

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 8, 2008

In Attendance:	Electoral Area A	Director Steve Emery
	Electoral Area C	Chair Brian Lande
	Electoral Area D	Director Kevin O’Neill
	Electoral Area E	Director Christine Hyde

PART I - INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

08-05-01 M/S Directors O’Neill that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

(IC) IN CAMERA MATTERS

08-05-02 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the meeting move in camera for consideration of labour, land and legal matters.

CARRIED

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 am.

PART II – POLICY MATTERS

The following matters were brought forward:

(B) LOCAL GOVERNANCE MATTERS

(a) Agricultural Advisory Committee – Meeting Summary – April 18, 2008

A summary of the April 18, 2008 CCRD Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting was received. Discussion items included revisions to the Cariboo-Chilcotin-Coast Invasive Plant Committee Strategic Plan and approval of an Invasive Plants Grant from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

(b) Agricultural Advisory Committee – Invasive Plant Grant

Written notification was received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands that the CCRD has received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 for an Invasive Plants program for the CCRD.

(c) Bella Coola Airport Commission – Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2008

Minutes were received from the April 21, 2008 Bella Coola Airport Commission meeting. Director O’Neill noted that the cost of snow removal was of particular concern for the Commission. The Commission is considering possible alternatives to the present contract structure for snow removal at the airport.

(d) Bella Coola Parks and Recreation Commission – Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2008

Minutes were received from the April 22, 2008 Bella Coola Recreation Commission meeting. The Administrator attended the meeting and reported that progress was made in the area of project planning for the coming year. The Commission plans to undertake work at the Walker Island ball park as well as Snootli Creek Park. A new sign will be installed at Walker Island Road and Highway 20.

(e) Bella Coola Waterworks – Outstanding Water Tolls

Directors were presented with outstanding accounts for Bella Coola Waterworks water tolls. Shut-off Notices have been issued for the outstanding tolls.

08-05-03 M/S Directors Hyde/O’Neill that the regional district board of directors authorizes that water services be disconnected to those premises that have water toll charges outstanding, pursuant to Section 5 of Bylaw 282.

CARRIED

(f) Denny Island Airport Commission – Appointment of Commissioners

Directors were advised that Ole Kristensen has resigned from the Denny Island Airport Commission and that Paul McNaughton has agreed to sit on the Commission.

08-05-04 M/S Directors Emery/O’Neill that the board of directors accept the resignation of Ole Kristensen from the Denny Island Airport Commission and approve the appointment of Paul McNaughton to the Denny Island Airport Commission.

CARRIED

(g) Emergency Planning – EPC Monthly Report – May 8, 2008

The monthly Emergency Planning Report from Emergency Coordinator, Stephen Waugh, was provided for directors. Highlights from the report included activities relating to the fire at the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre on April 22, 2008.

(h) Grant-in-Aid – Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders Request for Disbursement of Funds

A letter was received from the Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders, requesting early distribution of Grant-in-Aid funds to that organization.

08-05-05 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the approved 2008 Grant-in-Aid funds be released to the Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders in advance of their 2008 Annual Rodeo.

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(i) Solid Waste Management – Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre Incident Report – April 23, 2008

A report from Solid Waste Manager, Barney Kern, on the April 22, 2008 fire at the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre was received.

(j) Community Works Fund – Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre

An application to the CCRD Community Works fund for capital expenditures and capacity development expenses at the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre was presented for directors’ consideration. Capital expenditures as well as capacity development expenditures are eligible projects under the UBCM Gas Tax Funding Agreement for the CCRD’s Community Works Fund.

08-05-06 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the Community Works Fund application, dated May 8, 2008, in the amount of \$17,227.00 for improvements at the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre be approved.

CARRIED

(k) North/Central Coast Ferry Advisory Committee

Three letters addressing the issue of a replacement vessel for the *Queen of Chilliwack* were presented for directors’ consideration. Letters will be sent to the Minister of Transportation and the President of BC Ferry Services Inc., in an effort to elicit a firm response to the question of if, and when, a replacement vessel will be acquired.

Director Emery noted that the community of Klemtu should be noted in the correspondence, in addition to the communities listed regarding BC Ferries Terminals Master Plans.

08-05-07 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that letters be sent to The Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation, and David Hahn, President, BC Ferry Services Inc., inquiring as to plans to replace the *Queen of Chilliwack*.
CARRIED

08-05-08 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that a letter be sent to BC Ferry Services President, David Hahn, inquiring as to the reason that there appears to be no Terminal Master Plan for the communities of Bella Coola, Klemtu and Ocean Falls.
CARRIED

PART IV– GENERAL BUSINESS

(C) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) April 17, 2008

08-05-09 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the Minutes of the regular meeting held April 17, 2008 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

(A) ECONOMIC MATTERS

(a) Economic Development Operating Plan - Monthly Report – May 8, 2008

Paul Grace-Campbell joined the meeting to update directors on economic development matters.

This month’s Report highlighted an Expression of Interest from the CCRD to the Union of BC Municipalities for built environment and active transportation planning. A number of partners have been identified who, if the proposal is successful, would work with the CCRD to develop an Active Transportation Plan.

Other economic development matters included the status of the CCRD’s application to Service Canada for a town site beautification project, the recent Appreciative Inquiry/Strategic Planning Workshop and progress on the CCRD website.

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A brief recess was held.

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The meeting reconvened at 10:50 am.

PART III– PUBLIC CONSULTATION

10:45 am Hank Hayden - Saloompt River Protection Group – Update on Activities

Mr. Hayden did not attend the meeting.

11:00 am Gary Runka – Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society – Foodshed Analysis

Gary Runka attended the meeting and presented directors with information on the Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society (BCVSAS) Foodshed Analysis.

BCVSAS has undertaken soil analysis, soil capability and crop suitability surveys of the Bella Coola Valley. A significant amount of land in the Valley possesses agricultural capability. BCVSAS is committed to improving local food production and a proposal is being prepared that would consider the feasibility of various agriculture-related initiatives.

Mr. Runka also updated directors on progress of the CCRD Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC).

Directors were advised that the Cariboo-Coast-Chilcotin Invasive Plants Committee has revised its Terms of Reference to better reflect the issues in the Central Coast region.

The AAC has done some preliminary work on identification of invasive plant species in the Bella Coola Valley and additional identification and remediation work is anticipated over the summer.

Directors thanked Gary for his informative presentation.

PART IV– GENERAL BUSINESS

(D) GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Industry Canada – Letter to Central Coast Development Society

A letter was received from Industry Canada confirming that the funding holdback for the Central Coast Broadband Project will be released.

(b) School District No. 49 – Press Release

A press release was received from School District No. 49 (Central Coast), advising that the three Bella Coola schools will be reconfigured in an effort to best utilize space given the continued declining student enrolment.

(c) Gws'sala-‘Nakwaxda’xw Nation - Winalagalis Treaty Group – Letter re: Traditional Territory

A letter was received from the Gws'sala-‘Nakwaxda’xw Nation, inviting discussion regarding that Nation's claim to traditional territory within the regional district. The Administrator suggested that Chief Frank Johnson be contacted in an effort to determine the position of the Wuikinuxv Nation.

(d) Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society – Community Meeting Notice

Notice of a meeting to discuss the new provincial Meat Inspection Regulation was received from the Bella Coola Valley sustainable Agricultural Society.

(e) Heiltsuk Tribal Council – Council Elections

Confirmation of elected candidates for the Heiltsuk Tribal Council election was received from the Electoral Officer. The Administrator advised that congratulations had been sent to Chief Councilor-Elect, Marilyn Slett.

(f) Coast Sustainability Trust – 2008 First Quarter Report

The 2008 First Quarter Report was received from the Coast Sustainability Trust.

(g) SPARC BC – Conference on Community Social Planning

Notice of an upcoming conference was received from SPARC BC.

(h) Union of BC Municipalities – In the House - April 11, 2008

(i) Union of BC Municipalities – In the House – April 15, 2008

(j) Union of BC Municipalities – Highlights of UBCM Executive Meeting – April 9-11, 2008

(k) Union of BC Municipalities – Member Notice – Electoral Area Directors Meeting

(l) Union of BC Municipalities – Call for Expressions of Interest – Built Environment & Active Transportation Community Planning Grants

(m) Union of BC Municipalities – Response from Finance Minister re: Carbon Tax

(n) Union of BC Municipalities – Response to City of Trail re: TILMA

A number of information items were received from the Union of BC Municipalities.

(o) Ministry of Environment – Notice of Intent to Add Products to the Recycling Regulation

Information was received from the Ministry of Environment regarding their intent to add mercury-containing light bulbs and thermostats to the list of products included in the Recycling Regulation. Directors were also informed that the list of electronics products in the existing Regulation will be expanded.

(p) Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities – 2008 AVICC Resolution Disposition

Information was received on the disposition of this year's AVICC resolutions. All three resolutions submitted by the CCRD were endorsed.

(q) City of Trail – Letter to UBCM re: TILMA

A copy of correspondence from the City of Trail regarding TILMA was received.

(r) Arthritis Society, BC & Yukon Division – Request for Proclamation

(s) Minister of Citizenship and Immigration – 2008 Citizenship Awards

Information was received from the Arthritis Society, BC & Yukon, as was information on the 2008 Citizenship Awards.

(t) Bill 38 – 2008 – Protected Areas of British Columbia (Conservancies and Parks Amendment Act, 2008) (Introduced April 29, 2008)

Bill 38 – 2008 – Protected Areas of British Columbia was available for directors' consideration. The Bill was recently introduced in the Legislature and addresses a number of proposed conservancy areas within the CCRD, including the Cascade-Sutslem Conservancy that would encompass the Nascall River Area.

(u) Joint Land and Resource Forum Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the Joint Land and Resource Forum were presented for directors' consideration. Directors discussed whether to lobby for a seat at the Joint LRF Working Group.

(v) Squamish-Lillooet Regional District – Proclamation – Regional District Day

Correspondence was received from Squamish-Lillooet Regional District regarding the proclamation of Regional District Day.

(E) GENERAL REPORTS

(a) Chair's Report

Chair Lande reported on plans to attend the upcoming MOU Offshore oil and Gas Working Group meeting.

(b) Vancouver Island Regional Library Report

No meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board has been held since the last board meeting.

(c) Administration Report – May 8, 2008

The monthly Administration Report addresses a number of issues, administrative in nature. This month's Report updated on activities of the Bella Coola Recreation Commission, Bella Coola Waterworks, Emergency Planning, staff professional development, discussions with the Nuxalk Nation, solid waste management and the UBCM-Knowledge Network's *Picture BC* Program.

(F) FINANCIAL REPORTS

(a) Accounts Payable Report – April 2008

08-05-10 M/S Directors O'Neill/Hyde that the payments of expenditures and commitments in the amount of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$73,943.88) as represented by cheques #12446 to #12513 for the month of APRIL and issued pursuant to the Central Coast Regional District's policies and budgets for the year 2008 be approved and ratified.

CARRIED

(b) 2007 Audited Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements for the year 2007 were received from CCRD Auditors, PMT. Directors reviewed the Statements.

08-05-11 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the 2007 Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(G) REFERRALS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

(a) Integrated Land Management Bureau File No. 5407405 – Western Forest Products Inc. Application for License of Occupation for Log Handling – Briggs Inlet

08-05-12 M/S Directors Emery/O’Neill that the application by Western Forest Products for a Licence of Occupation for an area of Briggs Inlet for purposes of log handling (ILMB File No. 5407405), be supported 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

(b) Integrated Land Management Bureau File No. 5407403 – Western Forest Products for a Licence of Occupation for log handling – Mooto Lake

08-05-13 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the application by Western Forest Products Inc. for a Licence of Occupation for an area of Mooto Lake for purposes of log handling (ILMB File No. 5407403), be supported 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) Integrated Land Management File No. 540398 – British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. for a Licence of Occupation – Kliksoatli Harbour

08-05-14 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that the application by BC Ferry Services Inc. for of a Licence of Occupation for expansion of a water lot in the area of Kliksoatli Harbour for purposes of ferry docking (ILMB File No. 540398), be supported subject to BC Ferry Services Inc. installing a public access road between the ferry dock and Airport road on Denny Island.

CARRIED

(H) BYLAWS AND POLICIES

(a) Bylaw 392 – CCRD Remuneration and Expense Amendment Bylaw – Adoption

08-05-15 M/S Directors O’Neill/Emery that Bylaw No. 392, cited as the Central Coast Regional District Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, 2008 having been given due and detailed consideration by the Board be now adopted.
CARRIED

(b) Bylaw 393 – CCRD Elections Amendment Bylaw – First Reading

08-05-16 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that Bylaw No. 393, cited as the Central Coast Regional District Elections Amendment Bylaw, 2008 be now introduced and read a first time.
CARRIED

08-05-17 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that Bylaw No. 393, cited as the Central Coast Regional District Elections Amendment Bylaw, 2008 having been given due and detailed consideration by the Board be now read a second and third time.
CARRIED

(c) Smart – Application for Re-Zoning

CCRD Planning Consultant Michael Rosen joined the meeting by telephone. Directors asked a number of questions of Mr. Rosen, including the implications of approving the re-zoning application for any future application for subdivision.

Directors expressed concern about the location of the subject property on the Snooka Creek alluvial fan and whether this presented concerns relating to potential flooding. Questions were also asked regarding whether new connections to the Hagensborg Improvement District water system would be permitted, given the apparent position of Vancouver Coastal Health Authority regarding potable water issues. Similarly, directors inquired whether potential issues related to sewage disposal might arise, were a subdivision plan later approved.

Mr. Rosen explained how a covenant on the property might function to address concerns about potable water, sewage and future development.

08-05-18 M/S Directors O’Neill/Hyde that the Applicant be requested to further refine the development concept prior to proceeding with the formal bylaw process and to specifically address the flood risk associated with development on the Snooka Creek Alluvial Fan, the issue of provision of potable water, and the issue of sewage disposal.

CARRIED

(I) BUSINESS BY ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

Area D

Director O’Neill inquired whether a response had been received from CBC regarding the CCRD’s inquiry into the status of the Bella Coola Valley CBC tower.

The Administrator was requested to send a follow-up letter to CBC to request that the CBC tower in Bella Coola be immediately repaired and that the letter be copied to MP Nathan Cullen.

(J) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Chair

Secretary