

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Regional Services Committee held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan BC, on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Chair J. Lefebure  
Directors M. Walker, B. Fraser, G. Giles, L. Iannidinaro,  
L. Duncan, I. Morrison, M. Dorey, M. Marcotte, P. Weaver,  
B. Lines, R. Hartmann, T. McGonigle, R. Hutchins, P. Kent

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Warren Jones, Chief Administrative Officer  
Joe Barry, Corporate Secretary  
Brian Dennison, General Manager,  
Engineering and Environmental Services  
Tom Anderson, General Manager,  
Planning and Development  
Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development  
Kathy Lachman, Business Development Officer,  
Economic Development  
Harmony Huffman, Environmental Technologist  
Tara Daly, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF  
MINUTES**

**M1**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Regional Services Committee, held February 22, 2012, be adopted.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF MINUTES**

The CAO was asked if there was an update on the status of discussions between Telus and Nanaimo Regional District regarding the collection of fees for Emergency 9-1-1 on telephone bills. The CAO advised that there is no update.

The CAO was asked if the earlier Staff Reports concerning the Cowichan Sportsplex had been recirculated. The CAO advised that they had been recirculated.

**DELEGATIONS**

- D1** Brian Roberts, Executive Director, Cowichan Energy Alternative Society  
Re: Progress Report for the Cowichan BioFuel Facility and Update Low Carbon Economy Initiative of Cowichan Energy Alternatives
- Mr. Roberts provided a PowerPoint presentation updating BioFuel initiatives including Greasecycle (the collection of used cooking oil), Cowichan Energy Alternatives (the production of biofuel among other activities) and Cowichan Bio-Diesel Co-op (distribution). Mr. Roberts advised that the first public recycling drop-off for domestic cooking oil is at Merit Furniture in Duncan with the next one to be situated in Ladysmith. Mr. Roberts also noted that currently, the cost per litre for biofuel is \$1.50 but will probably increase when subsidies are removed.
- D2** Kim Stephens, P. Eng., Executive Director, Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC  
Re: An “Inter-Regional Education Initiative” for “Rainwater Management in a Watershed Sustainability Context”
- Mr. Stephens provided a PowerPoint presentation clarifying the collaboration via the “Inter-Regional Education Initiative” that will result in alignment and a consistent approach to “Rainwater Management in a Watershed Sustainability Context”.
- Mr. Stephens reported that the Georgia Basin Initiatives include: Comox Valley - an Integrated Watershed Approach to Settlement; Nanaimo Region - Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Plan; Cowichan Valley - Cowichan Basin Water Management Plan; Capital Region - Integrated Watershed Management Implementation; and Metro Vancouver - Integrated Liquid Waste & Resource Management Plan.
- Mr. Stephens summarized the benefits of the Inter-Regional Education Initiative as initiatives that align with regional plans, priorities and workloads; build on the experience of local government leaders; provide access to tools and lessons learned; and create opportunities for everyone to be more effective in moving forward with “integrated rainwater management”.
- D3** Earle Plain, Air Quality Meteorologist, Ministry of Environment; and Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer for Central Vancouver Island  
Re: Air Quality, Effects of Open Burning on Human Health
- Mr. Plain provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining particulate matter and smoke in relation to the increasingly poor air quality in the Cowichan Valley. Mr. Plain noted that through the spring and summer, the air quality is excellent but with backyard burning and woodstoves, the rest of the year has been worsening.
- Dr. Hasselback reiterated the concerns noting that there is no safe level of poor air quality stating that health issues, including breathing and heart problems, are directly related, and further, that the Cowichan Valley is exceeding the Provincial Air Quality Objectives.

**D4** Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer for Central Vancouver Island  
Re: Introduction as new Medical Health Officer

Dr. Hasselback expressed his desire to have more consultation within the Local Health Authority, linking local governments for the sake of health.

**D5** Rodger Hunter, Resident of Electoral Area B (Shawnigan Lake)  
Re: Sustainability Planning Perspectives Presentation for Information

Mr. Hunter provided his opinion on the key issues to consider when moving forward to a Regional Sustainability Plan.

**RECESS**  
**8:20 pm** It was the consensus of the Committee to take a five minute recess. The meeting recessed at 8:20 pm.

**MEETING**  
**RECONVENED**  
**8:29 pm** The Regional Services Committee meeting reconvened at 8:29 pm.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**SR1** The Staff Report from the Business Development Officer, Economic Development dated March 9, 2012, re: Islands Agriculture Show was received for information.

**SR2** The Staff Report from the General Manager, Planning and Development dated March 20, 2012, re: CVRD Integrated Regional Sustainability Plan was considered:

**It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the CVRD Integrated Regional Sustainability Plan Terms of Reference be forwarded to the Environment, Economic Development and Regional Agricultural Advisory Commissions, District of North Cowichan, City of Duncan, Town of Ladysmith, Town of Lake Cowichan, First Nations and Electoral Areas' Area Planning Commissions for comment and support.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SR3** The Staff Report from the General Manager, Planning and Development dated March 20, 2012, re: CVRD Climate Action Plan was considered:

**It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the CVRD Climate Action Plan Terms of Reference be forward to the Environment, Economic Development and Regional Agricultural Advisory Commissions for comment and support, and further, that the Climate Action Plan be undertaken as a part of the more comprehensive Integrated Regional Sustainability Plan.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SR4** The Staff Report from the Chief Administrative Officer re: Inter-Regional Rainwater Management Education Initiative was considered:

**It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the Board endorse the Inter-Regional Initiative on rainwater management and support the associated Comox Valley Regional District Gas Tax Capacity Building Grant Application to fund related inter-regional education and learning activities in the Capital Regional District, Cowichan Valley Regional District, Regional District of Nanaimo and Comox Valley Regional District.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1** Director Iannidinardo announced the National Day of Mourning on April 28<sup>th</sup> with the ceremony to be held at the Forest Workers' Memorial in Lake Cowichan at 11:00 am

**ADJOURNMENT** **It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.**  
**9:55 pm**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary

Dated:\_\_\_\_\_