

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
*“Serving Central Coast Communities to Advance Economic Self-Reliance, Good Health
and Cross Cultural Reconciliation”*

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 9, 2009

In Attendance:	Electoral Area B	Director Rhoda Bolton
	Electoral Area C	Chair Brian Lande
	Electoral Area D	Director Kevin O’Neill
	Electoral Area E	Director Christine Hyde
	Administrator	Joy MacKay

PART I - INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order

Chair Lande called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda

09-04-01 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

(IC) IN CAMERA MATTERS

09-04-02 M/S O’Neill/Bolton that the meeting move in camera for consideration of
labour, land and/or legal matters.
CARRIED

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 am.

PART II – POLICY MATTERS

The following items were moved forward:

(D) GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Cariboo Regional District – Letter to Minister of Transportation Falcon

Directors considered a letter from the Cariboo Regional District to Minister Falcon, regarding proposed infrastructure improvements to Highway 20. Improvements to “the Hill”, signage and safety fencing are among the improvements requested.

09-04-03 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the Central Coast Regional District send a letter to Minister Falcon in support the Cariboo Regional District’s request for improvements to Highway 20.

CARRIED

(A) ECONOMIC MATTERS

(a) Economic Development Report – April, 2009

Economic Development Officer David Anderson joined the meeting and updated directors on progress respecting the CCRD’s Economic Development Operating Plan. Highlights included progress on the Bella Coola Valley Entrances Project, Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society’s Foodshed Development Plan, Bella Coola Community Forest Ltd., and progress toward the Bella Coola Valley Trails Master Plan. Directors were pleased to hear that Bella Coola Community Forest License has been extended for twenty-five years.

Chair Lande inquired about the Alexander Mackenzie Heritage Trail (Nuxalk-Carrier Grease Trail). EDO Anderson advised improvements to this trail is a strategy within the Tourism Development Plan and that significant funding would be required to move forward with the improvements.

Chair Lande updated directors on the recent Pacific North Coast Integrated Marine Area Forum he attended in Vancouver. Local governments are hoping to play a more active role in marine planning than had been possible in the past.

EDO Anderson advised that an addendum to the Bella Coola Harbour Improvement Project proposal has been submitted to the West Coast Economic Adjustment Program. Directors are optimistic that the proposal for improvements to parking, sewage treatment, water supply and breakwater floats will be successful.

EDO Anderson advised that three tenders had been received, following a call for tenders for the Central Coast Tourism and Business Enterprise Centre on Denny Island

however all tenders were higher than the presently available budget. The Central Coast Chamber of Commerce will be applying their 2009 regional district economic development allocation to the project and have asked the regional district to consider approving an application to the Community Works Fund for the project which has been a significant goal of Denny Island residents for many years.

09-04-04 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde:

WHEREAS the Central Coast Regional District deems the Central Coast Tourism and Business Enterprise Centre fundamental community infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we herewith allocate \$15,000 from the Community Works Fund towards this endeavor subject to (a) Frontier Resource Management Ltd. engagement as Project Administrator, (b) project administration expenditures are deducted from Denny Island’s 2009 Economic Development budget, and (c) an additional \$2,560 equity contribution from the Central Coast Chamber of Commerce and/or Denny Island Community Development Association.

CARRIED

(B) LOCAL GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) Appointment of Alternate Directors

Directors were reminded that alternate directors must be appointed, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*.

(b) Agricultural Advisory Committee – April 2009 Invasive Plants Strategy

Directors considered a proposed invasive plant strategy submitted by the CCRD Agricultural Advisory Committee. The strategy builds on last year’s Invasive Plant Survey/Inventory and recommends against the use of chemical treatment as a first line of defense on invasive plants within the Bella Coola Valley. The Strategy will target Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Hawkweed species, Thistle species, Burdock, Tansy Ragwort, Dalmatian Toadflax, Knapweed and Blueweed.

09-04-05 M/S Directors O’Neill/Bolton that the 2009 CCRD Invasive Plant Strategy: *Next Steps* be approved with thanks to the volunteer Agriculture Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

(c) Bella Coola Airport Commission – March 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were received from the March 16, 2009 Bella Coola Airport Commission meeting. Commissioner Hammer was elected as Chair of the Commission. The Commission addressed a number of issues during their March meeting, including the terminal janitorial contract, airport landing fees, meeting room security, terminal and grounds maintenance issues and security issues relating to the 2010 Winter Olympics.

(d) Bella Coola Airport Commission – Commissioner Appointment

09-04-06 M/S Directors O’Neill/Bolton that Marissa Blewett be appointed to the Bella Coola Airport Commission.

CARRIED

(e) Bella Coola Transit System – 2009/10 Annual Operating Agreement

Directors reviewed the 2009/10 Annual Operating Agreement for the Bella Coola Transit System. Directors were advised of some changes to the local transit system, including the use of Rider Passes and a fare increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per fare.

09-04-07 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the 2009/10 Bella Coola Transit Annual Operating Agreement be approved.

CARRIED

(f) Denny Island Airport Commission – March 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were received from the March 24, 2009 Denny Island Airport Commission meeting. The Commission desires to have some roadway and runway brushing work undertaken this year and have provided direction for staff to tender a project.

(g) Success By 6 – March 2009 Monthly Report

The monthly report for Central Coast Success By 6 was received from coordinator Susan Grigor. Recent projects approved for funding by Central Coast Success By 6 include the annual Teddy Bear Picnic, and expenses for a number of Healthy Beginnings clients to attend the recent conference on sexual abuse: *Dancing in the Light*.

(h) Solid Waste Management – Thorsen Creek Landfill – Towns for Tomorrow Modification Agreement

Directors considered a Modification Agreement received from the Ministry of Community Services regarding the Towns for Tomorrow funding for the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre (TCWRC). The Agreement provides for the immediate release of funding for improvements at the TCWRC.

09-04-08 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the Modification Agreement for the Towns for Tomorrow Funding Agreement between the Central Coast Regional District and the Crown in Right of the Province of British Columbia be approved.

CARRIED

PART III– PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Todd Hubner, District Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, joined the meeting, along with Program Manager, John Cook and Local Area Manager, Trish Mazuch. Directors asked a number of questions of Mr. Hubner regarding possible improvements to Highway 20 over the coming year. Mr. Hubner advised there are no plans for further paving in the Bella Coola Valley in 2009 but that MOT would be including improvements to “the Hill” in program planning over the next years.

Directors and MOT staff also discussed recent Thorsen Creek gravel removal projects, possible improvements for parking at the Bella Coola Harbour and the possible CCRD acquisition of property for use as a day-park or entrances monument.

Appreciation was offered for snow removal from Bella Coola town site alleyways that took place over the winter. Mr. Hubner advised that the alleyway clearing was an initiative of the local road contractor, Interior Road Service.

CCRD Emergency Coordinator, Stephen Waugh, joined the meeting and discussed the issue of collaboration between the Regional District and various provincial and federal government ministries regarding continued flood mitigation work. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are willing to work together toward long-term planning in this regard.

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff left the meeting, with thanks from directors for taking the time to attend.

Chair Lande left the meeting and Director O’Neill assumed the Chair.

PART IV– GENERAL BUSINESS

(C) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) March 12, 2009 Regular Meeting

09-04-09 M/S Directors Hyde/Bolton that the minutes of the March 12, 2009 regular meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) March 31, 2009 Special Meeting

09-04-10 M/S Directors Hyde/Bolton that the minutes of the March 31, 2009 Special Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(F) FINANCIAL REPORTS

(a) Accounts Payable Report – March 2009

09-04-11 M/S Directors Hyde/Bolton that the payments of expenditures in the amount of ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETEEN CENTS (\$101,557.19) as represented by cheques #13242 to #13315 for the month of March and issued pursuant to the Central Coast Regional District's policies and budgets for the year 2009, be approved and ratified.

CARRIED

(b) 2008 Audited Financial Statements

The Regional District's audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2008 were received from auditors PMT Accountants.

09-04-12 M/S Directors Hyde/Bolton that the Central Coast Regional District Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

Chair Lande rejoined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

(B) LOCAL GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(i) Emergency Planning – EPC Monthly Report – March 2009

(j) Emergency Planning – EMBC – Building Canada/Flood Protection Program Information

EPC Waugh presented his monthly report and answered questions of directors regarding the upcoming Flood Protection Program. The Regional District has again identified Thorsen Creek gravel removal as a priority project for flood mitigation in the Bella Coola Valley. EPC Waugh will further explore program funding options and prepare an application to the 2009/10 Flood Protection Program in anticipation of submission before the end of April.

Directors reviewed information regarding the numerous challenges associated with obtaining approvals for flood mitigation projects.

09-04-13 M/S Directors Hyde/Bolton that a letter be sent to Premier Gordon Campbell, expressing concern about the significant challenges encountered by the Regional District in attempting to undertake flood mitigation projects in the Bella Coola Valley.

CARRIED

09-04-14 M/S Directors Bolton/Hyde that the Regional District send a letter to the Nuxalk Nation Chief and Council, requesting that the Nuxalk Nation assist in hosting the upcoming Integrated Emergency Planning workshop for elected officials.

CARRIED

Directors thanked EPC Waugh for his report and, in particular, for his efforts related to this year's flood mitigation projects.

09-04-15 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that Local Governance Items (c), (f) and (g), and the Emergency Coordinator's Report be received.

CARRIED

(D) GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

(a) BC Product Stewardship Council

A copy of a letter to Minister of Environment Penner from the BC Product Stewardship Council was received for information.

(b) Cariboo Regional District – Letter to Minister of Transportation Falcon

This item was dealt with previously.

(c) Hagensborg Waterworks District – Request for Meeting

A letter was received from the Hagensborg Waterworks District (HWD), requesting a meeting between the HWD Trustees and CCRD Directors to discuss possible recommendations and funding opportunities related to the HWD Water System Purification Plan process that is currently underway. Chair Lande and Director O'Neill are available to meet on the proposed date of April 14, 2009.

(d) Local Government Program Services – Built Environment & Active Transportation Approval and Terms & Conditions

Terms and Conditions for the Built Environment and Active Transportation Grant were received from Union of BC Municipalities.

(e) Ministry of Community Development – Letter from Minister Krueger

A letter was received from Minister of Community Development, Kevin Krueger, confirming various envelopes of funding for the Central Coast Regional District for 2008/09. The majority of funding is comprised of the annual Regional District Basic Grant, however the provision of Towns for Tomorrow Funding for improvements at the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre was noted with appreciation.

(f) Municipal Insurance Association – Letter re: 2008 MIABC Dividends

Correspondence was received from the Municipal Insurance Association, confirming that dividends were not declared at the conclusion of 2008.

(g) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District – Letter re: PNCIMA Initiative

A copy of a letter to Premier Campbell regarding the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area (PNCIMA) initiative was received from the Chair of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District.

(h) Squamish-Lillooet Regional District – Letter re: Consumer Protection from Power Outages

(i) Squamish-Lillooet Regional District – Letter re: Funds in Lieu of Park Lands

(j) Strathcona Regional District – Letter re: Integrated Sustainable Energy Planning Process

Copies of correspondence from other regional districts were received for information.

(k) Union of BC Municipalities – Member Notice re: Indigenous Recognition Act

Information was received from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the proposed provincial Indigenous Recognition Act. Chair Lande and the Administrator will be attending the Joint Treaty Advisory Committee meeting later this month, where it is expected more information will be received regarding the proposed legislation.

(l) Union of BC Municipalities – Member Notice re: Electoral Area Directors Meeting

The Union of BC Municipalities will be hosting an Electoral Area Directors' Meeting in June. Directors concluded that a CCRD representative would not attend this year's meeting.

- (m) Union of BC Municipalities – Notice re: 2009 Resolution Process**
- (n) Union of BC Municipalities – Executive Meeting Highlights, March 12-13, 2009**

Information was received from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding the resolution process for this year's annual convention and highlights from the most recent UBCM executive meeting.

- (o) Nuxalk Nation – Residential School Totem Pole Raising**

An invitation was received from the Nuxalk Nation for Regional District directors and staff to attend a Totem Pole Raising Ceremony in recognition of Residential School Survivors. The ceremony is scheduled for this afternoon, April 9, 2009. Directors agreed they would like to attend the ceremony if the meeting's business can be concluded in time.

- (p) School District No. 49 (Central Coast) – Letter to Ministry of Education ADM Miller re: Funding for Replacement of the SAMS Gymnasium.**

A copy of a letter to Ministry of Education Assistant Deputy Minister Keith Miller was received from School District No. 49. The letter requests reconsideration of the decision to fund repair, rather than replacement, of the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School gymnasium.

- (q) Union of BC Municipalities – Provincial Responses to 2008 UBCM Resolutions.**

A member notice was received from the Union of BC Municipalities advising that the provincial government responses to the 2008 UBCM resolutions are now available on the UBCM website. Included is a response to the resolution submitted by the CCRD regarding product stewardship for household batteries.

09-04-16 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that the General Correspondence items **(a) – (q)** be received.

CARRIED

(E) GENERAL REPORTS

- (a) Chair's Report**
 - (i) Coastal Community Network**
 - (ii) AVICC Report**

Chair Lande updated directors on the recent Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Annual Convention, attended by Chair Lande and Director Emery. The resolution submitted by the Regional District, relating to the publication of Foundation Skills Assessment Scores was debated but not endorsed by the membership.

Chair Lande also attended at meeting of the Coastal Communities Network (CCN) while attending the AVICC Convention. Chair Lande will serve as a director of CCN for 2009.

(b) Administration Report – April 9, 2009
(i) Strategic Planning Proposal from James Craven and Associates

The monthly Administration Report contains updates on a number of administrative matters. This month's Report includes updates on activities of the Bella Coola Recreation Commission, Centennial Pool Commission, Coast Sustainability Trust, Municipal Finance Authority and Treaty Advisory Committee.

The regional district's strategic planning session, facilitated by James Craven and Associates, has been scheduled for the May 22nd and 23rd 2009. A community consultation process will follow the initial session, which will address both organizational governance and planning.

09-04-17 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that the reports from the Chair and Administrator be received.

CARRIED

RECESS

A recess was called at 12:15 pm.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm.

(F) FINANCIAL REPORTS

- (a) Accounts Payable Report – March 2009**
- (b) 2008 Audited Financial Statements**

These items were considered previously in the meeting.

(G) REFERRALS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- (a) ILMB Water File No. A5-4403 – Application by David K. Epp and Valerie N. Worobec for Bank Erosion Protection on the Bella Coola River (Bailey Bridge)**

A referral for a Water License Application was received from the Integrated Land Management Bureau. Applicants David K. Epp and Valerie N. Worobec propose to

undertake a bank erosion protection project near their property approximately 100 metres downstream of the Bailey Bridge crossing the Bella Coola River on Saloompt Road. EPC Waugh reviewed the application and advised that he is aware of no reason that the Regional District should oppose the application.

09-04-18 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that the Integrated Land Management Bureau be advised that the Central Coast Regional District does not oppose the Application by David K. Epp and Valerie N. Worobec for Changes in and About a Stream for bank erosion protection as described in ILMB Water File No. A5-4403.

CARRIED

(b) ILMB Land File No. 1413235 – Application by Bella Bella Asset Holdings for License of Occupation for Purposes of Log Handling in Johnson Channel

A referral was received from the Integrated Land Management Bureau in relation to an application by Bella Bella Asset Holdings for a License of Occupation for purposes of log handling in Johnson Channel.

09-04-19 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that the application by Bella Bella Asset Holdings for a License of Occupation for an area of Johnson Channel for purposes of log handling (ILMB File No.1413235) be supported subject to in-season Department of Fisheries and Oceans fishing plans and subject to the condition that all anchor and cable material be immediately removed once use of the site for the specified purpose has been discontinued.

CARRIED

(c) ILMB File No. 1413286 – Application by A&A Trading for Permit for Purposes of Log Handling in South Bentinck Arm

A referral was received from the Integrated Land Management Bureau in relation to an application by A & A Trading for a Permit for purposes of log handling in South Bentinck Arm.

09-04-20 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that the application by A & A Trading for a Permit for an area of South Bentinck Arm for purposes of log handling (ILMB File No.1413286) be supported subject to in-season Department of Fisheries and Oceans fishing plans and subject to the condition that all anchor and cable material be immediately removed once use of the site for the specified purpose has been discontinued.

CARRIED

(a) ILMB Land File No. 5407253 – Application by Bella Bella Asset Holdings for License of Occupation for Purposes of Log Handling in Briggs Inlet

A referral was received from the Integrated Land Management Bureau in relation to an application by Bella Bella Asset Holdings for a License of Occupation for purposes of log handling in Briggs Inlet.

09-04-21 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the application by Bella Bella Asset Holdings for a License of Occupation for an area of Briggs Inlet for purposes of log handling (ILMB File No. 5407253) be supported subject to in-season Department of Fisheries and Oceans fishing plans and subject to the condition that all anchor and cable material be immediately removed once use of the site for the specified purpose has been discontinued.

CARRIED

- (e) Front Counter BC - Information Only Notice – Water License Ape Creek**
- (f) Front Counter BC - Information Only Notice – Water License Jacobsen Creek**
- (g) Front Counter BC - Information Only Notice – Water License Gyllenspetz Creek**
- (h) Front Counter BC - Information Only Notice – Water License Sheemahant River**
- (i) Front Counter BC - Information Only Notice – Water License Cheetwoot Creek**
- (j) Front Counter BC - Information Only Notice – Water License Ape Creek**

A number of “Information Only” Notices were received from Front Counter BC in relation to proposed water licenses and a transmission line in the area between Ape Creek and the southern boundary of the Regional District.

09-04-22 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the proponent for Land File No. 1413292 and Water File No. 5002201 be advised that the Central Coast Regional District supports the principle of clean and renewable power but that a comprehensive integrated sustainable energy planning process is required to determine the potential adverse environmental, economic and social impacts prior to the siting of any new power projects. Accordingly, the Central Coast Regional District will not support any applications for new power projects until such a planning process has been concluded.

CARRIED

09-04-23 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the proponent for Land File No. 1413297 and Water File No. 5002205 be advised that the Central Coast Regional District supports the principle of clean and renewable power but that a

comprehensive integrated sustainable energy planning process is required to determine the potential adverse environmental, economic and social impacts prior to the siting of any new power projects. Accordingly, the Central Coast Regional District will not support any applications for new power projects until such a planning process has been concluded.

CARRIED

09-04-24 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the proponent for Land File No. 1413294 and Water File No. 5002200 be advised that the Central Coast Regional District supports the principle of clean and renewable power but that a comprehensive integrated sustainable energy planning process is required to determine the potential adverse environmental, economic and social impacts prior to the siting of any new power projects. Accordingly, the Central Coast Regional District will not support any applications for new power projects until such a planning process has been concluded.

CARRIED

09-04-25 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the proponent for Land File No. 1413295 and Water File No. 5002203 be advised that the Central Coast Regional District supports the principle of clean and renewable power but that a comprehensive integrated sustainable energy planning process is required to determine the potential adverse environmental, economic and social impacts prior to the siting of any new power projects. Accordingly, the Central Coast Regional District will not support any applications for new power projects until such a planning process has been concluded.

CARRIED

09-04-26 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the proponent for Land File No. 1413300 and Water File No. 5002207 be advised that the Central Coast Regional District supports the principle of clean and renewable power but that a comprehensive integrated sustainable energy planning process is required to determine the potential adverse environmental, economic and social impacts prior to the siting of any new power projects. Accordingly, the Central Coast Regional District will not support any applications for new power projects until such a planning process has been concluded.

CARRIED

09-04-27 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the proponent for Land File No. 1413296 and Water File No. 5002204 be advised that the Central Coast Regional District supports the principle of clean and renewable power but that a comprehensive integrated sustainable energy planning process is required to

determine the potential adverse environmental, economic and social impacts prior to the siting of any new power projects. Accordingly, the Central Coast Regional District will not support any applications for new power projects until such a planning process has been concluded.

CARRIED

(H) BYLAWS AND POLICIES

(a) Proposed ALC Subdivision

A report was received from the CCRD Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding an application for subdivision within the Agricultural Land Reserve by a property owner in Electoral Area C. The property is currently designated “A” (Agricultural) on the Official Community Plan and is zoned A-1 (Agricultural) in the ALR. The proponent wishes to create two parcels of approximately 6.5 acres each for future residential development.

The CCRD Agricultural Advisory Committee recommended that, due to the high land capability for agriculture, the current land use of the property, the proposed future use of the land, the CCRD board of directors refuse the application and decline to forward it to the Agricultural Land Commission for further consideration.

09-04-28 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the CCRD board of directors refuse the application for subdivision within the Agricultural Land Reserve of property described as That Part of Sec. 8, Twp. 4, Rge 3, CD as outlined on Plan 463R Except that Parts in Plans 12571, 17670 and 24647, pursuant to the recommendation of the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

(I) BUSINESS BY ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

(a) Bella Coola Harbour Authority – Request for Inquiry into BC Hydro Rates

Directors O’Neill brought forward a question on BC Hydro rates in the Bella Coola Valley, versus rates elsewhere on the Central Coast.

09-04-29 M/S O’Neill/Hyde that the Central Coast Regional District send a letter of inquiry to BC Hydro regarding the BC Hydro rate structure within the Bella Coola Valley, relative to that within the entire Regional District.

CARRIED

(b) Lobelco Community Club – Community Works Fund Application

Directors O’Neill left the meeting, citing a perceived conflict of interest.

Directors considered an application from the Lobelco Community Club for funding from the Community Works Fund for the installation of ceiling fans in Lobelco Hall.

09-04-30 M/S Directors Hyde/Bolton that the application from Lobelco Community Club for funding in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase and install ceiling fans in Lobelco Hall, in order to improve heating efficiency, be approved.

CARRIED

(K) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Chair

Administrator