

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Regional Services Committee held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC, on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Chair P. Kent
Directors K. Cossey, M. Dorey, L. Duncan G. Giles, B. Harrison, D. Haywood, R. Hutchins L. Iannidinaro, K. Kuhn, T. McGonigle, M. Marcotte, I. Morrison, G. Seymour <6:05 pm>, and T. Walker

ALSO

PRESENT: Warren Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
Tara Daly, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of the following item:

SR2 – Regional Recreation Update

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M1

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Regional Services Committee, held Wednesday, July 27, 2011, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

M2

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Special meeting of the Regional Services Committee, held Thursday, September 8, 2011, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS:
D1**

Ranjit Dhami, Geoff Millar, Cowichan Valley Chambers of Commerce presidents, and Steve Cohlmeier were present.

A presentation was provided by Steve Cohlmeier showing an overview of the Regional Visitors' Centre at the Forest Discovery Centre.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that funding for the purpose of assisting with the construction of the Regional Cowichan Visitors' Information Centre be considered as a Regional Grants-in-Aid in the 2012 Budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Staff review the 2011 Budget to determine if a surplus in General Government would allow funding of \$160,000 towards the construction of the Regional Cowichan Visitors' Information Centre.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Staff investigate the option of borrowing for the full amount required (\$609,000) to assist in the construction of the Regional Cowichan Visitors' Information Centre.

Opposed Directory M. Dorey, Director K. Kuhn, Director T. McGonigle

MOTION CARRIED

D2 Rodger Hunter provided a presentation updating the activities of the Cowichan Watershed Board.

The website for information is cowichanwatershedboard.ca

STAFF REPORTS

SR1 Staff Report from the EDC Business Development Officer, dated October 18, 2011, re: Update on Agricultural Advisory Committee was presented by Director M. Marcotte for information.

SR2 Verbal update of the Regional Recreation Committee meeting was presented by the Chief Administrative Officer for information.

RESOLVE TO CLOSED SESSION 7:45 pm **It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, Section 90, (1) (j).**

MOTION CARRIED

RISE FROM CLOSED SESSION 8:49 pm **It was moved and seconded that the Committee rise without report and return to the Regular portion of the meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT 8:50 pm **It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.**

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____