

**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**



We respectfully acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl People, Gilakas'la

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Fred Robertson, Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Janet Dorward, Treena Smith and John Tidbury

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

REGRETS: Mayor Dennis Dugas and Councillor Leightan Wishart

MEDIA: None **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 7

A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 5:45 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 February 12, 2019 be accepted as presented.

C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. 5:45 PM Sport Fish Advisory Board, Jim Henschke, Ken Jenkins and Mike Kelly re: 2019 Fraser River Chinook Conservation Measures.

Mike Kelly, Jim Henschke and Ken Jenkins spoke with Council regarding the Fraser River Chinook. Chinook Salmon is the cornerstone of the sport fishing industry on the North Island. There will be a definite economic impact to the North Island including loss of tourism revenue and charter boat business decline. The closure mitigates a growing issue; however it does not address the overall impacts and is just one conservation mechanism with no further measures.

Discussion included:

- Is the solution being proposed the way to protect the salmon?
- What are the long term impacts of not proceeding with the proposed closures?
- Ocean conditions are changing.
- Exploitation on fisheries is low.
- Multifaceted approach to get the runs to where they need to be.
- The solution should be focused to the areas where there are severe impacts.
- Request for input is due at the end of February.

2. 6:00 PM Alycia Traas, Operations Manager Vancouver Island District North, Ministry of Transportation, Rik Gill, General Manager, Mainroad and Leon Bohmer, Operations Manager, Mainroad.

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APPROVAL OF
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AGENDA AS
PRESENTED

FRASER RIVER
CHINOOK
SALMON

HIGHWAYS

Alycia Traas, provided updates to Council and reviewed the key findings from the traffic safety report from Woss to Port McNeill:

- Average 1200 vehicles per day does not exceed the maximum of what the road was constructed for.
- 70% of vehicle incidents were caused by driver frustration, speed and impaired driving.
- 30% of vehicle incidents were caused by animals and weather.
- Rumble strips and dynamic message sign installs are going to be implemented.
- Increasing the amount of web cameras with reliable systems including one at Sayward.
- Additional passing lanes, providing longer passing areas and installation of passing lane notice signs.
- Looking for input from the communities about where passing lanes should be added.
- Increasing roadside maintenance including ditching and signage.
- Confirmed Ministry projects 1. Passing lanes south of Sayward and 2. upgrades to Beaver Cove Road.

Discussion included:

- Logging truck traffic.
- Lack of passing lanes from Campbell River to Woss.
- Dynamic messaging and its uses.

Leon Bohmer and Rick Gill discussed Mainroad operations including:

- Brushing and ditching maintenance.
- Aggressive sign replacement strategy in the area.
- Winter operations established out of Port McNeill.
- Different equipment being used to alleviate the need to have multiple trips by the same vehicle.
- Mobile remote weather system to assist with operator decision making.
- Paving and patching is reviewed every spring and will be seeking District input.
- Requesting emails and calls be made directly to them when there are issues so they can be addressed.
- Introduction of a hotline and active social media campaign.
- Will be looking at partnering projects to ensure efficiency.
- Contract is for the next 10-15 years and there is time to establish a plan.
- Holberg Road maintenance will be done on the surface including grading.

MPA
PRESENTATION

6:30 PM Libardo Amaya, Integrated Oceans Management Program Manager Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Kristin Worsley, Manager, Marine and Coastal Resources Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development; Scott Harris and John Bones Nanwakolas Council Representatives

Marine Protected Areas Network Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Libardo Maya reviewed the MPA Network presentation with Council via phone:

- Why develop MPAS?
 - There are many marine protected areas (MPAs) in BC already, and they were selected on a site by site basis
 - Piecemeal approach has yielded set of MPAs that under-represent important habitat types and may be too small or too far apart to adequately protect key values
 - Network planning involves the selection of sites that function together to meet clear, region-wide conservation, cultural and social goals

- Systematic planning enables consideration of factors such as representation, size, spacing, connectivity, replication
- The planning area is divided into four regions North Coast, Haida Gwaii, Central Coast and Northern Vancouver Island.
- Progress to date including identification of the hotspot conservation areas and human use, advisory committees with representation from interested sectors and local governments and the completion of design guidelines.
- Close to completing the draft network design that aims to maximize ecological and cultural benefits while minimizing social and economic impacts.
- Next steps include engagement scheduled from late February to June and again late fall 2019 to winter 2020.
- Once the Network Action Plan is completed, individual sites would be designated on a priority basis expect a variety of legislative and non-legislative tools to be used. The implementation process will take time and will involve more detailed discussions on site-specific management measures and governance arrangements.

Discussion included:

-Other areas will be considered for protection including the Salish Sea and the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

D. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 7:02 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

DEPUTY MAYOR

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ADJOURNMENT