

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Regional Services Committee held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC, on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 5:12 pm.

PRESENT: Vice-Chair T. Walker
Directors K. Cossey, M. Dorey, L. Duncan,
G. Giles, B. Harrison, L. Iannidinardo, K. Kuhn,
M. Marcotte, T. McGonigle, I. Morrison and
G. Seymour
Alternate Directors S. Arnett, R. Cadorette,
R. Hartmann

ABSENT: Directors P. Kent, R. Hutchins and D. Haywood

ALSO

PRESENT: Warren Jones, Administrator
Kathleen Harrison, Deputy Corporate Secretary
Mark Kueber, General Manager, Corporate Services
Ron Austen, General Manager, Parks, Recreation &
Culture
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering &
Environmental Services
Dan Derby, General Manager, Public Safety
Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy
Jacob Ellis, Manager, Corporate Planning
Sharon Moss, Manager, Finance
Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of Item No. 5SR2.1 – Staff Report from the General Manager, Public Safety, and that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

2M1

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the January 28, 2009 Regular Regional Services Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

2M2

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 12, 2009 Special Regional Services Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

4D1 Valerie Nicol, Board Chair, Social Planning Cowichan, provided a presentation on of the role of Social Planning Cowichan in the community and a 2009 work plan.

Valerie Nicol was joined by Laura Stark, Accountant, Social Planning Cowichan, who responded to questions from the Committee.

4D2 Ronnie Phipps, representing the BC Coalition for Health Promotion (BCCHP), provided a presentation on health promotion initiatives in the Cowichan Valley.

Ronnie Phipps was joined by Tom Shandel who provided an overview of the documentary he was filming on behalf on the BCCHP.

FINANCE**STAFF REPORTS**

5SR1 Staff Report from the Manager, Finance dated February 17, 2009, re: Cowichan Valley Regional District Audit, was considered:

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the Chairperson and Corporate Secretary be authorized to sign the Engagement Letter with the Auditors for the 2008 Audit.

MOTION CARRIED

5SR2 Staff Report from the General Manager, Corporate Services dated February 18, 2009, re: permissive tax exemption, was considered:

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the CVRD provide tax exemption to the Capital Regional District for 2009 for parcel #4-765-11914.200.

MOTION CARRIED

5SR2.1 Staff Report from the General Manager, Public Safety dated February 19, 2009, re: disposal via donation of Cowichan search and rescue (SAR) 1989 Ford bus to the Salt Spring Emergency Program, was considered:

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the CVRD Asset Disposal Policy be waived and that the Regional District donate the Cowichan SAR 1989 Ford Bus to the CRD Salt Spring Emergency Program for use by amateur radio,

emergency program and search and rescue personnel as a radio communications link during emergency events.

MOTION CARRIED

5SR3

Staff Report from the General Manager, Corporate Services dated February 18, 2009, re: 2009 Budget, was considered for information.

The General Manager, Corporate Services, reviewed the 2009 budgeting process undertaken to date and advised the Committee that decisions were still required in the areas of: the 2009 core Budget; Regional Grant-In-Aid applications; new services approved during 2008 by the Board; staff recommendations to the draft 2009 Budget; and items that were deferred by the Committee such as Directors' remuneration.

It was moved and seconded that the 2009 Regional Grant in Aid request submitted by Social Planning Cowichan be considered at the same time as the new services approved by the Board during 2008, as listed on page 42 of the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the 2009 Regional Grant in Aid request from the Chesterfield Sports Society dated December 17, 2008 for the Cowichan Sportsplex be approved for \$80,000. and be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the 2009 Regional Grant in Aid request from O.U.R. Ecovillage/O.U.R. Community Association dated September 1, 2008 for \$20,000. be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the 2009 Regional Grant in Aid request for the Olympic Torch Relay project be approved for \$20,000. and be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that funding in the amount of \$75,000. for the South Cowichan Water Plan Study Function be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that funding in the amount of \$27,500. for the Safer Futures Function be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that funding in the amount of \$50,000. for the Social Planning Cowichan Function be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

7:27 pm

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at 7:27 pm.

7:42 pm

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 pm.

Function 100 – General Government

It was moved and seconded that information on the growth management/strategic planning process be provided to members of the Regional Services Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that funding in the amount of \$100,000. for a new Communications/First Nations Manager, under Function 100 – General Government, be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED

Function 205 – Emergency Planning

8:45 pm

Director G. Seymour and Alternate Director S. Arnett left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that funding in the amount of \$25,000. for SAR Base of Operations, under Function 205 – Emergency Planning, be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Function 520 – Solid Waste

8:51 pm

Director G. Seymour and Alternate Director S. Arnett returned to the meeting at 8:51 pm.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that funding in the amount of \$60,750. for Bings Creek Staff Wages and Benefits, under Function 520 – Solid Waste, be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION DEFEATED

Function 472 – Senior Centre Grant

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the Town of Lake Cowichan's contribution to Function 472 – Senior Centre Grant be increased from \$4,500. to \$5,500. and that this amendment be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Function 113 – Grants-in-Aid Area C

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the requisition, under Function 113 – Grants-in-Aid Area C, be increased from \$9,994. to \$10,994. and that this amendment be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Function 282 – South End Parks

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that under Function 282 – South End Parks: Transfer/General Capital Fund be reduced by \$10,000.; an Expenditure be created for the Cowichan Cenotaph in the amount of \$10,000.; and that these amendments be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Function 115 – Grants-in-Aid – Area E

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the requisition under Function 115 – Grants-in-Aid Area E, be reduced to \$0. and that this amendment be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Function 111 – Grants-in-Aid Area A

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the requisition, under Function 111 - Grants-in-Aid Area A, be increased by \$3,500. and that this amendment be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

Function 355 – Malahat Fire Protection

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that under Function 355 – Fire Protection Malahat: Donations – Firemans Fund be increased to \$15,000.; Transfer/Reserve Fund be reduced by \$12,500.; and that these amendments be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

9:20 pm

It was the consensus of the Committee to recess at 9:20 pm.

9:30 pm

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 pm.

Function 285 – Regional Parkland Acquisition

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the requisition for Function 285 – Regional Parkland Acquisition be reduced from \$500,000. to \$300,000. and that this amendment be included in the 2009 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED

10:10 pm

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____