consultation process and the potential placement of a cell tower at 1957 Plecas Road and asked the Board to send a letter of non-concurrence to Industry Canada and Rogers.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

### **Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held Tuesday, April 14, 2015.**

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the minutes of the regular Committee of the Whole meeting held April 14, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED

## **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Darren Hird, Rogers, re Update with regard to Rogers Proposed Telecommunications Installation in Electoral Area 'C' (1957 Plecas Road).**

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the correspondence received from Darren Hird, Rogers, regarding an update with regard to Rogers proposed telecommunications installation at 1957 Plecas Road, Electoral Area 'C', be received.

CARRIED

### **Lavonne Garnet, re Rogers Telecommunications Proposed Cell Tower.**

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the correspondence received from Lavonne Garnet regarding the Rogers telecommunications proposed cell tower be received.

CARRIED

### **Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, re Transit Services.**

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the correspondence received from Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding transit services be received.

CARRIED

**Derek Sturko, Ministry of Agriculture, re Regulatory Amendments Affecting the Production of Medical Marijuana on Agriculture Land Reserve.**

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the correspondence received from Derek Sturko, Ministry of Agriculture, regarding regulatory amendments affecting the production of medical marijuana on Agriculture Land Reserve be received.

CARRIED

**FINANCE**

**2014 Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report.**

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Haime, that the Audit Findings Report and the financial statements of the Regional District of Nanaimo for the year ended December 31, 2014, be received.

CARRIED

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Haime, that the consolidated financial statements of the Regional District of Nanaimo for the year ended December 31, 2014, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**UBCM/First Nations Tax Commission Report on First Nation Property Tax, Services, and Economic Development in British Columbia.**

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that the report be received for information and that the suggestions included in the First Nation Property Tax, Services and Economic Development in British Columbia report released by the Union of BC Municipalities and the First Nations Tax Commission be supported in principle.

CARRIED

**Automatic Response Agreement for Fire Services in District 68 Departments.**

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Young, that the Automatic Response Agreement between the North Cedar Improvement District, the Cranberry Fire Protection District and the Regional District of Nanaimo for coverage in the Cassidy-Waterloo, North Cedar Improvement District and Cranberry Fire Protection areas be approved, and that the Board Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the Automatic Response Agreement on behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo.

CARRIED

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Alternative Approval Process to Establish a Taxi Saver Service on Gabriola Island.**

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that "Gabriola Island Taxi Saver Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1725, 2015" be introduced and read three times.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that the Board establish 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, as the deadline for receiving elector responses for the alternative approval process.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that the Board approve the Elector Response Form as provided in Attachment 2.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that the Board determine the total number of electors to which the approval process applies to be 3,361.

CARRIED

**ADVISORY AND SELECT COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION**

**East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.**

**Minutes of the East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held Monday, March 30, 2015.**

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director McPherson, that the minutes of the East Wellington and Pleasant Valley Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held Monday, March 30, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

**Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission.**

**Minutes of the Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission meeting held Wednesday, April 15, 2015.**

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Young, that the minutes of the Electoral Area 'A' Parks, Recreation, and Culture Commission meeting held Wednesday, April 15, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

**Grant Approvals.**

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Young, that the following Electoral Area 'A' Recreation Grant-in-Aid Applications be approved:

Cedar Family of Community Schools	To purchase preschool equipment for a 5 week summer preschool camp at the Cedar Heritage Centre and for the preschool gymnastics program at Woodbank School. Items include 3 bikes and helmets and an Obstacle Course Kit.	\$678.00
1st Cedar Scouts	To purchase 15 pairs of snowshoes and 4 GPS equipment.	\$1500.00
Cedar 4-H Club	To purchase signage, copy paper, shavings (animal bedding), animal lease or purchase, animal feed, portable toilet, cell phone rental, rakes, forks, shovels, nails, paint, crayons, cleaners, hand washing supplies, buckets, and brooms.	\$1500.00

CARRIED

**Emergency Management Select Committee.**

**Minutes of the Emergency Management Select Committee meeting held Wednesday, April 22, 2015.**

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Houle, that the minutes of the Emergency Management Select Committee meeting held Wednesday, April 22, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

**Rogers Cell Tower, 1957 Plecas Road, Electoral Area 'C'.**

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that staff be directed to inform Industry Canada, the proponent, Rogers Communications Inc., and their agent, Altus Corporation of the telecommunication tower proposed at 1957 Plecas Road, Nanaimo, BC, in Electoral Area 'C', that the Regional District of Nanaimo Board of Directors provide a Notice of non-concurrence to locate a cell tower at 1957 Plecas Road, Nanaimo, Electoral Area 'C'.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Notice of Motion – Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement Policy.**

Director Veenhof noted that the following motion will be brought forward to the May 26, 2015, Board Agenda:

That staff review the opportunity to include Emergency Social Services volunteers within the current policy that provides for the reimbursement of travel expenses for volunteers to Regional District of Nanaimo committees and bring the necessary policy changes forward, including financial implications, for consideration by the Board.

**Notice of Motion – Island Corridor.**

Director Fell noted that the following motion will be brought forward to the May 26, 2015, Board Agenda:

That the Board request the Minister of Transport to provide the Regional District of Nanaimo a copy of the reports of consultants on the effectiveness of the proposed provincial and federal government grants to the Island Corridor Foundation for E & N Railway repairs.

**IN CAMERA**

MOVED Director Thorpe, SECONDED Director Lefebvre, that pursuant to Sections 90(1)(f), and (k) of the *Community Charter* the Committee proceed to an In Camera meeting for discussions related to law enforcement and the proposed provision of municipal services.

CARRIED

TIME: 8:04 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Thorpe, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that this meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

TIME: 8:07 PM

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CHAIRPERSON

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CORPORATE OFFICER