



**MINUTES  
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL  
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dennis Dugas, Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Janet Dorward, Fred Robertson, Treena Smith, John Tidbury and Leightan Wishart

**ALSO PRESENT:** Allison McCarrick, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Lynda Sowerby, Director of Finance

**REGRETS:** Abbas Farahbakhsh, Director of Operational Services

**MEDIA:** North Island Gazette      **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dugas called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 22, 2019 be accepted as presented.

**C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. 6:00 PM Director of Finance, Lynda Sowerby re: Financial Plan 2019-2023 Presentation

Director of Finance Lynda Sowerby provided a presentation to the public of the 2019-2023.

General Government Projects Include:

- The Official Community Plan
- Carrot Park signage
- Trail bridge
- Public Works fuel compound
- Paperless agenda
- Speed readers

Recreation Projects Include:

- Multiplex funding through debt, grants, donations and Regional District
- Manager of Community Services
- Grant funding submitted for arena upgrades
- Arena chiller replacement
- Health and safety upgrades
- Emergency generator for the Civic Centre

Fire Service Projects Include:

- SCBA packs and air compressor

Harbour Projects Include:

- Seagate Pier upgrades
- T-Float upgrades
- Fisherman's Wharf upgrades
- Seine Dock security and lighting
- Bear Cove upgrades

Transportation Projects Include:

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FINANCIAL PLAN  
PRESENTATION

- Ongoing paving and sealing
- Sidewalk to the Post Office
- Seawall bollards
- Equipment upgrades

Water Utility Projects Include:

- New vehicle
- Kains Lake Dam upgrades
- Mapping/asset management software
- Right of way clearing
- Garage for Vac Truck

Waste Water Utility Projects Include:

- Tsulquate smart tub
- Sludge bin
- Mapping/asset management software
- Fort Rupert Lift Station (grant dependent)

Review of the consolidated financial plan:

- Revenues of \$18,294,755

Funding sources:

- 8.9% reserves/surplus
- 2.7% 2018 carry forward
- 0.4% current year revenue
- 51.1% grants
- 1.4% other contributions
- 35.5% debt

Debt Payments were reviewed for the upcoming 5 years.

Rate Increases:

- Water rates 2%
- Sewer rates 4%
- Garbage/recycle 2.5%
- Recreation 2%
- Harbours 2%-10%
- Property taxation 4.7%

Tax impacts:

- Tax increase for 2019 year 4.27%
- Tax impact on average assessed residential property of \$184,337 will generate a 4.095% increase in 2019 over 2018 or \$39.05.
- Utility increase for a single-family residence is \$30.04 for the year.

2. 6:30 PM Chris Read, Communication Manager, MOWI re: Update on certification activities

Mr. Read provided a presentation of the certification process for Mowi.

- Name change from Marine Harvest to Mowi January 1, 2019.
- Head Office in Campbell River, with substantial operations in Port Hardy.
- Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) Certification highest standard to achieve.
- 22 Mowi sites are ASC certified and the goal to have all sites certified by 2023.
- Sea lice impact on wild juvenile salmon testing found the levels to be consistently below the threshold. ASC has determined based on this testing that there is no impact to wild juvenile salmon.
- Antibiotic use has been reduced significantly and been replaced with vaccines and better fish husbandry.
- Hydrolicer and filtration for removing lice from the fish with no chemical use.
- Well Boat is currently being built and tested and expected to be in use spring 2019 which will use de-salinized salt water to bathe the fish to remove sea lice.

MOWI  
PRESENTATION

- Agreements with 13 First Nations Governments.
- Broughton Archipelago First Nations Agreement including decommissioning three tenures and operating nine others with First Nations oversight.
- Mowi continues to support communities through donations to recreation, hospitals, sports and salmon enhancement.

Discussion included:

- Closed containment land-based vs marine based.
- Where do the lice go when they are removed from the fish from the Well Boat?

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOVED**

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 6:50 pm

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APPROVED

*Original signed by:*

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DIRECTOR  
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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MAYOR