



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 DATE: July 11, 2019

ATTENTION

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Board Meeting
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 CCRD ITEM A(a)

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| In Attendance: | Electoral Area A Electoral Area B Electoral Area C Electoral Area D Electoral Area E | Director Daniel Bertrand*via teleconference Director Travis Hall*via teleconference (portion) Director Jayme Kennedy Director Lawrence Northeast Chair Samuel Schooner |
| Staff: | Chief Administrative Officer Recording Secretary, EA Operations Manager Community Ec. Dev. Officer | Courtney Kirk Destiny Mack Ken McIlwain (portion) Matthew Wheelock (portion) |
| Delegation: | Merville Water Guardians Bella Coola Heli Sports and Tweedsmuir Park Lodge Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) | Bruce Gibbons*via teleconference Beat Steiner Sydney Redpath, Jolene Lammers |

PART I – INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:11 am and acknowledged the meeting was taking place in the unceded traditional territory of the Nuxalk Nation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

19-07-01 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy THAT the following late items be accepted and inserted in the public agenda package as follows: Access to Provincial Emergency Preparedness Funding for Independent Fire Services Letter from Cariboo Regional District; and the Denny Island Water System Service Establishment Bylaw for Final reading and adoption. **CARRIED**

19-07-02 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

3. Disclosures of Financial Interest

The Chair reminded Board Members of the requirements of Sections 100(2) (b) and 101(1) (2) and (3) of the *Community Charter* to disclose any financial interests during the meeting when the matter is discussed. The declaration under this section requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently, a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relating to the subject matter which is being discussed.

No disclosures of financial interests were made.

4. **Disclosures of Interests Affecting Impartiality.**

The Chair reminded Board Members that in the interest of good governance where there is a perceived interest that may affect their impartiality in consideration of a matter a declaration should be made. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making procedure.

No disclosures affecting impartiality were made.

PART II – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

DELEGATIONS

Bruce Gibbons – Merville Water Guardians

Mr. Gibbons began his presentation at 9:16 am. Mr. Gibbons is the founder of the Merville Water Guardians in Merville, BC (Comox Valley). Mr. Gibbons thanked the Board for accommodating his delegation and gave a quick overview and background on his groundwater protection campaign.

Mr. Gibbons emphasized that thousands (approximately 22%) of BC residents and farmers rely on the groundwater in our aquifers. He explained that depletion of the water supply compromises personal water needs and food production, putting our health and food security at risk. Meanwhile, population growth and climate change are putting additional demands on our aquifers.

Mr. Gibbons relayed that in November of 2017, the Provincial Government approved a groundwater extraction licence for a resident of Merville to extract up to 10,000 litres of water per day from the Comox Valley aquifer and bottle and sell that water. Mr. Gibbons is concerned about the precedent this licence sets and its potential to be amended to allow a much higher volume of water to be extracted, especially if the license were sold to a corporation. Mr. Gibbon further explained that the resident's licence was contingent on rezoning of his property, which was apparently denied by the Comox Valley Regional District in August 2018. Therefore, Mr. Gibbons explained, the current licence does not allow the applicant to utilize his licence and bottle water on his property. Mr. Gibbons further explained that this water extraction licence is still valid and the holder has publicly stated his intent to go ahead with the water bottling whatever way he can. To that end, Mr. Gibbons explained, the licence holder has apparently applied to the provincial government to amend his licence to allow him to truck the water from his well to a site that allows water bottling. Mr. Gibbons is campaigning to have Vancouver Island Coastal (AVICC) communities revise the bylaws to prevent the action from this or any other water licence holder.

Mr. Gibbons has been campaigning against the licencing of groundwater for bottling and commercial sale and the protection of our aquifers for the past year. He formed the Merville Water Guardians the group to oppose the water licence and related rezoning application, and to achieve reforms to the Water Sustainability Act. He filed an appeal against the water licence noted in his presentation in March, but the Environment Appeal Board dismissed the appeal. The Merville Water Guardians have also organised petitions to the Comox Valley Regional District advocating water bottling prevention. Mr. Gibbons has presented to a number of local communities around Comox Valley to ask them to take action to prevent water bottling.

Mr. Gibbons contacted all the members of AVICC communities asking them to revise their bylaws to prohibit bottling of groundwater, and to support the Strathcona Regional District Resolution. The resolution passed unanimously. Two distinct issues are being addressed. The first issue is the licencing of groundwater extraction for bottling. That is the jurisdiction of the provincial government. The Strathcona resolution addresses that, but there is no guarantee that the government will act on it, even if it passed at the UBCM. The second issue is local government control over the above-ground works necessary for water bottling and sale. That is why Mr. Gibbons is asking communities to revise their bylaws to prohibit groundwater bottling. Mr. Gibbon's requests from the Central Coast Regional District are:

- (1) That the CCRD consider taking the necessary steps to implement a bylaw that expressly prohibits bottling of groundwater in any of CCRD's zoning, to help in the fight to protect groundwater/aquifers for future use and benefit of residents and farmers.
- (2) That Central Coast Regional District support the Strathcona Regional District /AVICC resolution at the September UBCM convention, requesting that the Provincial Government cease the approval of licences for commercial extraction of groundwater resources for bottling or bulk water sales.

Mr. Gibbons thanked the Board for giving him the time to present to them. He relayed that questions or concerns can be directed to the Strathcona Regional District and/or the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

The Board remarked that Area C has been on a boil water advisory for over a decade. As a result, local water is often bottled and treated locally, and sold at the local store. The Board asked Mr. Gibbons how such practices might be affected by a commercial ban on water bottling. Mr. Gibbons suggested that his main concern is regrading groundwater / aquifers; impacts of bottling water from surface water sources are easier to monitor.

The Board asked where the Provincial Government has issued licences for bottling groundwater and whether once a licence is given if the tap be turned off if necessary? Mr. Gibbons shared that priority access is determined according to the principle of “first in time, first in right”. Mr. Gibbons sought further clarity on this point and asked provincial officials whether licencing restrictions could be based on human versus corporate needs and was basically told that the prioritization principle around first in line governs. Mr. Gibbons expressed that no one can get a definitive answer from the government on this point.

The Board expressed support for the cause of protecting groundwater in principal, and asked if the First Nations in the surrounding area also share the same concern. Mr. Gibbons explained that the Comox First Nation is strongly opposed and that when the applications first started they expressed their objections to the licence, but their objections were ignored. Mr. Gibbons further explained that when the licence was approved, the Comox First Nation released some strongly worded letters to the Provincial Government about the lack of process and consideration and consultation before the approval. Mr. Gibbons noted that while the Comox Nation’s concerns are aligned with those of the delegation’s, the Nation has chosen to do their own opposition/advocacy.

Area B Director Hall shared that he is a part of a First Nation and will look for other ways to independently support advocacy of the issue through other bodies and would be in direct contact with Comox First Nations.

Chair Schooner and Board thanked Mr. Gibbons for his delegation. Mr. Gibbons thank the Board for their time and concluded his delegation at 9:35 am.

Beat Steiner – Bella Coola Heli Sports and Tweedsmuir Park Lodge

Mr. Steiner began his presentation at 9:38 am.

Mr. Steiner introduced himself and gave a background on his heli-skiing activities in the Bella Coola Valley. Mr. Steiner relayed that after seeing the heli-ski potential of the area during his first trip in 2000, the Bella Coola Tweedsmuir Park Lodge applied to the Crown authority for heli-skiing permits in 2002.

Mr. Steiner relayed that since 2003 Bella Coola Heli Sports have been very successful with multiple awards and accolades. Mr. Steiner further relayed that his company operations in Bella Coola has grown over the years. He shared that his company’s tourism model promotes low impact with high revenues. He further shared that his company now has 5 locations: Eagle Lodge, Tweedsmuir Park Lodge, Dave & Laurie Kings place on the plateau, the Fosters, and new as of last year Terra Nostra Guest Ranch. Mr. Steiner relayed that last year his company

hosted a total of 629 guests with 482 guests in the Bella Coola Valley. He indicated that most guests come for a 5-7 night stay.

Mr. Steiner shared that his company has started promoting summer and fall tourism. He indicated that they hire guides to lead group activities including: games on the property; grizzly bear viewing; heli-hiking; horseback riding; fishing; and bike tours. He further indicated that they have also built a *via feratta* (assisted climbing) route/structure, and have an invitation for local people to come try it out. Mr. Steiner relayed that his company works with Chris Nelson to promote First Nations culture, focusing on the low impact tourism. Mr. Steiner stated that Bella Coola Heli-Sports has made significant investments in the Valley, including \$1.4 million in infrastructure upgrades in the past five years. This includes new guest cabins, staff accommodations, maintenance buildings, and tourism infrastructures like the *via feratta* climb, hiking trails, e-bikes and other gear.

Mr. Steiner stated that in addition to local investments, Bella Coola Heli-Sports strives to support local businesses. He indicated that over the past 4 years his company spent over \$6 million with West Coast Helicopters and over \$826,000 with Bella Coola Eagle Lodge. Mr. Steiner claimed that his company spent over 8 million dollars in total with the top 12 vendors in the Bella Coola Valley over the past 4 years. Mr. Steiner further indicated that his company also partners to improve properties that his company works with, for example the Eagle Lodge renovation, and additional staff accommodation and cabins on plateau properties.

Mr. Steiner stated that Bella Coola Heli-sports has grown considerably in the past years and hosts up to 32 people plus staff in the Bella Coola Valley airport terminal at any one time. Mr. Steiner indicated that the Bella Coola Valley airport terminal infrastructure is a limiting factor for his company to achieve further growth. He further relayed his opinion that the Bella Coola Valley airport terminal infrastructure deficiencies are also impacting the transit experience for both guests to the region and locals. Mr. Steiner suggested that a solution to this issue is for Bella Coola Heli-Sport to get its own facility at the airport. To that end, Mr. Steiner shared that he has been negotiating with a hangar owner who leases land at the Bella Coola Airport from the CCRD and indicated the hangar owner is interested in selling to his company. Mr. Steiner shared that the building he is negotiating for purchase would be ideal for his company, being close to the terminal building. He indicated this could mean that heli-ski guests would no longer transition through the terminal building.

Mr. Steiner shared his concerns about the limitations of the current lease structure creating unfavourable financial risk for his company to invest in substantial renovations to the hangar building should he purchase it. As he understands

matters, the longest land lease CCRD is currently in the position to issue is 3 years and there are a number of legislative steps and public process for that end. Mr. Steiner indicated that while he realises that CCRD has plans to overhaul the lease structure and policy at the CCRD owned Bella Coola airport, his company plans to move forward in any case and complete negotiations to purchase the hangar building and invest \$400,000 into the project without a lease in place.

Mr. Steiner indicated he made a delegation request to the Board to publicly share his company's intentions as a means of initiating dialogue and to seek input as to whether the Board views his company's proposed use of the hangar building acceptable with respect to the overall growth and development of the airport. Mr. Steiner further indicated his hope to have Board approval for his proposed development as a result of his delegation.

The Board thanked Mr. Steiner for the informative presentation and relayed the Board was not in a position to offer an opinion at this time nor permission for the investment he wished to pursue involving the hangar on CCRD leased land at the Bella Coola Airport. The Board referred the matter to Administration for further research, review and procedural clarification at a later meeting of the Board.

Mr. Steiner concluded his delegation at 10:23 am.

(a) Sydney Redpath, Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association/Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Marketing Association (CCCTA/CCCTMA) and Jolene Lammers, Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA)

Ms. Redpath and Ms. Lammers began their presentation at 10:24 am.

The delegates introduced themselves as being from the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA). Ms. Redpath is the Marketing Director and Executive Secretary and she is also a part of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Marketing Association (CCCTMA). Ms. Lammers serves as the Destination Development Coordinator. Ms. Redpath thanked the Board for accommodating their delegation and gave an update on the CCCTMA Marketing Program and the Destination Development Program.

Ms. Redpath relayed that the CCCTMA has been mandated to market the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region at local, national, and international levels while engaging with stakeholders. CCCTMA staff provides administrative and strategic support to both the Marketing Committee and the CEO. The CCCTMA part of the organization takes direction from a representative marketing committee. Funding from an 'Accommodation Tax' or a 3% Municipal or Regional District Tax called MRDT and

collected in the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast since May 2018 is used to implement the marketing strategy, invest and leverage funds on behalf of stakeholders through programming and projects, enhance tourism assets, and increase overall regional visitation and thus, revenue. Ms. Redpath indicated that during their first year of collection they collected around \$670,000 for marketing the region and building a brand as a whole.

Ms. Redpath stated that in 2018-2019, the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region started off with a Marketing and Brand Campaign which ended April 30. Their goals were to increase awareness, to stimulate growth within the industry, and convert interest within bookings and sales. They started off with more of a sales approach and then turned it into a story telling process. The intent being to focus potential travellers on booking with accommodators by building a story and emotional or experiential aspects that the region represents. Ms. Redpath claimed that through these efforts, the CCCTMA generated 6,736 stakeholder referrals.

Ms. Redpath relayed that for 2019, the CCCTMA are shifting the marketing landscape. She explained that sharing content creation with the public drives the destination brand and experiences and that video is now the most important tool for destination marketing and story-telling. She further explained that organizations are seeing more success through partnerships that leverage their resources. She indicated that Destination Marketing Organizations (DMO's) need to become thoughtful strategy leaders in developing local experiences. Ms. Redpath provided some background on the development of an annually produced travel guide and map pad.

Ms. Redpath shared that in the year to come the CCCTMA is developing travel itineraries and stories that highlight iconic routes and experiences, travel packages with corporate and local business partnerships, consumer show and festival and event funding, landwithoutlimits.com refresh and branding guide development.

Area B Director Hall mentioned that he had worked with the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association on behalf of Heiltsuk Nation to bring back the ferry service. The partnership was great but has since subsided.

The Board asked what CCCTA's policies were with employing First Nations within the organization. The Board also asked for clarification on the future engagement with First Nations along the coast loop route. Ms. Redpath responded that she would refer these questions to Amy Thacker, CCCTA's CEO as Ms. Thacker deals with advocacy and their Board of Directors.

Area B Director Hall shared a concern about non-First Nation tourism operators advertising as under Heiltsuk Territory, but not being in a relationship Heiltsuk Nation

with the view that this inaccuracy should be clarified on the advertising and webpages of offending companies.

Ms. Lammers responded that CCCTA has signed an MOU with Indigenous Tourism BC, to get an Indigenous tourism specialist in their office as of August, 2019.

The delegation resumed with Ms. Lammers, Destination Development Coordinator for the CCCTA, who gave a presentation called *Tourism Update 2019*. Ms. Lammers relayed that in 2018 there were 21.1 million international tourists who visited Canada including 6.1 million tourists who visited British Columbia.

Ms. Lammer explained that the Destination Development Program focuses on strategies for the supply side of tourism using a bottom up approach. She further explained that each area identifies 6 priorities that are basically quick wins that can be moved ahead within the next 1-3 years.

Ms. Lammer shared that the vision for the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region is for it to be a geographically distinct region that reflects and respects the unique heritage, people, and cultures found within it. The CCCTA's top 6 priorities are: public and shared transportation; examining opportunities to develop additional purchasable tourism products and services; defining short and long term enhancements to visitor activities, amenities and services; supporting cultural and experiential tourism development; improving visitor services and public safety; safeguarding the natural environment.

Ms. Lammers further shared that the CCCTA has a Regional Destination Development Program whose goals are to strategically grow the benefits from tourism, maintain an understanding of the customer, demonstrate leadership and amplify awareness about the region.

Ms. Lammers explained that she is seeking a letter of support for the Regional Destination Development Strategies that the CCCTA has developed for the Central Coast as part of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast broader regional area. She further welcomed feedback on the Regional Destination Development Strategies from the Board of Directors.

The Board shared the following list of questions and Ms. Lammers indicated that she would bring the questions back to her office for email response:

How did the CCCTA come about / how was it formed?

What is the CCCTA's role and function?

Is it possible for us to access your establishing constitution and bylaws? If so, how/where?

I see that the CCCTA's legal structure is a society, who are your members?

What are your different revenues streams as an organization?

What are your current annual revenues?

What proportion of those revenues are earmarked for the Central Coast Communities?

In terms of the Central Coast, which communities do you represent or support?

In terms of your contract with Destination BC, the last contract I could see on your website I think expired in 2018, have you renewed your two-year contract with them?

What is CCCTA's relationship with HELLOBC?

Ms. Lammers shared that Ms. Thacker will be attending the UBCM convention, so if the Board has any further pressing issues or questions, they can be emailed to her and potentially discussed during UBCM convention if a meeting is sought.

Ms. Lammers advised that the CCCTA's Annual General Meeting will be in Barkerville in November.

Ms. Lammers also indicated that CCCTA has Emergency Management staff in their office in part to support CCCTA clients to be better positioned to service accommodation needs during emergency response and recovery.

The Board shared some background about BC Ferries and a concern was raised respecting derogatory comments apparently made by tourists visiting First Nation territories which may not have been adequately addressed by BC Ferries. The Board suggested that cultural sensitivity protocols should be incorporated into CCCTA's development and marketing plans.

CAO Kirk asked for more clarity about the boundaries of the CCCTA.

The Board noted that coastal First Nations are not necessarily involved or represented in the CCCTA and that the CCRD does not speak for the First Nations in the Central Coast. The Board stated that CCCTA should contact each First Nation directly. Ms. Lammers shared that they have an Indigenous Liaison coming to their team whose role it will be to reach out and ensure that this is done.

Ms. Redpath and Ms. Lammers concluded their delegation at 11:04 am.

A recess was taken at 11:05 am
The meeting reconvened at 11:22 am

(B) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Board Meeting June 13, 2019

- 19-07-03 **M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the minutes from the June 13, 2019 Board Meeting be received. **CARRIED**
- 19-07-04 **M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the minutes be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

PART III – LOCAL GOVERNANCE

(C) OPERATIONS UPDATES & POLICY MATTERS ARISING

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(a) Request for Decision: CCRD Strategic Plan 2019-2022

- 19-07-05 **M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy** THAT the CCRD Strategic Plan 2019-2022 be received. **CARRIED**
- 19-07-06 **M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District adopts the CCRD Strategic Plan 2019-2022. **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL SERVICES

(b) Request for Decision: Signing Authority with Williams Lake and District Credit Union

- 19-07-07 **M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Request for Decision: Signing Authority with the Williams Lake and District Credit Union be received. **CARRIED**
- 19-07-08 **M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve the removal of Rose Liu as a CCRD Signing Authority with the Williams Lake and District Credit Union. **CARRIED**

COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

(c) Community Economic Development Monthly Report

- 19-07-09 **M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT the Community Economic Development Officer Report be received. **CARRIED**

Community Economic Development Officer (CEDO) Wheelock joined the meeting at 11:34 am.

(d) Request for Decision – CEDO to approach Canada Post to re-designate Bella Coola Valley as a non-remote community

- 19-07-10 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT the Request for Decision: CEDO to approach Canada Post to Re-Designate Bella Coola Valley as a Non-Remote Community be received. **CARRIED**
- 19-07-11 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve the CEDO to approach Canada Post regarding re-designating the Bella Coola Valley as a non-remote community. **CARRIED**

At the Board's request, CAO Kirk spoke to the possible or perceived downsides to re-designating the Bella Coola Valley as a non-remote community and advised there could be political implications of an advocacy campaign on the issue. The Board expressed they would like a report back on the initial outcomes of the resolution approving CEDO's approach before deciding whether to invest further CCRD resources into Canada Post advocacy. The Board discussed possible amendment to the CCRD Strategic Plan 2019-2022 should advocacy be required as opposed to a correction with Canada Post if the matter is simply one of administrative error.

CEDO Wheelock left the meeting at 11:38 am.

OPERATIONS

Operations Manager (OM) McIlwain joined the meeting at 11:40 am.

(e) Operations Manager Monthly Report

- 19-07-12 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the monthly Operations Manager Report be received. **CARRIED**

The Board asked if it is possible to expand the landfill hours during the month of September (bear season). OM McIlwain responded that additional openings are tied to budget however the contractor and employees are flexible and willing to work the additional days. OM McIlwain emphasised the 2019 solid waste budget is very tight and that the financial resources to support additional openings will be dependent on tipping fee revenues.

CAO Kirk explained that the matter of additional openings is related to a bigger conversation regarding the solid waste management budget involving an intersection of administrative and political spheres. She emphasized that tipping fees are uncertain and this makes planning for additional openings utilizing tipping fees likewise uncertain. CAO Kirk explained that any additional service costs that are not paid for by user-fees would impact the landfill service agreement with Nuxalk Nation as an elevated cost of the service that is not fairly subsidized by property tax requisition alone. The CAO explained that a political level discussion with Nuxalk Chief and Council is necessary to address the additional cost of service enhancement during bear season. CAO Kirk indicated that Nuxalk Nation is likely also concerned about landfill access during times of high human-bear encounters.

The CAO reported that several weeks ago she requested an audience for CCRD Area Directors E, D, and C and OM McIlwain with Nuxalk Chief and Council to discuss the cost issue for additional bear season openings and to seek a letter of support for the CCRD's composting grant application. Administration is awaiting a reply and invitation.

(f) Urban Systems Project Update, Denny Island Water System– July 2019

19-07-13 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Urban Systems Project Update Report on the Denny Island Water System be received. **CARRIED**

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

(g) Transportation Monthly Report

19-07-14 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy THAT the Transportation Monthly Report be received. **CARRIED**

(h) Request for Decision: Sole Source Procurement – Rockcraft Climbing Bolder

19-07-15 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Request for Decision: Sole Source Procurement – Rockcraft Climbing Bolder be received. **CARRIED**

19-07-16 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve Administration to proceed with sole source procurement of a Rockcraft Climbing Boulder through Rockcraft distributor Swing Time Distributors Ltd., waiving procurement policy A-26;

AND THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approves Administration to proceed with the procurement of cedar wood chip product as ground cover should Administration determine cedar wood chip product as the most viable option for playground cover at the new playground installation at the Bella Coola Airport.

CARRIED

OM Manager left the left the meeting at 12:10 pm.

The Board recessed at 12:11 pm.

The Board reconvened at 1:13 pm.

(i) Denny Island Airport Commission Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2019

19-07-17 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Denny Island Airport Commission Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2019 be received. **CARRIED**

LEISURE SERVICES

(j) Centennial Pool Commission Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2019

(k) Centennial Pool Commission Meeting Minutes – July 3, 2019

19-07-18 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy THAT the Centennial Pool Commission Meeting minutes dated June 19, 2019 and the July 3, 2019 minutes be received as a group. CARRIED

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

(l) Emergency Management - Verbal Report

CAO Kirk provided an update on the about the hiring process for the new Shared Emergency Program Coordinator under the Nuxalk Nation/EMBC/CCRD MOU reporting that the collaborative process is progressing.

CAO Kirk reported that the establishment of the new Bella Coola flood preparation advisory committee who would assist in overseeing the CCRD flood mapping and modelling projects is progressing and the first meeting is anticipated during the summer.

CAO Kirk reported that the Nuxalk Nation – CCRD joint EOC was activated on June 27 2019 in response to a fire at the Bella Coola Harbour and thanked Chair Schooner for his presence and support during the activation. The CAO reported that the former BC Packers facility was completely consumed by the fire however it appeared there were no injuries, no loss of life and minimal damage beyond the loss of the former BC Packers facility itself. An initial Environmental Overview report has been commissioned to provide the CCRD with a cursory understanding of the impact of the fire. The CAO emphasised that the CCRD itself is not responsible for the environmental impacts or any clean-up of the fire at the Bella Coola Harbour and that all the relevant federal and provincial agencies were notified of the fire and the debris falling into the estuary during the course of the EOC activation. Praise was given to all the volunteers of the Bella Coola Volunteer Fire Department and the Nuxalk Nation Volunteer Fire Department for their dutiful response to the fire.

(m) Northeast Emergency Management Newsletter June/July 2019 Issue 7

19-07-19 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Northeast Emergency Management Newsletter be received. CARRIED

(n) Correspondence for Information: My Red Cross News

19-07-20 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy THAT the My Red Cross Newsletter be received. CARRIED

(n1) Correspondence for Action: Re: Support for UBCM Resolution Access to Provincial Emergency Preparedness Funding for Independent Fire Services (Late Item)

19-07-21 M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy THAT the Correspondence for Action: Re: Support for UBCM Resolution Access to Provincial Emergency Preparedness Funding for Independent Fire Services be received. **CARRIED**

19-07-22 M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District endorse the Cariboo Regional District lobby on financing the fire brigades;

AND THAT a letter of support be prepared and sent to that effect. **CARRIED**

GOVERNANCE

(o) Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive (Carry forward from June 13, 2019 meeting)

19-07-23 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive documents be received. **CARRIED**

19-07-24 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District nominate Travis Hall for the UBCM Director at Large Position. **CARRIED**

(p) UBCM Cabinet meeting requests letter (Carry forward from June 13, 2019 meeting)

(q) UBCM Staff meeting requests letter (Carry forward from June 13, 2019 meeting)

19-07-25 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Cabinet Ministers and Staff Meeting Request letter be received. **CARRIED**

19-07-26 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize administration to reach out to UBCM event organizers to request meetings with the following cabinet ministers at the upcoming AGM: Minister of Finance; Minister of Housing; Premier Horgan; Minister of Transportation; Minister of Health; and Minister of Environment;

AND THAT Administration is authorized to set up meetings with senior staff for the purpose of advancing technical discussion on issues specific to the cabinet minister meetings, including: equalization; derelict and abandoned buildings; unmet marine and land based transportation needs; unmet obstetric and elder service needs; and human bear conflict.

CARRIED

(r) UBCM 2019 Meeting Request with BC Hydro

-  **19-07-27 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT the UBCM 2019 Meeting Request with BC Hydro be received. **CARRIED**

Director Bertrand declared an Interest Affecting Impartiality as follows:

With regards to the request for meeting with BC Hydro I disclose that I have an association with the Kunsoot Wellness Society and Qqs Project Society which are developing projects; that I am legal counsel for them on other matters but not this specific matter and as a consequence there may be an exception on the impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its mirrors and vote accordingly.

- 19-07-28 M/S Director Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorizes Administration to proceed with a meeting request with BC Hydro for the upcoming UBCM Convention to discuss: the surcharge for regional residents; the two-tiered rate structure; challenges of Heiltsuk Nation Kunsoot Wellness Society and Qqs Project Society with BC Hydro. **CARRIED**

(s) AVICC- Minutes of the 70th Annual Convention

-  **19-07-29 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the AVICC Minutes from the 70th Annual Convention be received. **CARRIED**

(t) Correspondence for Information: Canadian Wood Council the 2019 Community Recognition Awards Call for Nominations is now open

- 19-07-30 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Correspondence for Information: Canadian Wood Council be received. **CARRIED**

- 19-07-31 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District nominate the Nuxalk Housing Project for the 2019 Community Recognition Award. **CARRIED**

(u) Correspondence for Information: City of Burnaby Re: Expanding Investment Opportunities

- 19-07-32 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Correspondence for Information: Expanding Investment Opportunities be received. **CARRIED**

(v) Correspondence for Information: City of Port Moody Letter

-  **19-07-33 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Correspondence for Information: City of Port Moody Letter be received. **CARRIED**

(C) EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Electoral Area Reports

Chair and Area E Report: Chair Schooner

Chair Schooner acknowledged the Board and presented his verbal report as follows.

Chair Schooner shared how much of a loss it was to lose the former BC Packers Building to fire. He acknowledged the service of the Bella Coola and Nuxalk Fire Departments. When Chair Schooner arrived on the scene, the two fire departments and the RCMP were already present. They arranged for some flaggers to direct traffic.

Chair Schooner reflected on the regular June meeting of the Board that was held in Rivers Inlet the month before and described the experience as an amazing meeting in Wuikinuxv. Chair Schooner acknowledged Chief Frank Johnson of the Wuikinuxv Nation for his hospitality in Rivers Inlet. Chair Schooner further noted the historic significance of the occasion as the first CCRD Board meeting held in Rivers Inlet and hosted by the Wuikinuxv Nation.

Area A Report: Director Bertrand

Director Bertrand thanked the Chair and presented his verbal report as follows.

Director Bertrand noted that things appear to be moving along with the Denny Island Water System service project.

Director Bertrand noted a recent visit he made by boat with his family to Ocean Falls and the opportunity to connect with a few constituents. Director Bertrand shared that there is a new opportunity to purchase ice cream cones from a vendor when visiting Ocean Falls. Director Bertrand reported on his understanding that an advocate for the rights of the homeless has recently relocated to a property in Ocean Falls and has apparently invited people without homes to relocate to Ocean Falls and live in a number of trailers on this property, but people have yet to arrive. Director Bertrand noted that if true, this could result in a homeless camp and noted the concern he heard from some residents of Ocean Falls on the matter. Director Bertrand shared that he hasn't met the individual who is apparently offering land for relocation and does not yet have a position on the matter.

Area B Report: Director Hall

Director Hall thanked the Chair and presented his verbal report as follows.

Director Hall shared there has been a lot of movement around reconciliation and management strategies around resources at the tables he has been sitting at with First Nations within and beyond the region.

The Heiltsuk Big House is almost complete. They expect to open in October.

Director Hall is looking forward to the UBCM convention event on financing reconciliation and related efforts. He noted he had had a brief conversation with UBCM Indigenous Relations staff regarding the event and speakers list while attend an UBCM Indigenous Relations Committee meeting.

Director Hall spoke to the transportation needs in his territory, including airlines and BC Ferries. He is hoping that BC Ferries will look at issues regarding derogatory comments made by their customers about First Nations. Given that BC Ferries advertising portrays the central coast ferry service as small cruise ships, Director Hall feels that BC Ferries need to be reminded that they are still required to address local transportation needs.

Director Hall shared his concern and sadness around the how the Canadian Senate has botched the UNDRIP. He reported that UBCM and its Indigenous Relations Committee are working on a letter to ensure that UNDRIP is not entirely disregarded. They are looking at mechanisms to ensure that Supreme Court of Canada decisions such as Gladstone are implemented.

Chair Schooner asked Director Hall about establishing dates on when Chair Schooner and CCRD representatives might meet with Heiltsuk Tribal Council in Bella Bella to discuss emergency management updates, fundraising for electoral area boundary adjustment discussions, and updates on the agenda and speakers for the preconvention equalization event at UBCM on Monday, and general advocacy campaign. Chair Schooner and Director Hall discussed the importance of establishing a date to meet before September.

19-07-34 M. Directors Hall THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize the expenses for the Outer Coast Directors to attend the NDIT Dinner with Nuxalk Council, CCRD Board of Directors and NDIT Board of Directors to be held on July 24, 2019.

There was no seconder for this motion.

Director Hall noted his disappointment that his motion was not seconded and relayed his view that the lack of support for his motion was demonstrative of ongoing exclusion of outer-coast directors and communities from CCRD initiatives. Director Hall opined that CCRD should be financing outer-coast director participation in all board related activities Bella Coola Valley based CCRD directors attend.

Area C Report: Director Kennedy

Director Kennedy thanked the Chair and presented her verbal report as follows.

Director Kennedy shared that it had been a busy start to the tourism season. Reflecting on the June 13, 2019 meeting in Rivers Inlet she shared that it was a great experience and that she enjoyed seeing the Big House and meeting with the people there.

Director Kennedy reported that she recently attended a marketing committee meeting in Williams Lake as part of her representation on the CCCTA.

Director Kennedy shared that 2019 marks the 20th Anniversary for the Bella Coola Music Festival which will be held on July 20 and 21, 2019. Director Kennedy expressed that she looks forward to the enjoyable event that brings people together in the summer.

Director Kennedy shared that she is also looking forward to Northern Development (NDIT) visit and dinner.

Area D Report: Director Northeast

Director Northeast thanked the Chair and presented his verbal report as follows.

Director Northeast enjoyed attending the Bella Coola Harbour Authority Annual General Meeting on June 26, 2019. It was good to discuss common concerns by users of the Harbour and those who live around it. Director Northeast expressed his hope that the CCRD will continue to work with the Bella Coola Harbour Authority on common interests.

Director Northeast thanked the Board for the support they have given him over the last few months in learning about local government. He is looking forward to attending the UBCM Convention in September.

(C) BYLAWS AND POLICIES

a) Bylaw No. 486, Denny Island Water System Service Establishment

- 19-07-35** M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT Bylaw No. 486 cited as the Denny Island Water System Service Establishment Bylaw having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and the person responsible for corporate administration. **CARRIED**
- 19-07-36** M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District order Administration to expedite draft revisions to the procedures bylaw and particularly development of a potential amendment to the procedures bylaw that could accommodate in-camera or closed meeting discussions by electronic means such as teleconference along with a review of potential implications **CARRIED**
- 19-07-37** M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional close the meeting to the public for the purpose of consideration of items that fall under the following sections of the *Community Charter*: 90 (1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; 90 (1) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and section 90 (2) (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to

negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party. **CARRIED**

Directors Hall and Bertrand left the meeting at 3:50 pm and the meeting was then closed to the public.

a) Matters Brought out of Camera

The following resolutions were released from in-camera:

19-07-38 **THAT** the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District supports Administration to either enter into a contribution agreement with Nuxalk Nation to share the services of a shared Lands Coordinator and Referrals Function or higher a common employee with the Nuxalk Nation on a part time basis to fulfill CCRD's Lands Service's needs;

AND THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize Administration and the CCRD Executive to enter into a contribution/cost sharing agreement with British Columbia's Ministry of Transportation for the acquisition of LiDar Mapping Data in the Bella Coola Valley.

(F) ADJOURNMENT

19-07-39 **M/S Directors** **THAT** the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer