



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, October 13, 2022, 9:00 am**

Directors Present      Director Daniel Bertrand, Electoral Area A  
Director Travis Hall, Electoral Area B  
Chair Jayme Kennedy, Electoral Area C  
Director Lawrence Northeast, Electoral Area D  
Director Samuel Schooner, Electoral Area E

Staff Present            OM Ken McIlwain  
CFO Yene Byun  
CAO Curtis Slingerland  
EA Meg Schadt

### 1. **Call to Order**

We would like to acknowledge the unceded territories that the Central Coast Regional District provides services on, including the Heiltsuk Nation, Nuxalk Nation, and Wuikinuxv Nation.

The meeting is recorded and will be made publicly available on our website.

Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:36, on October 13th 2022.

### 2. **Adoption of Agenda**

#### 2.a **Introduction of Late Items**

**22-10-01**

**Moved By** T. Hall

**Seconded By** L. Northeast

*That the Agenda be adopted as amended by adding a housing update*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**3.a September 8 Board Meeting Minutes**

**22-10-02**

**Moved By** L. Northeast

**Seconded By** T. Hall

*THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as presented.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Delegation**

**4.a Ben Morton with Ministry of Forests**

Ben Morton, Director of Great Bear Rainforest Project from the Ministry of Forests, presented on the history of the project, and requested live feedback from the Board on the direction of the project going forward.

**22-10-04**

**Moved By** D. Bertrand

**Seconded By** T. Hall

*THAT the 15-minute limit on delegations be waived for the presentation and discussion with Mr. Morton from the Ministry of Forests*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Bylaws and Policies**

**5.a Bylaw 518,2022 Board Renumeration**

**22-10-03**

**Moved By** T. Hall

**Seconded By** S. Schooner

*THAT Bylaw 518, cited as the "CCRD Board Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 518, 2022" 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.*

*And that THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District resolves that F-18 Annual Board Adjustment Policy goes into effect starting in January 2023*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Operations Updates and Policy Matters Arising**

**6.a Administrative Services**

**6.a.1 Hagensborg Waterworks District Website**

**6.a.2 Variance Report**

Ms. Byun presented the variance report.

**6.b Operations and Public Works Services**

**6.b.1 UBCM Grant- Fire Department**

**22-10-05**

**Moved By T. Hall**

**Seconded By D. Bertrand**

*THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approves staff to submit a grant application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite Fire Department & Equipment British Columbia grant program to assist with the purchase of firefighting equipment and/or training for the Bella Coola and Hagensborg Volunteer Fire Departments.*

*And*

*THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District supports the proposed activities to be undertaken under the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer and Composite Fire Department & Equipment British Columbia grant program and is willing to allocate the required resources to provide overall grant management.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.b.2 Denny Island Water System**

**6.b.3 Hagensborg Water System**

**6.b.4 Bella Coola Fire Department**

**6.c Leisure Services**

**6.d Transportation Services**

**6.e Land Use and Planning Services**

**6.e.1 Housing update**

Verbally presented by Mr. Slingerland

**6.f Governance**

**6.f.1 Preliminary Report BC Elections Commission**

**6.f.2 Discussion: Director Benefits**

**22-10-6**

**Moved By** D. Bertrand

**Seconded By** L. Northeast

That staff be directed to review the organization's health benefits program as a whole and bring back recommendations for both staff and directors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.f.3 Director Bertrand: Remuneration**

**22-10-7**

**Moved By** S. Schooner

**Seconded By** T. Hall

*That the Central Coast Regional District Board remunerate Director Bertrand \$430 for committee work that occurred over June/July/August of 2022*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**22-10-8**

**Moved By** S. Schooner

**Seconded By** T. Hall

That staff look into using personal boats for transport

**7. Executive Reports**

**7.a Chair Kennedy Electoral Area C**

What a journey we have been on for the past four years, I can't believe it's only been four years. Fella like a lot more but has gone by fast. A lot has changed in the past four years and has not been without its challenges. I would like to make some acknowledgements, but I don't want to sound like an Academy Award speech.

I think it says a lot about this board that through it all, we have all decided to throw our hats back in the ring in leadership and government.

Director Schooner was our Chair for more than half of our term and I am so grateful for his fair and thoughtful leadership style, you've been a role model for me. I want to thank Director Schooner for the leadership and wisdom he has brought to this role for the many years he has served. I know that through his work he will continue to serve the community well and I look forward to continuing to have big conversations and to working together as leaders. I would also like wish those nominated in Area E the best of luck!

Area A will also be having an election and regardless of what the outcome, I want to acknowledge Director Bertrand for his hard work and dedication to the region. Thank you, Director Bertrand, for asking the tough questions this term and for not being afraid to take our region's concerns straight to the Premier's office. Your expertise, attention to detail and diligence have served Area A constituents well as Regional District constituents very effectively.

Congratulations to Director Lawrence Northeast and Director Travis Hall for being acclaimed for the 2022-2026 term. Thank you for your commitment to good governance and to serving this region as leaders. I look forward to 4 more years of collaboration and creative solutions.

Speaking of creative solutions, the staff here at the CCRD have continued to blow us away with their ingenuity, and ever-growing skills and knowledge base. Although we have had team members come and go over the past term, each person has contributed in a unique and valuable way. I hold immense gratitude for each and every staff member, past and

present. Without this team of skilled individuals, we could claim absolutely no success as a board.

I especially would like to thank our CAO Curtis Slingerland for taking a chance on us by joining the organization this year. I am looking forward to seeing what the RD can achieve going forward with you as our CAO. I am learning so much from you and appreciate your ability to make important information more accessible and your patience. I would also like to acknowledge our former CAO Courtney Kirk for her hard work and dedication through very challenging times and wish her the very best with her career in the Village of Daajing Giids.

And what would this work be without the constituents who ask the tough questions, read our updates, and take a strong interest in their local government. I would like to thank every community member who emailed, called, or stopped me in the grocery store to discuss the issues that affect their everyday lives. That is, after all, what we do this work for.

This organization has done a lot of good work (I will spare you the comprehensive list of impressive accomplishments!) but due to many reasons including a global pandemic, sky rocketing inflation, supply chain issues, environmental catastrophes, and capacity and resource shortages, many things we had hoped to achieve have been significantly delayed. Going forward, I hope that together we will look for creative solutions to effectively reach our goals and to fulfill the promises we have made to the community. We will continue to advocate for our residents and to be the strongest, littlest bird in the province.

I will quickly touch on the events of this past month, but it has been a busy one so bear with me. The Bella Coola Valley put on another successful fall fair. I think we all missed as it was right before UBCM, but it sounded like a great day. This past month has also marked the end to a great season of Legion Burgers and Farmer's Markets. Thank you to all the community volunteers who make these memorable events possible.

It feels like it has been a lifetime since our last meeting and UBCM in Whistler. Our meetings with Minister Cullen were positive and continued the ongoing discussion on more inclusive governance. We enjoyed collaborating with local governments and connecting with other regional counterparts along with the energy of an in-person local government convention after two years of virtual meetings was incredibly inspiring and a wonderful reminder of how rewarding work in local government can be.

I would also like to congratulate Director Hall on being elected to the UBCM executive, thank you for the good work that you do!

**7.b Director Bertrand Electoral Area A**

I would like to thank the board for all the hard work and the openness to all my crazy ideas over the last four years. I feel that the organization has pivoted from being restricted in scope and vision to something that tries to be inclusive and regional in its focus. I know that the reaction is different now when I talk about the regional district in Ocean Falls and Denny Island. I remember when we were in the big house in Rivers Inlet we met with some of the folks from Wuikinuxv and Kitsoo tribal council and one of them said they only thought of the regional district as the white mans government and how surprised she was that we were there and speaking about things we were speaking about, and that was a great moment. That was a great moment and it's because we have this group of people at the table, and we had Courtney, and we have Curtis carrying us forward. Thank you all for that.

For Area A, Last night I met with the Central Coast Chamber of Commerce, the issue of the Shearwater dump came up again, it sounds like Shearwater may be struggling with maintaining the dump, there were concerns express that it's not being upkept as it once was, I had years ago reached out to the floor managers and they weren't interested in any sort of collaboration with the regional district. The new COO is more interested in working with the regional district, and I noted for folks that had attended the Ministry of Environment had directed the regional district to engage in a regional solid waste management plan that involves out reach to the different communities, so I indicated that we could do a little bit of out reach to Shearwater and see if there is things we can help with. People talked about the shortage of land on Denny Island and the lack of housing, and they were interested in the Official Community plan and municipal services. It was interesting I hope to work on those issues if re-elected but if not, I'll try to pass the torch as well as I can to Mr. Emery who is running against me

**7.c Director Hall Electoral Area B**

A lot has gone on. I appreciate for the congratulatory comments on UBCM. I'm also still on the board for AVICC so I am hoping to find some strategic positioning regarding indigenous relations, that has been my portfolio not voluntarily but as an indigenous person in this governance field it's been my pathway and I'm taking it on wholeheartedly,

understanding new acceptance and all the steps of reconciliation and the understanding of BC alone regarding diversity in communities. I think it's going to be a big step being acclaimed to the regional district and still having those seats and creating more knowledge sharing opportunities in local government which they had not access to before which was greatly spoken about at the Indigenous Relations working group at UBCM. Working encouraging local government to reach out considering we are there on reconciliation, working on the implementation of UNDRIP across the board. We were the first province to sign, the first province to see the challenges that come with implementing such a plan.

Locally sadly we lost a young man on his vessel, it's still a recovery search. It's very hard on the community, I hope the community is safe and they are utilizing the services that have been identified to them with regards to mental health. I really want to work on water safety, Director Bertrand mentioned starting to wear his personal flotation device. One real important thing is that we don't get careless, we get comfortable on our boats and tend to overlook these things. Additional to Mariner Safety is also Vessel Preparedness, understanding what type of machine goes with which type of vessel. Prayers to the family that had that loss, and the community was devastated. They young man worked for the local band store, and the store is like the local gathering place where everyone sits and talks and hangs out. We see all the workers, we all say hi, it a very family environment. To see them go through this unexpected loss of this young man, who was very pleased to get his vessel in the water, to provide for his mom and dad, with the resources we have in the territory. Such a sad thing, prayers go out to the community, this is very close to my heart, I had those same feelings once about my boats, what I could do for sustenance lifestyle for myself and my family members. That one hit hard at home for me. The search since I returned the village, I was away when he first went missing, we are out everyday on the water looking. The operations took place in the fish plant where I work.

On a personal note, cultural wise I'm very happy to say I'm a singer and a dancer in our potlach in our governance system. I attended a potlach and look forward to attending more as we move to a post covid transitions, I'm still apprehensive about being in public in large gatherings. I know coming back from UBCM a couple of people had brought back home some friends. I'm glad that you're all healthy, I'm glad that you recovered ok, prayers.

Thank you, guys, for all your hard work. Director Schooner, I'm sad that you haven't put your name up again, you will be missed. I am still going to call you. I want to extend thanks for all your hard work and contributions to the table and other tables you're involved with outside of here, to benefit the communities. To the staff, new staff, old staff come and gone have always been our backbone here. Keeping us informed and on task. Work hard and put your best foot forward.

#### **7.d Director Northeast Electoral Area D**

I don't think there is much left to be said, it goes without saying that it has been a remarkable four years, even just considering what has transpired in our community our province our nation and around the world, it seems like I was just in this for a year when in a sense the lights went out, two years of emergency management where through no fault of our own, it felt like our hands were tied, and we weren't able to do the things we felt we had been tasked with but here we are two years plus after that. If nothing else the best thing I can say we take away from this is that we came to rely on one another, and if I can even say it, trust each one another, when I came in I was a stranger to at least a couple of you and you were a stranger to me, maybe because of the crucible of the pandemic we learned to work together as a team, at least that is my hope.

I think if factored into my decision to run again in that I've done this for four years, do I have the energy to do it again, can I be effective, all these things I've started assessing, when this started, I was pretty green and then this emergency and I was still pretty green. The emergency kind of waned and then we got some new momentum, some new things to focus, just in the last year or so that's when I started to understand that I really like this. I came on this elected position, I have a lot of experience on other boards and sometimes it's very frustrating as you see so much need and there aren't enough resources to meet those needs, or you have capacity issues. So, when I came on here I was very optimistic, I'll be on this board with these other people and all these staff and guess what I found out. The need is still greater than all of our resources and all of our capacity, and here we are and this says a lot there are four of us sitting at this table that want to continue on, and I consider myself to be very fortunate to be in that position, I am also blessed and lucky because I'm not concerned about what will happen on October 15<sup>th</sup> because by acclamation I will be returning to the board, I welcome that humbly and look forward to being able to continue on the work that we've been doing.

I won't say much more than that about how I feel about this board and staff, except maybe perhaps not the best I've worked with but certainly in the top three. I do have to acknowledge Director Schooner how much you are going to be missed and how much you bring to the table, your experiences, your desire for the community, it's very commendable and noteworthy. Hopefully, we will keep that in mind as we work forward. Ok, I will say a couple of sentimental things, I want to thank Director Hall, I really appreciate your passion for the things you believe in, most of the time is said in a good way with humour, but boy when you don't I listen. Director Bertrand, someone mentioned it earlier, but your ability to ask the tough questions, I really appreciate that. Madam Chair, your ability to keep the meeting moving.

#### **7.e Director Schooner Electoral Area E**

In this seat, during this time, with this board, I've seen a lot. We went through four or five CAOs, three directors from Area A, Before Director Hall, it was Reg (NOTE: See if we know last name) and Alison and Brian. I've seen a lot of good change since I came on the board, I started as an alternate director, then ran in the following election and got in, the next election, I didn't have to run against anyone. I've seen a lot of different changes in my time here, the board was quite unfunctional when I got here, watching the board go at each other was mind blowing, I think when we look at how much we've advanced this organization in a positive way, it took all of us, even though we don't agree all the time, that is a good thing.

We are not always right, we have to be open to listen to other, put your ego aside when you walk through that door. My Grandpa (he's dead) told me, when I first got on council he said he say the look on my face and says to me grandson I need to talk to you, and from his voice I heard it was pretty urgent, so I said ok, what going on, he said something is not right with you, you know, thinking about it, are you taking politics home, are you taking family business to the table. I thought about it and didn't realize I was doing. He told me before you walk through that door, say a prayer and leave everything at home, before you leave that table at the end of the night say a prayer and leave everything there. I want you to remember that because that will save you. In my role right now, I've set some boundaries because I had to, mentally physically, you have to make sure you do that, people need you they just don't know it.

Part of our role is how do we set up the next generation of leaders, we need to get this into a school setting find the next generation of leaders and start training them, teach them Roberts rules of order. This is the work that gets done that they don't see. We need to make sure the Central Coast is safe, that we don't let our egos lead us. One of the biggest things that we have to do, in all our communities is that we have to unify. If we don't unify, we are going to get pushed around. With the united coast we saw how powerful tool, we got to use it like that, it must be used as a tool. Continuing there, Chair Kennedy is so important, continue the conversations. In the face of the Ministries, activate the united coast, these are all problems we all face whether it's BC Ambulance or the Ferries.

I've learned a lot on this board, I wanted to continue on. I'm glad you're back Director Hall, I think it really says a lot you've done some amazing work with UMCB and AVICC. The last AVICC reconciliation, you spoke some words and they came out after us, and they thanked Director Hall and myself and that happened because of you guys and your persistence. It wasn't just one or two people it was many that came and told us. A lot of the work done by Courtney and continued with Curtis, one of the things I always told Courtney was that it's our job to support her and direct her. And that is something I want you rely on Curtis because Courtney didn't do that. She got herself to involved to the point it was jeopardizing her mental health, we are here to support you and your decisions. Make sure, the board know when things get tough, if you need a meeting just because of the things that are going on don't be afraid to do it. You don't have to own it all on your shoulders.

It's been a lot of fun in this position, if I can say that. Getting to know you guys over the years, Chair Kennedy we'll still meet at the garbage dump, and Director Northeast, I'll still pop by, Director Hall and Director Bertrand pop on over when you're around. I'll be going to Heiltsuk territory soon for a potlach. That is something I've been doing recently as I wasn't raised that way due to parents going to residential schools, I managed to stay up through them and witness the daces. A lot of people talk about potlach hangovers, I think I had it a little bit as you know you're up until 5. It was about my soul being rejuvenated, it felt so right, really going to focus on getting our big house up in this next bit, we need it. I think it's the next part of our journey, should be about spiritual healing, learning my language, learning my culture, thanks.

## **8. In Camera Matters**

**22-10-9**

**Moved By** D. Bertrand

**Seconded By** T. Hall

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District 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) (c) and (e)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.a (e)the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;**

**8.b (c)labour relations or other employee relations;**

**22-10-02IC**

**Moved By** D. Bertrand

**Seconded By** S. Schooner

THAT the Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve Policy F-19

ANDTHAT the Directors of the Central Coast Regional District adopt a one-year trial for the main office to extend its opening hours from 8 am – 5:45 pm, with a compressed work week (Monday closure) commencing on January 1, 2023 upon agreement of the staff;  
AND THAT the staff schedules and relevant policies be updated to support longer accessible hours to the public;  
AND THAT the resolution and policy be released from in-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.c (c) Labour relations**

**8.d (c) Labour relations**

**9. General Correspondence**

**9.a Letter from Aboriginal Housing Management Association**

- 9.b Letter from FESBC
- 9.c Correspondence from VIRL
- 9.d Invitation to Engage on the B.C. Flood Strategy Intentions Paper
- 9.e Youth Parliament of British Columbia
- 9.f Annual Community Fireworks

10. Adjournment

22-10-10

Moved By L. Northeast

Seconded By T. Hall

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Board Chair

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Corporate Officer