



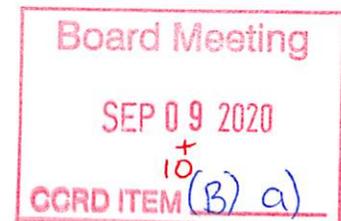
# Central Coast

## REGIONAL DISTRICT

*That we may be good people together*

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 09, 2020



ATTENTION

These minutes are draft and subject to amendment. Final Approval and adoption is by resolution at the next scheduled meeting.



The Vice 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**

#### **Garrett Newkirk – Tallheo Cannery/Inner Coast Inlet Tours**

Mr. Newkirk began his presentation at 9:36 a.m. and expressed that he wanted the Board to know that he would only be speaking on behalf of himself as a tourism company owner and not on behalf of other businesses.

Mr. Newkirk asked the Board for clarification on what the Central Coast Regional District is doing to support tourism businesses, whether the CCRD has been in contact with the Nuxalk Nation, and wondered if the CCRD is trying to resume tourism in Bella Coola.

CAO Kirk requested Mr. Newkirk provide further context behind his questions and clarify what is meant by support.

Mr. Newkirk responded that the Province has now moved to Phase 3 and that the rest of British Columbia is now operating, while in Bella Coola the tourism sector is not allowed to operate.

CAO Kirk noted that the CCRD's focus as an organization respecting BC's Restart Plan has been on the facilities it runs and aligning operations with the provincial guidance. CAO Kirk elaborated noting that the Centennial Pool has been operating on a modified basis, and Walker Island Park has been functional for local community use with the addition of property signage and safety provisions. These services require modification with respect to WorkSafeBC and Health Authority guidelines.

Mr. Newkirk questioned whether it was against the law to open tourism businesses. While he wants to remain respectful and understands the seriousness of COVID-19, the question remains whether Bella Coola tourism operators are on their own to plan a restart. Mr. Newkirk communicated that a letter of support is needed from the CCRD which supports tourism businesses reopening.

The Board conversed about the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) as an advocacy body for local tourism and noted that during Phase 2 the CCCTA encouraged people not to visit the area until further notice. The current messaging that exists is for tourists to check with communities before booking trips and that it is being left to communities to promote whether they are welcoming tourism or not. Currently the CCCTA is advocating for businesses to get funding for restart costs and the Board's understanding is that notice will be given soon on whether or not that is going ahead as a possibility.

Mr. Newkirk questioned why other businesses other than tourism are operating, such as logging and outside contractors. Mr. Newkirk opined that there is unequal treatment where some businesses are allowed while others are disallowed.

Vice Chair Kennedy declared a conflict with the matter of tourism due to her dual role with the CCCTA.

The Board further stated their understanding that the tourism sector has put together safety protocols for BC travellers only, in which food pick up services are implemented, and the use of PPE to ensure safety.

The Board noted the view that a vast majority of constituents in the region are hesitant to encourage local tourism operators recommencing at this time. The Board emphasised that there is no official stance from the CCRD's perspective one way or another to encourage or discourage tourism.

The Board further explained that Under Phase 2, the CCRD followed the lead of the region's Nations and took emergency action to restrict non-essential travel, and from there local government response powers under the *Emergency Program Act* were stripped. The Board encouraged Mr. Newkirk to reach out to the Nuxalk Nation directly. At this time, it is unclear what role the CCRD could have as there is no ability to mandate travel restrictions.

The Board further noted its understanding that the Bella Coola Valley Tourism Association is currently working on a plan to present to Nuxalk Nation toward collaborative management of a phased local tourism opening. The Board further noted its understanding that this plan will include precautions that businesses are willing and able to take in order to safely open and when available could potentially be included in a future Board package. Mr. Newkirk responded that he is hopeful the CCRD can review this plan and provide a letter of support, which may help discussions with the Nuxalk Nation EOC.

The Board noted its understanding that every tourism operator is required to give their safety plan to WorkSafeBC, but that local government and First Nation representatives from the North and Central Coast and Haida Gwaii have been denied the opportunity to review safety plans. The Board noted that this illustrates the difficult position the CCRD is in where safety plans cannot be reviewed and yet is being asked to provide support in encouraging tourism. It is unclear whether tourism operators locally are willing to meet the standards that constituents expect.

It was reiterated by Mr. Newkirk that other industry is carrying on in the Bella Coola Valley and queried whether those safety plans were submitted to CCRD in order for the work to go ahead. The Board responded that plans were not submitted to the CCRD for those industries, and again that CCRD is not in a position to authorize or restrict business operations, nor to determine what is essential and non-essential. It is a provincial matter. Mr. Newkirk noted for the Board his view that logging is not an essential function. The Board noted that some might view tourism as a high-risk endeavour echoing its non-essential status. Mr. Newkirk opined that tourism can have less of a risk to community as engagement with tourists is a required aspect of the industry and therefore has opportunity to inform visitors how to safely interact with communities, whereas other industries deemed as essential are likely not taking that care.

Mr. Newkirk thanked the Board for their time and noted his hope that the Board would keep in mind the financial wellbeing and mental wellbeing of tourism operators during this time. The Board thanked Mr. Newkirk for his delegation.

### **(A) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **a) Regular Board Meeting June 11, 2020**

- 20-07-03 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the minutes from the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting be received. **CARRIED**
- 20-07-04 M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the June 11, 2020 minutes be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

### **PART II – LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

#### **(A) BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

##### **a) Policies for Review, Revision, Rescind or Adoption**

###### **1) Policy A-9 (b) – Facilities Inspection Policy – Centennial Pool**

- 20-07-05 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives Policy A-9 (b) Request for Decision. **CARRIED**
- 20-07-06 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approves Policy A-9 (b) Facilities Inspection Policy – Centennial Pool as reviewed. **CARRIED**

##### **b) Bylaws for Review, Revision, Rescind or Adoption**

###### **1) Bylaw 494 Board Meeting Procedures Bylaw – Final Reading**

- 20-07-07 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives Bylaw 494 Request for Decision. **CARRIED**
- 20-07-08 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT Bylaw No. 494, cited as the “Central Coast Regional District Board Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 494, 2020” having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and person responsible for corporate administration. **CARRIED**
- 20-07-09 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast** THAT Bylaw No. 494, cited as the “Central Coast Regional District Board Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 494, 2020” be rescinded in the final reading and tabled for the end of the Board meeting. **CARRIED**

###### **2) Bylaw 495 Board Remuneration & Expenses – Final Reading**

**20-07-10 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives Bylaw 495 Request for Decision. **CARRIED**

**20-07-11 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast** THAT Bylaw No. 495, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Board Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 495, 2020" having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and person responsible for corporate administration. **CARRIED**

## **(B) OPERATIONS UPDATES & POLICY MATTERS ARISING**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

#### **(a) CCRD COVID-19 Business Continuity and Services Restoration Plan Amendments since June 11, 2020 (LATE ITEM)**

**20-07-12 M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Request for Decision. **CARRIED**

**20-07-13 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District endorse amendments to the CCRD COVID-19 Business Continuity and Services Restoration Plan added since the adoption of the plan at the June 2020 CCRD regular board meeting, and as shown in the published version of the plan as of July 9, 2020. **CARRIED**

#### **(b) Request for Decision: Special Meeting to review and revise CCRD Strategic Plan 2019-2022 through the lens of COVID-19 (LATE ITEM)**

**20-07-14 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Request for Decision. **CARRIED**

**20-07-15 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize a Special Meeting to take place over two days on July 27 & 28 2020 at 10:00 am via electronic means to consider amending the CCRD 2019-2022 Strategic Plan in light of new organizational challenges in response to COVID-19 and new board resolved projects and initiatives since the plan was adopted;

AND THAT the Board will further review and consider the status of the Hagensborg Water infrastructure project and service conversion initiative, status of the CCRD/Nuxalk Nation/EMBC MOU processes and financial contributions; strategic preparation for participation in UBCM 2020; and review of the CCRD 2019 Annual Report during the Special Meeting; and any further items of relevance in anticipation of board consideration of a CCRD budget amendment contemplated for September 2020;

AND THAT any closed (in-camera) meeting matters which would normally be considered during the July 9, 2020 regular meeting are tabled to the July Special Meeting;

AND THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize director remuneration for each attending director at the rate of \$250 per day for two days of special meeting. **CARRIED**

**(c) Report from British Columbia – Building BC’s Recovery Together: Share your ideas**

**20-07-16 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Report from British Columbia – Building BC’s Recovery Together. **CARRIED**

**(d) COVID-19 Emergency Order Validated from Lidstone & Company**

**20-07-17 M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the COVID-19 Emergency Order from Lidstone & Company. **CARRIED**

**(e) Draft Letter to FLNRO re: foreshore leases (LATE ITEM)**

**20-07-18 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District supports the Chair to issue the letter on behalf of the Board. the draft letter to FLNRO regarding foreshore leases and add carbon copies to Minister Selina Robinson and Minister Carole James. **CARRIED**

The Board noted that this item comes from discussion with BC Assessment in which it was noted that foreshore leases were taxable. Currently in the central coast there are unregistered foreshore and water lot users that are not paying taxes. They have also not engaged the local First Nations and FLNRO about whether the environment is protected when they are developing docks.

The Board further noted that the letter is addressed to FLNRO and BC Assessment and outlines that the regional district is concerned with large and growing numbers of unregistered foreshore leases and water lots. Impacts are on the physical environment and local government finances, and First Nations reconciliation efforts.

The Board considered that individuals can build private docks on the central coast without foreshore leases. The Board identified the importance of organizing a meeting wherein central coast First Nations can be involved and discuss the general permission and opt out of requirement that docks apply for foreshore leases. Currently the central coast region is an outlier in this respect.

The Board observed that it is a challenge to find guidance for building docks to homes and buildings situated on-reserve and noted this is an important item to note during any meetings with provincial officials and First Nation representatives.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**(f) Variance Report**

**20- 07-19 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional receive the Variance Report. **CARRIED**

**(g) Request for Decision: Emergency Purchase of Office Server**

**20-07-20 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional receive the Request for Decision: Emergency Purchase of Office Server. **CARRIED**

**20-07-21 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorizes the purchase of a new server at a cost of \$15,878.80 as purchased from Sandtronic Business Systems, and that the portion not included in the line item for capital works (\$5,878.80) be covered by a reduction in expenditures in other sections of the General Operations budget for 2020. **CARRIED**

Recess was called at 11:40 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

**COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICE**

**(h) Request for Decision: Bequest from Sina Tallio**

**20-07-22 M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the Request for Decision: Bequest from Sina Tallio. **CARRIED**

CAO Kirk to confer with CEDO Wheelock and OM McIlwain on available grant monies to fund a display case and plaque.

**20-07-23 M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District accepts the bequest from Sina Tallio to display at the Bella Coola Airport. **CARRIED**

**OPERATIONS**

**(i) Centennial Pool Minutes – June 10, 2020**

**20-07-24 M/S Directors Hall/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Centennial Pool Commission Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2020. **CARRIED**

**(j) Centennial Pool Minutes – June 29, 2020**

**20-07-25 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Centennial Pool Commission Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2020. **CARRIED**

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**(k) Denny Island Waterworks Project Update**

**20-07-26 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Denny Island Waterworks Project Update – June 2020. **CARRIED**

*I, Board Member Bertrand disclose that in accordance with Sections 100(2)(b) and 101(1)(2) and (3) of the Community Charter, I have an indirect pecuniary and other interest that constitutes a conflict of interest in item (j) Denny Island Waterworks Project Update.*

*The reason for my declaration is: the item being discussed is that I bought this property through a holdings corporation on Denny Island which is just outside the water service area and some neighbors have explored extending service nearby.*

*I will leave the room during the discussion of this item, in accordance with Section 101(1) and (2) of the Community Charter.*

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**(l) COVID-19 Pandemic Response Update**

**20-07-27 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Update. **CARRIED**

The Board expressed desire for physical message board locations for outer coast locations at Ocean Falls and Denny Island. CAO Kirk will review with CEDO Wheelock on PREOC discussion regarding message boards.

**(m) Denny Island Fire Protection Strategic Initiative**

**20-07-28 M/S Directors Bertrand/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Denny Island Fire Protection Strategic Initiative Report. **CARRIED**

**(n) Correspondence for Information: Information Bulletin June 19, 2020 Cariboo Fire Centre**

**20-07-29 M/S Directors Bertrand/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Information Bulletin Cariboo Fire Centre – June 19, 2020, Coastal Fire Centre Information Bulletin and the Coastal Fire Centre Status Report. **CARRIED**

**(o) Lidar Report from Urban Systems**

**20-07-30 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive LATE ITEM Lidar Report from Urban Systems. **CARRIED**

**GOVERNANCE**

**(p) Letter from Selina Robinson Re: Request a meeting for UBCM**

**20-07-31 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Letter from Selina Robinson Re: Request a meeting for UBCM. **CARRIED**

**(q) Letter from John Horgan Re: Request a meeting for UBCM**

**20-07-32 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Letter from John Horgan Re: Request a meeting for UBCM. **CARRIED**

**(r) UBCM – Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive**

**20-07-33 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the UBCM call for Nominations for UBCM Executive Package. **CARRIED**

**(s) UBCM – Call for Nominations for AVICC Executive**

**20-07-34 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the AVICC call for Nominations for AVICC Executive Package. **CARRIED**

**(t) Correspondence for Information: City of Rossland Resolution – Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Change**

**20-07-35 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Correspondence for Information: City of Rossland Resolution – Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Change. **CARRIED**

## **(C) EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **a. Electoral Area Reports**

#### **Area C Report: Vice Chair Kennedy**

Vice Chair Kennedy presented her verbal report as follows.

Vice Chair Kennedy noted that the Bella Coola Music Festival will be broadcasting on Nuxalk Radio and invited all to take the opportunity to tune in and enjoy the music of artists that would have been performing live in Bella Coola. Vice Chair Kennedy noted an opportunity to tune in to interviews with the performing musicians as well. Vice Chair Kennedy also announced that there will be prizes and an opportunity to take photos of your 'at home' music festival.

Vice Chair Kennedy noted that over the past month, some changes have taken place with restrictions easing up and there is confusion around what is happening. Chair Kennedy further noted that it is interesting to see what changes will continue to occur for the Bella Coola valley. Chair Kennedy articulated that we must keep working together and communicating, as well as work with other governments and associations to remain united.

#### **Area A Report: Director Bertrand**

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

Director Bertrand indicated that the feasibility study that the Central Coast Indigenous Resource Alliance undertook has been completed. Director Bertrand reminded the Board that Desiree Lawson attended a CCRD Board meeting as a delegate and spoke about the desire of a pump-out station for floating barges and camps to pump out waste rather than discharge waste into the ocean. The final recommendation was to build a pump-out station at the Bella Bella government dock. Denny Island was a runner up as a potential location.

In regards to the United Coast leadership table, Director Bertrand advised the Board that there had been a meeting the day before with representatives from the BC government in attendance. Director Bertrand reported that the Leadership Table group pressed the provincial representatives on emergency medical evacuations. Director Bertrand informed the Board that there are a high number of instances of people delayed in being medically evacuated out. Sometimes people have had heart attacks while waiting. Director Bertrand advised the Board that the BC government was made aware of these types of delays and consequences of putting lives at risk.

Director Bertrand continued his update of the United Coast Leadership Table noting for the Board the serious strain an outbreak of COVID-19 in one of the remote communities within the regional district could place on the air ambulance system, noting his alarm that the current system of operation is experiencing delays. Director Bertrand advised the Board that the way forward is to look at enhancing landing times at central coast airports and involving BC Ambulatory Services to delineate what the roadblocks are in timely evacuations. These issues are going to a technical

table of relevant bodies to seek a resolution through Director Bertrand's advocacy at the United Coast Leadership Table.

Director Bertrand further reported that tourism is another item of focus at the United Coast Leadership Table. Director Bertrand advised the Board that questions arising as to how communities can be prepared for tourism when the Province makes announcements without informing coastal communities beforehand. Further, how can communities support tourism when there is no access to tourism operator's safety plans that are submitted to WorkSafeBC. Currently in Haida Gwaii there is concern about confrontations that may occur with the Nation and tourism operators and tourists.

Director Bertrand noted that he and Director Kennedy had a request from a constituent in Area A regarding playgrounds. Director Bertrand explained that in Ocean Falls there is clearing taking place for a community playground. Some of the playground equipment being installed is funded by the Old Bank Inn. There is a request that CCRD give used playground equipment to this project.

**20-07-36 M/S Directors Bertrand/ Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District direct Administration to research the potential donation of used and useable playground equipment from CCRD parks that are no longer needed in the Bella Coola Valley to the Ocean Falls Improvement District and that risk management is reported on. **CARRIED**

Director Bertrand advised in his report that he had invited the Chair of the Ocean Falls Improvement District to seek a resolution from its Board to apply for a large infrastructure grant in conjunction with the CCRD in a similar way that the Hagensborg Waterworks District approached the CCRD for its infrastructure project, noting the Ocean Falls Improvement District is interested in buying a new fire truck and replace their water system. Director Bertrand emphasised that the community of Ocean Falls copes with no potable water and flooding in their streets.

The Board asked whether there was money set aside for those improvements in Ocean Falls noting that Hagensborg had a fund they had been saving toward for years. Director Bertrand replied that he does not believe there is money saved explaining that every year a budget is passed on what is needed.

### **Area B Report: Director Hall**

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

Director Hall referenced the position of Haida Gwaii and sports fishing tourism in the area in regards to the joint leadership group. There is work being done on strengthening positions with regards to organizations within the Heiltsuk territory and reopening the tourism industry. It is being asked that these organizations accept the position of Heiltsuk law in protecting the members. There are some operators that are not compliant.

Currently Director Hall states that communication is difficult as he holds the emergency portfolio with the Heiltsuk Tribal Council and is not involved with COVID-19 information. The current COVID-19 response has slowed down considerably within the region. Those in Bella Bella are

requested to wear masks in public and there is awareness of who is coming and going from the community. Currently there is increasing traffic on the water and some try to attend Denny Island and Bella Bella to do shopping. The commercial fishing fleet in Shearwater has also been noted by the community and the EOC. There is hope that Denny Island can ensure safety. The restaurant is open and utilizing social distancing practices.

The concern in Bella Bella is lack of emergency equipment available and lack of capacity to deal with a potential virus outbreak.

At this time more Heiltsuk members have purchased boats and efforts are being made to see how the boat owners can be supported in terms of the wharf capacity.

With respect to UBCM, a letter was sent to Ottawa in regards to looking in to cases of mistreatment of First Nations LGBTQ individuals and the overrepresentation of mistreatment across Canada. Currently a response is being awaited on.

In closing, Director Hall is working on food preservation during the pandemic, and hopes are that COVID-19 cases are reducing in Canada.

#### **Area D Report: Director Northeast**

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

Director Northeast noted that during Phase 3, we must do everything we can to protect the community. There are positives in working together and caring for one another. There is happiness in seeing more recreation facilities opening up. There is also cautious optimism to learn that Pacific Coastal will resume flights at the end of July with 3 flights per week.

Director Northeast further noted that it is much appreciated that Vancouver Coastal Health is keeping the community up to date on whether there was a case of COVID-19 in the Bella Coola Valley. Thankfully to the best of Director Northeast's knowledge there have been no cases to date.

Director Northeast thanked the volunteers of Hagensborg Waterworks that went to Prince George to pick up the new fire truck. The Harbour Authority members are also appreciated for doing their best to keep the community safe, with special acknowledgement to Garrett Newkirk, and Harold and Neil who work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Director Northeast concluded by congratulating the 2020 graduates along with family members that helped graduates succeed. Director Northeast expressed a special welcome to Holly Poell who is a new agricultural entrepreneur who recently purchased a blueberry farm. Director Northeast thanked everyone for their hard work and is happy to see businesses like the Dragonfly Café back open.

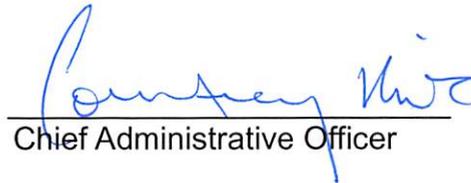
**(E) ADJOURNMENT**

**20-07-37 M/S Director Hall/Northeast** THAT the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Chair



Chief Administrative Officer