



**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 28, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

PRESENT: Mayor Hank Bood and Councillors Dennis Dugas, Pat Corbett-Labatt, Rick Marcotte, Fred Robertson and John Tidbury

ALSO PRESENT: Allison McCarrick, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Adrian Maas, Director Financial Services Abbas Farahbakhsh, Director Operational Services, Leslie Driemel, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Jessie Hemphill

MEDIA: North Island Gazette **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 2

COW 2016-024
APPROVAL OF
AGENDA AS
AMENDED

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bood called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Bood or requested an addendum to the agenda under:

E. NEW BUSINESS Councillor Fred Robertson re: North Island Coordinated Workforce Strategy; DRAFT Regional Forest Sector Attraction, Training and Retention Strategy.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole June 14, 2016 be accepted as amended.

C. DELEGATION

1. Greg Fletcher, Administrator, Regional District of Mount Waddington re: Presentation regarding RDMW Electoral Areas Boundary Options.

Mr. Fletcher reviewed the history of the review, options for realignment and timeline for completion of the review in order to be ready for the next election.

The presentation points included:

What revised Electoral Areas boundaries will do:

- Provide better population balance (RDMW letters patent was based on a 450 person population minimum)
- Provide better balance for assessment
- Encourage First Nation participation
- Minimize financial impacts from service boundary issues
- Maintain urban-rural balance
- Have Board consensus to proceed

Population and Assessment

- Current population and assessment by area
- Population and assessment trends from 1966-2011

Options and mapping changes were reviewed:

- Option 1: Re-align Area B to Include Quatsino Sound Communities of Coal Harbour, Quatsino and Quatsino First Nation; Area C to be reduced to Tsulquate, Fort Rupert and Hyde Creek.
- Option 2: As per Option 1 AND to transfer the unincorporated portions of Cormorant Island from Area A to Area D.
- Option 3: Expand Area B as Per Option 1 and 2; Transfer Hyde Creek & Area C portion of Arena Service Area to Area D; Create new EA on Cormorant Island, from Area A.
- Option 4: Expand Area B as Per Option 1 and 2; Transfer Hyde Creek & Area C portion of Arena Service Area to Area D.

Local Services

- No Impact on local or region wide services.
- Transit Service area would be preserved at existing B-C boundary.

Preferred Board Option

- Option 2 Enlarged Area B, Reduced Area C, move Cormorant Island to Area D.
-Coal Harbour, Quatsino and Quatsino First Nation to Area B:
-Area C includes, Tsulquate, Fort Rupert, the current participating area of arena service
-Area A loses Cormorant Island First Nation area to Area D

Timeline

- May 2015 beginning of process to articulate reason for change
- December 2018 for amended bylaw adoption.

Councillor Marcotte requested the transit route include summer runs to the golf course in order to have more youth participation. He commented that the Regional District helps funds Seven Hills Golf Club and that it would be in their best interest to provide transportation to the site encourage youth participating now and in the future.

Councillor Robertson commented that the boundaries should be kept to the next election, make the changes part of an election issue. Mr. Fletcher advised that then the boundary changes would not be in effect until the 2022 election year.

D. STAFF REPORTS

No Staff Reports.

Mayor Bood requested the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn to reconvene after the Regular Council Meeting

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE:

TIME: 6:56pm

MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting reconvene

TIME: 7:50pm

E. NEW BUSINESS

ADDENDUM

Councillor Fred Robertson re: North Island Coordinated Workforce Strategy; DRAFT Regional Forest Sector Attraction, Training and Retention Strategy.

Councillor Robertson reviewed the history of the North Island Coordinated Workforce Strategy, its partners and the focus on a forestry sector workforce attraction, training and retention strategy. A facilitator, Mr. Kerry Jochen from Human Capital Strategies, has been working with the group to develop a widely scoped attraction and training strategy with the aim of securing funding under the Rural Dividend program for the October intake date. A proposed part of the plan is a forestry enhancement center. Councillor Robertson had reviewed the 2015 District of Port Hardy Annual report and suggested that this program goes in the direction set by Council to work with the forestry sector.

Council was advised that funding for development of the proposal is coming from:

Regional District of Mount Waddington:	\$10,000
Western Forest Products:	\$ 5,000
Community Futures:	\$ 5,000
Port McNeill:	\$10,000

Councillor Robertson requested the District of Port Hardy support the project by way of a \$10,000 contribution.

Council comments included:

- That a seedling nursery be part of the proposal in order to provide jobs / experience here rather than purchase seedlings from down island.
- The information presented did not include a budget or detailed financial information.
- The request for funding and proposal be included in upcoming 2017 budget discussions.
- Budget discussion of the project at the Regional District Board meeting.
- What is the availability of \$10,000 from the District's 2016 budget.
- The need for a more comprehensive report.

Councillor Robertson advised that the application to the Rural Dividend Fund is being done for the intake date of October 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT The Committee of the Whole recommends that Council request staff to prepare a report for Council's review on the request for funding of the North Island Coordinated Workforce Strategy: Regional Forest Sector Attraction, Training and Retention Strategy.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR
STAFF REPORT

F. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourns. Time: 8:01 pm

COW 2016-027
ADJOURNMENT

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR