

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 2008

In attendance:	Electoral Area A	Director Steve Emery
	Electoral Area B	Alternate Director Carl Humchitt
	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 9:10 am.

2. Adoption of Agenda

08-03-01 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

(IC) MOVE TO IN CAMERA

08-03-02 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the meeting move in camera for
consideration of labour, land and legal matters.
CARRIED

RECONVENE

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:50 am.

PART II – POLICY MATTERS

(A) ECONOMIC MATTERS

Economic Development Consultant Paul Grace-Campbell joined the meeting.

(a) Economic Development Officer - Monthly Report – March 14, 2008

The Administrator presented EDO David Anderson’s Economic Development Operating Plan Monthly Report. Highlights of this month’s Report included the receipt of

\$35,000 from the Northern Development Initiative Trust Community Economic Development Program, dissemination of the 2007 EDOP Annual Report, progress on the CCRD web portal development strategy, and the Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting.

08-03-03 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde:

Whereas The Province of British Columbia has over 200 different and distinct agricultural commodity groups; more than any other Canadian province; and

Whereas The agricultural land base of our Province has been alienated from uses other than agriculture since the formation of the provincial Agricultural Land Reserve in 1973; and

Whereas Agricultural production is recognized as being among the most competitive, high risk, labour and capital intensive industries in Canada; and

Whereas to develop any industry to its fullest potential often takes an additional level of infrastructure, education and expertise facilitated by government investment; as is done successfully in many of our competing jurisdictions to our detriment; and

Whereas British Columbia while having the most diverse agriculture and restrictive land use legislation of any Canadian province receives the smallest provincial government contribution toward these efforts at 3.3% of agricultural GDP according to the Stats Can Data Book 2006

Therefore be it resolved that our Provincial government recognize the importance and potential of this diverse industry and its contribution to our GDP, our environment and the well being of our population; and so immediately increase funding to the Agriculture Ministry in line with the average of all other provincial governments at 16.4% of agricultural GDP and use these funds to help increase the productivity and efficiency of our diverse agricultural sectors.

CARRIED

(b) Appreciative Inquiry/Strategic Planning – Proposal to CFDC

Consultant Paul Grace-Campbell presented a proposal to the Community Futures Development Corporation of Cariboo-Chilcotin to assist with funding for an Appreciative Inquiry/Strategic Planning workshop for and community non-profit organizations.

08-03-04 M/S Directors O'Neill/Emery that the CCRD board of directors fully supports the proposal to Community Futures Development Corporation of

Cariboo-Chilcotin for their assistance in funding an Appreciative Inquiry/Strategic Planning workshop for community non-profit organizations.

CARRIED

(c) Northern Development Initiative Trust – 2008 Economic Development Funding Program – Central Coast Regional District

Confirmation was received from the Northern Development Initiative Trust regarding the 2008 CCRD Economic Development Funding.

Directors discussed economic development matters in general and the tentative workplan for the Economic Development consultant specifically. Director Emery pointed out that the BC Ferries lobby should be sure to include Outer Coast FAC representatives from Denny Island and Ocean Falls.

08-03-05 M/S Directors O'Neill/Emery that the economic reports be received.

CARRIED

(B) LOCAL GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) Bella Coola Transit System – BC Transit 2008 – 2011 Service Plan

A letter summarizing the 2008-2011 BC Transit Service Plan was received.

(b) Denny Island Airport Commission – February 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February 18, 2008 Denny Island Airport Commission meeting were received. The Denny Island Airport Commission has recently been reactivated and has submitted a budget request for 2008.

(c) Denny Island Recreation Commission – Appointment of Commissioners

Director Emery reported that the Denny Island Recreation Commission had recently held a meeting and elected a new executive. The Administrator will contact Chair Crystal Anderson for an update.

(d) Centennial Pool Commission – February 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the February 21, 2008 Centennial Pool Commission meeting were received. The Commission is making preparations for June's opening.

(e) Emergency Planning – EPC Report – March 14, 2008

Due to ongoing CCRD flood mitigation work, Emergency Coordinator Waugh was unavailable for the meeting. The Administrator advised that all flood mitigation work was proceeding well and on schedule.

(f) Solid Waste Management – Thorsen Creek Landfill – Towns for Tomorrow Application

Directors considered an application for funding for improvements to the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre through the Ministry of Community Services Towns for Tomorrow Program. If successful, funding would provide for installation of water and power to the landfill, as well as a building for storage of equipment and/or recyclables.

08-03-06 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the CCRD board of directors fully supports the application to the Ministry of Community Services Infrastructure and Finance Division for a Towns for Tomorrow grant for provision of electrical power, water and other basic infrastructure to the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre and encourages the Ministry to render a favourable decision.

CARRIED

(g) Solid Waste Management – Household Battery Recycling Decision Briefing Note

A briefing note on household battery recycling was received from Solid Waste Researcher Caitlin Thompson. The briefing note recommended that the CCRD join the Nu-Life Small Waste Generation Program as the most efficient and practical means of disposing of recyclable household batteries collected at the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre.

08-03-07 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the CCRD join the Nu-Life Small Waste Generation Program as the most efficient and practical means of disposing of recyclable household batteries collected at Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre; and

That the CCRD lobby the Ministry of Environment to address the lack of a provincial product stewardship program for household batteries; and

That the CCRD bring forward a resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Annual Convention to lobby the Ministry of Environment to implement a product stewardship program for household batteries.

CARRIED

PART III– PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Anke Zucchelli, Success By 6

Anke Zucchelli joined the meeting at the request of Susan Grigor, Coordinator, Success by 6, and on behalf of parents living in the Gibbs and Smith Subdivisions. Mrs. Zucchelli submitted a petition signed by parents of the Gibbs and Smith Subdivision area, requesting that the CCRD install playground equipment, suitable for children aged 2 – 6 years, in the CCRD Nusatsum Playground Park. Success by 6 has advised that it will donate such a piece of equipment to the CCRD and would also cover the cost of installation.

08-03-08 M/S Directors O’Neill/Humchitt that the CCRD gratefully accept the offer of Success by 6 of the donation of a piece of playground equipment suitable for children aged 2 – 6, for the Nusatsum Playground Park.

CARRIED

Primex Investments – Nascall River Hydroelectric Project

Hans Granander joined the meeting in person and Lee Rennison joined the meeting by telephone, both on behalf of Primex Investments.

Hans prefaced his submission by bringing directors attention to his dual role with regard to the Central Coast Land Resource Management Plan (CCLRMP), as CCRD representative to the Integrated Land Management Bureau Plan Implementation & Monitoring Committee (PIMC), and as a private consultant for Primex Investments Ltd. with regard to the Nascall River Hydroelectric Project.

Hans advised that he had recently informed the PIMC Community Caucus that he would be attending the CCRD board of directors meeting on behalf of Primex Investments and acknowledged that some member of the Community Caucus had expressed concern that this represented a conflict of interest. The CCRD Administrator advised that she had also received expressions of concern regarding possible conflict of interest, given Hans’ dual role in this instance, and requesting an opportunity for further public consultation prior to any decision by directors to support the proponent’s request.

Directors were asked to consider supporting a request by Primex Investments, proponent of the proposed Nascall River Hydroelectric Project (NRHP), to exclude the area associated with the NRHP from any imminent designation of the Cascade Sutslem Conservancy in order to first allow for the completion of the Environmental Assessment process. It has recently come to the attention of the proponent that the issue of the designation of the Conservancy would be considered in the Legislature in the very near future and that once the designation is made, it would be very difficult to have the NRHP area later removed in order for development of the NRHP to occur.

Directors discussed the fact that the CCRD is actively participating in the Environmental Assessment (EA) process but were not inclined to request that the NRHP area be excluded from the Conservancy. Directors instead expressed an interest in requesting that the designation of the Conservancy be delayed until such time as the EA process was complete. Directors also discussed the possibility of a land swap in the event the NRHP moves forward in the future.

Directors thanked Mr. Granander and Ms. Rennison and advised that they wished to consider the matter further. Hans Granander and Lee Rennison left the meeting.

Directors further discussed that issue of the NRHP and the EA process. Alternate Director Humchitt shared concerns about the proposed Conservancy and the environment of behalf of the Heiltsuk Nation.

Director O'Neill reiterated the CCRD's desire to be involved in the NRHP EA process, particularly with regard to socioeconomic considerations.

08-03-09 M/S Directors Emery/O'Neill:

Whereas the CCRD board of directors believes that the designation of the Cascade-Sutslem Conservancy, located on the western shores of Dean Channel, may be imminent; and

Whereas the Nascall River Hydroelectric Project is currently the subject of a formal Environmental Assessment process; and

Whereas the CCRD is actively participating in Nascall River Hydroelectric Project Environmental Assessment Process,

Therefore be it Resolved that the CCRD board of directors respectfully requests that the formal designation of the Cascade Sutslem Conservancy be delayed until such time as the Environmental Assessment process of the proposed Nascall River Hydroelectric Project is complete; and

Be it Further Resolved that this request not be construed as either support for, nor opposition to, the proposed Nascall River Hydroelectric Project.

CARRIED

08-03-10 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that the CCRD respond to the Environmental Assessment Office request for input into the Terms of Reference for the Nascall River Hydroelectric Project by requesting:

That assurance be given Section 5.5.1, Land Use Regime (if applicable); will address the correlations, adherences and deviations from the CCRD's Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws;

That assurance be given the relationship between the Project and the Bella Coola Valley Economic Development Operating Plan be addressed;

That assurance be given the civic populace's socio-economic considerations, potential effects and mitigation methods will be addressed in a similar fashion as to the First Nation's (as specified in Sections 6.6 and 6.7); and

That assurance be given the social and economic costs and benefits of remaining on a non-integrated system vs. being on an integrated system will be addressed.

CARRIED

PART IV – GENERAL BUSINESS

(C) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) February 14, 2007

08-03-11 M/S Directors O'Neill/Emery that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 14, 2008 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(D) GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

(a) BC Central Coast Archives/Bella Coola Valley Museum – Letter of Support

A letter of support was requested and sent on behalf of BC Central Coast Archives/Bella Coola Valley Museum. The funding request is intended to support the Museum's *Freedom Road* exhibit.

(b) Northern Development Initiative Trust – Northern Trust Business Competitiveness Program

Information announcing the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Business Competitiveness Program was received.

(c) Ministry of Community Services – 2008 Green City Awards Program

Information was received from the Ministry of Community Services inviting nominations for the 2008 Green City Awards Program.

(d) Ministry of Community Services – Re: Visit to China

Information was received from the Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, regarding local government twinning projects with cities in China.

(e) Ministry of Environment – Re: Groundwater Protection Regulation

Directors were updated as to progress by the Province on groundwater protection in British Columbia. Groundwater regulations will be developed in three phases with Phase 2 regulations presently under development. These regulations will relate to standards for well siting, construction, pump installation, flow testing and possibly water quality analysis.

(f) Province of British Columbia – Invitation to Leadership Prayer Breakfast

An invitation to directors was received for the Annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast.

(g) Coastal Communities Network – Act to Protect Heritage Lighthouses

Information was received from Coastal Communities Network, along with a news release regarding the introduction of the Heritage Lightstation Protection Bill into the House of Commons.

(h) UBCM Local Government Program Services – Picture BC Information

Directors were updated on a UBCM-Knowledge Network partnership that will fund and provide for a series of photographs from the CCRD to be included on the Knowledge Network's new website. Bella Coola Valley photographer, Michael Wigle has been chosen as the official photographer for this purpose for the regional district.

(i) UBCM Local Government Program Services – Strategic Wildfire Protection Program

(j) Union of BC Municipalities – In the House February 13, 2008

(k) Union of BC Municipalities – In the House February 19, 2008

(l) Union of BC Municipalities – Renewed Fisheries Act

(m) Union of BC Municipalities – Treaty Knowledge Exchange

(n) Union of BC Municipalities – Member Notice – RCMP Contract Discussions

(o) Union of BC Municipalities – Member Notice – Fire Services Liaison Group

(p) Union of BC Municipalities – Green Communities Update

A number of information items were received from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). UBCM provides significant support to local governments, including the CCRD, on a range of policy issues, professional development opportunities and funding programs.

(q) Fresh Outlook Foundation – Workshop Information

Information was received from the Fresh Outlook Foundation regarding upcoming workshops on community sustainability planning.

(r) Building Green Conference & Tradeshow

Conference information was received from the upcoming Building Green Conference and Tradeshow.

(s) City of Vancouver – Re: Funding for Municipal Police Forces’ Beat Officers

Correspondence was received from the city of Vancouver regarding funding for municipal police forces’ beat officers.

08-03-12 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that items **D(a)-(s)** be received for information.

CARRIED

(E) GENERAL REPORTS

(a) Chair’s Report

- Cariboo Regional Transportation Advisory Committee 2006 Annual Report

Chair Lande updated directors on activities of the Cariboo Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, meetings of the Northern Development Initiative Trust and UBCM Working Group on Oil and Gas

(b) Administration Report – March 14, 2008

The Administration Report updates directors on a number of matters, administrative in nature. This month’s report included updates on Bella Coola Waterworks, local government elections training, staff professional development, and NDI proposal writing funding.

08-03-12 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the April 2008 board of directors regular meeting be rescheduled for April 17, 2008 in order to accommodate Chair Lande’s and Director Emery’s attendance at the Association of Vancouver

Island and Coastal Communities Conference in Victoria on April 14th and 15th.

CARRIED

08-03-13 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the reports from the Chair and Administrator be received.

CARRIED

(F) FINANCIAL REPORTS

(a) Accounts Payable Report – February 2008

08-03-14 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the payments of expenditures and commitments in the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$154,881.40) as represented by cheques #12281 to #12352 for the month of FEBRUARY and issued pursuant to the Central Coast Regional District’s policies and budgets for the year 2008 be approved and ratified.

CARRIED

(b) CFO Report/Five Year Financial Plan Update

Chief Financial Officer, Donna Mikkelson joined the meeting and updated directors on the regional district’s Five Year Financial Plan. CFO Mikkelson reminded directors that the BC Assessment Roll will not be finalized until after the end of March. A significant increase in the number of appeals by residents of their assessment values was recorded this year and a considerable reduction in assessments appears likely.

Directors had some questions and discussion regarding the proposed Five Year Financial Plan. Administrative staff responded as well as committed to undertake further investigation of issues. One revision was made to the Plan in the Bella Coola Recreation Commission schedule.

(c) Bylaw No 47 – Five-Year Financial Plan, 2008

08-03-15 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that Bylaw 47, cited as Bylaw 47, a bylaw to adopt the Five Year Financial Plan for the years 2008 – 2012 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

08-03-16 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that Bylaw 47, cited as Bylaw 47, a bylaw to adopt the Five Year Financial Plan for the years 2008 – 2012, having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.
CARRIED

(d) Bella Coola Waterworks 2008 Parcel Taxes

The annual parcel tax requisition for the Bella Coola Waterworks Local Service Area was presented for the board’s consideration and adoption. The parcel taxes are levied pursuant to the regional district’s Bylaw No. 276 and are being used to pay down the debt for the capital construction of the system with financing through the Municipal Finance Authority of BC.

08-03-17 M/S Directors Hyde/Emery that the 2008 parcel tax roll for the Bella Coola Waterworks Local Service Area (LSA) be confirmed and authenticated and forwarded for collection to the Surveyor of Taxes.
CARRIED

Director O’Neill left the meeting.

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RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened after a brief recess to hold a meeting of the Central Coast Regional Hospital District.

(G) REFERRALS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

(a) Integrated Land Management Bureau File No. 5407395 – University of Victoria Application for Investigative Permit for Seismic Blasting

A referral was received from the Integrated Land Management Bureau regarding a request for an investigative permit by the University of Victoria (UVIC) for 41 tracts of unsurveyed crown land between Bella Bella and Quesnel. The intended land use is for drill holes for seismic explosions as part of a UVIC research project into the origins of the Coast Mountains.

08-03-18 M/S Directors Emery/Humchitt that the Integrated Land Management Bureau be advised that CCRD interests are unaffected with regard to Land File No. 5407395 – Application for an investigative permit for drill holes for seismic explosions.
CARRIED

**(c) Ministry of Agriculture and Lands – Application Pursuant to
Environmental Management Act for Ocean Falls**

An application pursuant to the Environmental Management Act on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands was received from Golder Associates Ltd., regarding an amendment to an existing solid waste disposal permit for Ocean Falls for on-site disposal of asbestos from the former Ocean Falls pulp mill.

Director Emery expressed concerns about the proposed asbestos disposal and requested an opportunity to discuss the matter further with Ocean Falls residents. The Administrator will also seek more information from Ministry of Environment Environmental Protection Officer, Dan Bings.

(H) BYLAWS AND POLICIES

**(a) Bylaw No. 390 – Bella Coola Airport Rates and Charges
Amendment – Adoption**

08-03-19 M/S Directors Emery/Hyde Bylaw 390, cited as Bylaw 390, a bylaw to amend the bylaw establishing the rates and charges for the operation and management of the Bella Coola Airport having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CARRIED

(I) BUSINESS BY ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

Director Hyde updated directors on efforts to access funding to support a feasibility study for an assisted living facility in Bella Coola.

Directors discussed the need to update the Director Remuneration bylaw. The Administrator will prepare a report on the Director Remuneration bylaw and expense reimbursement policy for the next meeting.

Director Emery enquired as to the efforts of administrative staff toward a study of options for provision of potable water for residents of Denny Island. The Administrator advised that staff would be assisting with preparation of a planning grant application for the next intake.

(J) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Chair

Administrator