



**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 24, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

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

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

MEDIA: None **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bood called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 24, 2018 be accepted as presented.

C. STAFF REPORTS

1. Heather Nelson-Smith, Director Corporate Services (Apr.4/18) re: Short Term Vacation Rentals / Airbnb was received for information.

Heather Nelson-Smith reviewed the issues and concerns regarding short term vacation rentals including:

- current bed and breakfast regulations.
- how short-term rentals fit in with Official Community Plan and MRDT tax (hotel tax - does not apply to accommodations with less than 4 units).
- supply of affordable rental housing.
- residential concerns and bylaw enforcement.
- benefits to homeowners and the community.

Council discussion included:

- Concerns regarding properties used as short-term rentals when long term rentals are in short supply.
- Residential tax rates on properties used as a short-term vacation rental business.
- Non-resident property owners are not always fully committed to the community.
- The need to be proactive and have for bylaw tools to regulate short term vacation rentals.

Council directed staff to engage the community through the Community Consultative Committee and including local businesses offering nightly accommodation for input to permitting and regulation of short term vacation rentals.

2. Allison McCarrick, CAO re: Telus Update.

Allison McCarrick advised Council that Telus has offered to wrap 3-5 kiosks at no charge. Historical photos are being researched for the project.

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APPROVAL OF
AGENDA AS
PRESENTED

SHORT TERM
VACATION
RENTALS

DELEGATION
RCMP RE:
QUARTERLY
REPORT (JAN-
MAR /18).

D. DELEGATION

1. RCMP Staff Sgt. Wes Olsen re: Quarterly Report to Council, January to March 2018.

RCMP stats: January – March 2018 were received for information.
RCMP stats: January – March 2017 were received for information.

Staff Sergeant Olsen provided an overview of the RCMP activities for the first quarter of 2018. The review included numbers and types of case files and comparisons of the same period in 2017.

Council discussion with Staff Sgt. Olsen included:

- Improved category and subcategory reporting.
- 3 new off-road vehicles at the detachment.
- Bike patrols being done as able.
- False/abandoned 911 calls often pocket dialing or children using phones.

D. NEW BUSINESS

None

E. ADJOURNMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 6:58 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR