



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
DRAFT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 11, 2019

ATTENTION

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

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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 pre-convention 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.

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



REPORT

To: Board of Directors
From: Courtney Kirk, CAO, prepared by Alison Sayers, Canyon Springs Consulting
Meeting Date: September 12, 2019
Subject: DRAFT preparatory meeting materials for potential CCRD Cabinet Minister meetings requested during UBCM Convention, 2019

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the draft briefing notes and scripts prepared for potential meetings with cabinet ministers during the UBCM 2019 convention.

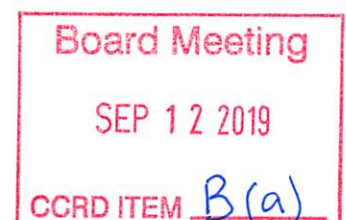
Summary:

On July 11, 2019 the Board passed the following resolution:

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;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District, Administration requested meetings with cabinet ministers to take place during the upcoming UBCM convention. Using the services of Alison Sayers, Canyon Springs Consulting, the attached meeting requests were submitted and briefing notes and scripts prepared.

As of September 9, 2019 only the BC Hydro and the BC Assessment have confirmed meeting requests.



Honourable Premier John Horgan
Derelict Buildings In Ocean Falls

Ocean Falls was a formerly bustling timber town of over 5000 people, until a combination of landslides and an industry-wide timber strike had significant consequences for its lumber mill. In the early 1970s, the costs for running the mill were no longer sustainable for its owner, who announced it would phase out and close the mill by March 1973. As its residents moved away, the community and the town itself began to erode. The Royal BC Museum has this to say on its website about what happened next:

“However, two weeks before the impending closure of the mill, the provincial government stepped in and bought the entire town for a reported \$1 million, and set up the Ocean Falls Corporation. No provision was made to secure a supply of timber for the mill through timber grants, so the new corporation was forced to buy logs on the open market adding to the costs. Though production remained high, profits decreased for various reasons including weak markets, rising cost of materials, machinery problems, labour unrest, and high interest loans. In early March of 1980 the government was forced to announce that the entire mill was to be closed within three months. On May 31, 1980 the mill at Ocean Falls was closed and the last employee left.

As the Ocean Falls Corporation was being dismantled, the equipment auctioned off, and buildings demolished, the community itself began to take more direct control over its future. Although there were just 50 residents, the Ocean Falls Improvement District was established. The community worked with the government to save 60% of the buildings in recognition of their historical value. By 1996 the number of residents had increased to 150 people; many attracted by the charm of the small town, it's quiet atmosphere, and unique heritage.”

Nowadays, the year round population at Ocean Falls remains close to 35 people, swelling in the summer to about 100. The historic buildings which were saved in 1980 are not currently being maintained by their absentee owners. These buildings have now become a significant safety hazard to both residents and tourists. With a minuscule tax base in the area, and therefore no real possibility of creating and implementing a derelict buildings bylaw, CCRD cannot afford to either stabilize or demolish the buildings, which include a 400-room hotel.

Request:

The CCRD Board respectfully requests that Premier Horgan recognize the grave safety hazard that exists in Ocean Falls as an accident waiting to happen.

The board further requests that:

- 1) the province assist CCRD in developing and implementing an approach that encourages absentee owners to either maintain buildings or dispose of them, such as a vacancy tax, derelict building bylaw, or a new or other approach specific to abandoned commercial and industrial sites;
- 2) that the province review the terms of sale it had when it disposed of the properties to see if there were any terms regarding the use of the land, and whether those are being met;
- 3) that the province engage in meaningful outreach and consultation with the owners of the buildings and the residents of Ocean Falls to determine the best possible outcome for the community with regards to the fate of the derelict buildings.

Ministry: Honourable Premier John Horgan

CCRD Meeting Leader: Director Daniel Bertrand

Topic: Derelict Building In Ocean Falls

Remember: You only have 15 minutes. Stick to the script (no “surprise” topics that might catch the Premier off-guard) and keep moving the conversation along! Premier Horgan is very personable, warm, and engaging. He may have some stories to tell about his time in Ocean Falls. Don’t be afraid to pull fellow board members, the Premier (gently!), and/or his staff back on track if you are not getting a direct response to your requests. This is YOUR meeting. Control it!

- I. ***Greetings and acknowledgement*** - It’s an honour to meet with you today, Premier Horgan. Thank you for agreeing to this meeting.
- II. ***Introductions*** - *introduce yourself (your name and role at CCRD) and allow all others around the table/room to introduce themselves*
- III. ***Overview:*** We have just one topic we’d like to discuss with you today, which is the issue of derelict buildings in the community of Ocean Falls. We understand you have a history there, and perhaps a soft spot in your heart and certainly appreciation for the uniqueness of that community, so it’s our hope you will be able to help us.
- IV. ***Background Topic 1:*** I’ll give you a brief background and please also refer to your briefing note handout for further details.
 - A. As you know, Ocean Falls was a formerly bustling timber town of over 5000 people,
 - B. After a brief period of public ownership of the Mill and Oldtown Site, the population has decreased steadily to what it is today, which is around 35

year round residents, and about 100 residents in the summer, most of whom live in Martin's Valley.

- C. The historic buildings by the Oldtown Site which were saved in 1980 are not currently being maintained by their absentee owners, have become a significant safety hazard to both residents and tourists, and are impeding redevelopment.
- D. The residents of Ocean Falls have spoken at length with the owners of the derelict buildings with no success over more than 30 years. Their perspective is that the absentee owners are speculative investors and have no direct interest in the revitalization of the community.
- E. With such a minuscule tax base in the area, there is no real possibility of CCRD creating and implementing a derelict buildings bylaw; CCRD cannot afford to either stabilize or demolish the buildings, which include a 400-room hotel.

V. REQUESTS: Our requests are as follows:

- A. CCRD respectfully requests that the Province step in and recognize the grave safety hazard that exists in Ocean Falls as an accident waiting to happen.
- B. That the Province assist the CCRD in developing and implementing a practical approach that encourages absentee property owners to either maintain buildings or dispose of them. Perhaps:
 - 1. Vacancy tax,
 - 2. Derelict buildings bylaw specific to rural and remote areas with a concentration of abandoned buildings (Namu is another example),

3. A new or other policy approach specific to abandoned commercial and industrial sites, as there are many abandoned mills and canneries throughout the province.

C. That the Province review any terms of the sale of its former properties in Ocean Falls and determine whether the current owners are in compliance.

VI. Premier Responds Allow time for a response from the Premier and his staff.

Allow for plenty of discussion.

VII. Other comments: If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspective.

VIII. End the meeting: Thank you so much for your time and for all the work that you do for our province. Again, it was an honour to meet with you today. We hope you will seriously consider our requests and we hope to hear from you soon.

Minister of Environment
Provincial Support for Human-Bear Encounters in the Bella Coola Valley

Background:

Human-bear encounters have been on the rise in recent years in the Bella Coola valley, and are changing the balance and quality of life in the community. It is generally understood that this is due to a combination of an increase in tourist traffic as well as an increase in the bear population in the region. CCRD appreciates the Ministry's recent efforts to assist in this by hiring a full time Conservation Officer for the valley.

Even more recently, however, there has also been increased public outcry for further support, such as town hall meetings, improved signage and education campaigns to educate tourists about appropriate bear-aware behaviour, increased availability of electric fencing to borrow, and other issues. In general, the COS is not perceived by the public as being available for these types of supports during the height of the bear-viewing season, which is also the time when the public's need for these supports seems to be the highest.

In the absence of provincial leadership in this regard, outside of the hardworking COs who are just trying to keep up with reports of bears and other wildlife, the public often turns to the CCRD for leadership. The CCRD board feels strongly that this is outside of the mandates and services for which CCRD is responsible. This leadership void is resulting in a high degree of conflict among residents, and between residents and tourists, among whom there are many differing and opposing views as to how grizzly bear viewing, and human-bear encounters, should be handled. The board is keenly aware that this is an ongoing problem in the community, which will not end until there are either no more tourists, or no more bears, neither of which is likely. More and more tourists are visiting the region every year, primarily to view grizzly bears. Without further provincial support, people and bears will be injured or killed due to lack of public awareness and education.

In addition, historically there have been repeated requests *from* the COS (including the regional supervisor's office) for CCRD to contribute more financial support to Wildsafe BC. These requests appear to be made without a thorough understanding or regard for the extremely small budget under which CCRD operates and the legislated limits of regional district service provision. As it stands, human-bear encounter issues are not a mandated service for CCRD. The only avenue through which CCRD can legally support Wildsafe BC is through the Grant In Aid program, which currently provides a total of about \$15,000 annually to the entire region. Wildsafe BC must apply to this competitive grant program every year if the organization wishes to be considered for a portion of this funding. Beyond providing this opportunity, the board is highly vigilant regarding ensuring that the leadership for public support around human-bear encounter issues is not inadvertently downloaded by the province onto CCRD, which historically and currently does not have the financial or staff capacity to lead in this area.

Request:

The CCRD Board respectfully requests that the Ministry of Environment provide additional financial and human resource support to the residents and tourists of the Bella Coola valley with

regards to human-bear encounters, especially during the height of bear-viewing season. The board also respectfully requests that this support be granted to the Bella Coola region from the province in recognition of the fact that CCRD, unlike all other regional districts and most municipalities in the province, lacks the financial and staff capacity to fulfill the requests from the COS for additional financial support for Wildsafe BC, as well as requests from the public to take a leadership role around human-bear conflict issues.

In addition, CCRD requests the following:

- 1) That the Ministry conduct a comprehensive Bear Hazard Assessment in the Bella Coola valley, which includes an assessment of human/bear encounters over several years, and from this develop a comprehensive Bear Conflict Management Plan.
- 2) That the Ministry help ensure that the Compost grant is awarded to CCRD in order that the valley may better deal with the attractant of food waste in a centralized location.
- 3) That the Ministry allocate enough money to Wildlife BC in Bella Coola to increase purchasing of electric fencing supplies tenfold.

Ministry: Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Minister George Heyman

CCRD Meeting Leader: Director Jayme Kennedy

Topics: Human-Bear Conflict In the Bella Coola Valley

Remember: You only have 15 minutes. The content of this script will take you approximately 5 minutes. Stick to the script and keep moving the conversation along! Don't be afraid to pull fellow board members, the Minister, and/or Ministry staff back on track if needed. This is YOUR meeting. Control it! (NOTE: Minister Heyman is MLA for the very urban area of Vancouver-Fairview and may not have ever visited Bella Coola or anywhere similar in the province. Keep this in mind during the conversation. If it becomes clear that he has never visited the valley, invite him to do so.)

- I. ***Greetings and acknowledgement*** - Thank you for meeting with us today.
- II. ***Introductions*** - introduce yourself (your name and role at CCRD) and allow all others around the table/room to introduce themselves
- III. ***Overview:*** We have just one topic we'd like to discuss with you today, however it's a big one. We'd like to discuss the urgent problem of human-bear conflict in the Bella Coola valley and ask for the Ministry's help with some possible solutions.
- IV. ***Background Topic 1:*** I'll give you a brief background and please also refer to your briefing note handout for further details.
 - A. Human-bear encounters have been on the rise in recent years in the Bella Coola valley, which is noticeably changing the social and natural balance and quality of life in the community. For example (*tell a couple of stories, a couple of examples below*):

1. Whether or not someone has an electric fence around their fruit trees has become a political decision for many, not just a personal safety or food security decision.
 2. Also, a large number of our constituents live below the poverty line. Often these same people also live at least a partly subsistence lifestyle which means bear attractants in their yard. Just a few dollars increase in their power bill due to electric fencing is enough of a financial burden to prevent them from installing it. This then creates unnecessary conflict among neighbours.
 3. There are stories of yelling matches in the grocery store. Interactions can be toxic and negative and bullying.
 4. The level of divisiveness over this issue even affects some peoples' desire and ability to remain in the community.
- B. While CCRD appreciates the Ministry's recent hiring of a full time CO for our region to help address this, the public is asking for more and different types of support which CCRD cannot provide, such as:
1. town hall meetings,
 2. improved signage and education campaigns to educate tourists about appropriate bear-aware behaviour,
 3. And increased availability of electric fencing to borrow.
- C. In general, the COS is not perceived by the public as being available for these types of supports during the height of the bear-viewing season, which is also the time when the public's need for these supports seems to be the highest. As well, it's been difficult to retain a WildSafe BC Coordinator for long, as it's such a hard job in our community. So the public often turns to the CCRD instead.

- D. The CCRD board feels strongly that dealing with human-bear conflict issues is outside of the mandates and services for which CCRD is responsible.
- E. Lack of visible leadership in the valley for this issue is resulting in a social crisis in our valley: a high degree of conflict among residents, and between residents and tourists, among whom there are many differing and opposing views as to how grizzly bear viewing, and human-bear encounters, should be handled.
- F. In addition, historically there have been repeated requests *from* the COS, including the regional supervisor's office, for CCRD to contribute more financial support *to* Wildsafe BC. These requests appear to be made without a thorough understanding or regard for the extremely small budget under which CCRD operates and the legislated limits of regional district service provision.
- G. Just so the Minister is aware what I mean by this, our entire tax requisition last year was _____. If we raise taxes by 1%, we get about \$7000. We are heavily dependent on government grants- much more than any other regional district - just to be able to keep our basic services going. We have six full time office staff, and major services like Land Use Planning and Emergency Management during many years have been run off the side of someone's desk.
- V. **REQUESTS:** Our requests are as follows:
- A. The CCRD Board respectfully requests that the Ministry of Environment provide additional financial and human resource support to the residents and tourists of the Bella Coola valley with regards to human-bear encounters, especially during the height of bear-viewing season. When I say human resources, I mean someone who can lead controversial town meetings,

someone who is an expert at handling a crisis situation in a polarized community with one of the highest concentrations of grizzly bears in BC.

- B. The board also respectfully requests that this support be granted to the Bella Coola region from the province in recognition of the fact that CCRD, unlike all other regional districts and most municipalities in the province, lacks the financial and staff capacity to fulfill the requests from the COS for additional financial support for Wildsafe BC, as well as requests from the public to take a leadership role around human-bear conflict issues.
- C. We also request:
1. That the Ministry conduct a comprehensive Bear Hazard Assessment in the Bella Coola valley, which includes an assessment of human/bear encounters over several years, an assessment of how well WildSafe BC is working in our community and if it is working in the ways in which it was intended; and then
 2. That the Ministry develop a comprehensive Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan based on this assessment.
 3. We'd also like the Ministry to allocate enough money to Wildlife BC in Bella Coola to increase purchasing of electric fencing supplies tenfold, which is what Wildsafe BC indicates they need to meet the demands for fencing in the community.
 4. And last but not definitely least, we'd like to ask for the Ministry's help in ensuring that the Compost grant which we recently applied for is awarded, in order that the valley may better deal with the attractant of food waste in a centralized location.
 5. Our community is in crisis over this issue. We need additional supports very quickly, before next season.

VI. Minister Responds Allow time for a response from the Minister and his staff.

Allow for plenty of back and forth discussion.

A. *(If the Minister asks if there is a local Attractants Bylaw:*

- 1. Don't have a large enough tax requisition to support a bylaw enforcement officer, which makes enforcement of something as important as this essentially impossible.)*

VII. Other comments: *If there is time, invite other board members (particularly Sam and Lawrence) to add their own perspectives.*

VIII. End the meeting: Thank you so much for your time and for all the work that you do for our province. We hope you will seriously consider our requests and we hope to hear from you soon.

Minister of Finance

Financing Reconciliation: Solutions For Local Communities; joint meeting with ACRD

In 2018, CCRD submitted a resolution (*B150: Financing Reconciliation: Solutions For Local Communities*) for consideration during UBCM 2018 entitled "Financing Reconciliation: Solutions for Local Communities" and was also granted the opportunity to give a panel presentation on the topic of the resolution during the convention. The resolution carried, nearly unanimously, and the panel presentation was also highly successful. This year, at the request by resolution of the UBCM membership, CCRD and ACRD presented jointly with members of several First Nations and legal experts from around the country on the history and principles behind the resolution. This presentation was a full day, with a Community to Community Forum in the morning, and a workshop of a more technical nature in the afternoon. Updates on the content, lessons learned, and successes of this event will be shared in person at the UBCM meeting.

Request:

The CCRD and ACRD Boards of Directors are seeking the opportunity to update Minister James on their progress with advocacy since CCRD brought the ideas inherent to their resolution forward during their meeting with her during UBCM 2018.

As well, both boards are requesting that the Minister seriously consider assisting with development of a pilot project related to the principles in the resolution, as she suggested during the 2018 meeting. This would ideally begin with the formation of a committee, initially made up of staff from MOF, MMAH, MIRR, ACRD, CCRD, and DISC. The purpose of this committee would be to create pilot projects for each of ACRD and CCRD, specific to the needs of each region, which address both the fiscal and governance gaps as outlined in Resolution B150. As the pilot projects take shape, additional representatives from other Ministries and sectors could be added as needed.

Terms of Reference for the committee might be:

- 1) Debrief and assess the outcomes of the panel presentation and C2C Forum at UBCM 2019.
- 2) Apply these outcomes to the needs of CCRD and ACRD.
- 3) Identify the area(s) of greatest need for each region, and in which area(s) a pilot project might be most successful.
- 4) Determine a time frame for project start and completion.
- 5) Create a framework for a governance structure for the project to address the governance gap as identified in Resolution B150.
- 6) Create a framework for a funds transfer for the project that would address the gap as identified in Resolution B150.
- 7) Create clearly identifiable and measurable outcomes for the project.
- 8) Create a method of evaluation for the project to determine its impact on the region, and whether or not it was successful.
- 9) Determine a path to transition the successful project, including its fiscal and governance structure, into the governance bodies already in place in the region.
- 10) Determine a path to broaden the successful framework and structures of the project to all the local government services within the region.

Ministry: Ministry of Finance, Deputy Premier and Minister Carole James

CCRD Meeting Leader: Chair Samuel Schooner

ACRD Meeting Leader: Chair John Jack

Topics: Financing Reconciliation: Pilot Project for the Central Coast

Remember: You only have 15 minutes. Stick to the script and keep moving the conversation along! Don't be afraid to pull fellow board members, the Minister, and/or Ministry staff back on track if needed. This is YOUR meeting. Control it!

I. **SAM: Greetings and acknowledgement** - Thank you for meeting with us today.

II. **Introductions** - introduce yourself (your name and role at CCRD) and allow all others around the table/room to introduce themselves

III. **Overview:** We have just one topic we'd like to discuss with you today, which is taking the next steps in financing reconciliation in local communities by closing the fiscal and governance gap that exists in communities with constituents who live on reserve. I'll start us off and then I'll turn over the second part of the discussion to ACRD Chair John Jack.

IV. **Background:** By way of review, I'll provide a brief background and please also refer to your briefing note handout for further details.

A. Since CCRD met with you in 2018, we submitted a resolution for consideration during the UBCM 2018 convention entitled "Financing Reconciliation: Solutions for Local Communities". We were also given the opportunity to give a panel presentation on the topic of the resolution during the convention. The resolution carried, nearly unanimously, and the panel presentation was also highly successful.

B. This year, at the request by resolution of the UBCM membership, CCRD and ACRD presented jointly with members of several First Nations and legal experts from around the country on the history and principles behind the resolution. The presentation was a full day on Monday of this week, with a Community to Community Forum in the morning, and a workshop of a more technical nature in the afternoon.

C. *(She may have attended the C2C and workshop, or if not one of her staff may have attended. If she mentions that she attended, ask her what she thought of it!)*

D. **JOHN:** *(Provide a brief description of how the C2C and the workshop went, highlighting some of the most important stories and ideas from the day.)*

V. **REQUESTS:** Our requests are as follows:

A. CCRD and ACRD respectfully request that the Ministry of Finance seriously consider funding a pilot project as soon as possible related to the principles in the resolution, as the Minister suggested during the 2018 meeting.

B. We also would appreciate an update as to any research or discussions with her federal counterparts the Minister might have engaged in since last year at this time.

VI. Minister Responds *Allow time for a response from the Minister and her staff. Allow for plenty of discussion.*

VII. Other comments: *If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspective.*

VIII. End the meeting: Thank you so much for your time and for all the work that you do for our province. It was an honour to meet with you. We hope you will seriously consider our requests and we hope to hear from you soon.

Ministry of Health
Revitalizing Obstetric Services in Bella Bella and Bella Coola

Until 2008, Bella Coola was the smallest community in BC to provide full obstetric and childbirth services, including C-sections and other emergency procedures. When births had declined to fewer than 25 that year, the hospital was forced to give up its anaesthetic facility due in part to difficulties recruiting and retaining medical professionals, as well as the demise of generalist training for family physicians. Similarly, in Bella Bella birthing services were closed in 2001, due to the same reasons.

Over the past 11 years in Bella Coola, and 18 years in Bella Bella, the enormous hardship and stress that the loss of this service places on families has become apparent. Pregnant women are heartily encouraged by hospital staff to leave the community at 36 weeks of gestation or sooner, depending on the nature of their pregnancy. Many mothers are not fortunate enough to have family members outside the region with whom they can stay. This results in thousands of dollars in hotel costs, not to mention the stress of being in an unfamiliar community without the support of friends or family. For many women, this often means without the support of their spouse or partner, as they cannot afford for them to stop working for possibly as long as six weeks. Poorer birth outcomes under stressful circumstances pose hazards to child and mother that would be avoided if births were in their home community.

There is concern among both the Heiltsuk (in Bella Bella) and Nuxalk (in Bella Coola) people that Heiltsuk and Nuxalk babies are no longer being born in their territories. As well, it is customary in both nations for families to be present at births, which is unaffordable and therefore impossible under the current circumstances.

Request:

The CCRD Board respectfully requests that the Minister of Health seriously consider reinstating full obstetric and birthing services in both Bella Coola and Bella Bella. The Board also respectfully requests that the Ministry engage meaningfully with the residents of both communities to determine a clear picture of:

- stresses and impacts on families due to lack of birthing services, including financial and social stresses, as well as poorer birth outcomes for both mother and baby
- viability of and potential positive impacts of a midwifery care system similar to Haida Gwaii's,
- the problems of recruitment and retention of physicians in both communities, and possible provincial supports to remedy these problems

Lack of Adequate Senior Care Facilities in Bella Bella and Bella Coola

Senior care facilities and housing are inadequate in both Bella Bella and Bella Coola. Many seniors leave both communities due to lack of housing and care, which tears apart the fabric of families. Assessments are needed to determine the scope of the needs in each community, and housing and care facilities need to be constructed, operated, and maintained so that the vast majority of seniors are able to remain in their communities with their families and friends.

Request:

The CCRD Board respectfully requests that the Ministry of Health assist the communities of Bella Bella and Bella Coola in conducting a needs assessment for senior housing and care, as well as assist in

determining the best source(s) of provincial funding to construct, operate, and maintain housing and care facilities for seniors in the Central Coast.

DRAFT

Ministry: Ministry of Health, Minister Adrian Dix

CCRD Meeting Leader: Travis Hall

Topics: Birthing Services in Bella Bella and Bella Coola, Seniors Care and Housing

Remember: You only have 15 minutes. *Stick to the script and keep moving the conversation along! Don't be afraid to pull fellow board members, the Minister, and/or Ministry staff back on track if needed. This is YOUR meeting. Control it!*

- I. **Greeting/acknowledgement** - Thank you for meeting with us today.
- II. **Introductions** - *Introduce yourself (your name and role at CCRD) and invite all others around the table/room to introduce themselves.*
- III. **Overview:** We have two topics we'd like to discuss with you today. The first is the **lack of birthing services** in Bella Coola and Bella Bella, and the second is **lack of seniors care and seniors facilities and housing** in both communities. I'll give you a brief background and please also refer to your briefing note handout for further details. I'll start with birthing services.
- IV. **Background Birthing Services:**
 - A. Birthing services were terminated in Bella Coola in 2008, and Bella Bella in 2001. The primary reasons were:
 1. low numbers of births
 2. challenges recruiting and retaining physicians and surgeons
 3. loss of generalist training for rural physicians
 - B. The loss of birthing services causes tremendous stress for pregnant women and their babies, families, and entire communities.
 - C. Birth outcomes are not as good when women have to leave the familiarity of their own community to give birth.

- D. Heiltsuk and Nuxalk people are very concerned that babies are no longer being born in their traditional territories; as well it is customary in both Nations for family members to be present at births. This hasn't been possible for 11 years in Bella Coola and 17 years in Bella Bella.
- E. The financial stress of having to be away from home is also enormous; it's very expensive, especially for mothers who do not have family they can stay with outside the community.

V. **REQUESTS:** Our requests are as follows:

- A. We would like the Ministry to meaningfully engage with mothers, family members, and health care practitioners in both communities, to determine the extent of the impacts of lack of birthing services.
- B. We would also like the Ministry to seriously consider finding a way to reinstate birthing services in both communities, perhaps following a midwifery model similar to Haida Gwaii's.
- C. And, we would like the Ministry to examine the problem of recruitment and retention of physicians in both communities, and look at possible provincial supports to remedy this.

VI. Minister Responds Allow time for a response from the Minister and his staff.

Allow for some discussion, however keep an eye on the time so you have plenty of time for the next topic.

VII. **Other Comments:** *If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspectives. If not, move on to the next topic.*

VIII. **Background Seniors Care and Housing:**

- A. Many seniors are leaving the communities of Bella Bella and Bella Coola due to lack of senior housing and inadequate care.
- B. Coupled with the fact that no babies are born in our communities anymore, our elders leaving is tearing apart the fabric of our communities.

C. We want the vast majority of our elders to be able to remain in our communities until they die.

IX. **REQUEST:** Our request is:

A. We would like the Ministry to assist the communities of Bella Bella and Bella Coola in conducting needs assessments regarding senior housing and care.

B. We would also like the Ministry's assistance in determining source(s) of provincial funding to construct, operate, and maintain housing and care facilities for seniors in the Central Coast; and guidance as to how to access those funds.

*X. Minister responds Allow time for a response from the Minister and his staff.
Allow for some discussion.*

XI. **Other Comments:** *If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspectives.*

XII. **End the meeting:** Thank you so much for your time and for all the work that you do for our province. We hope you will seriously consider our requests and we hope to hear from you soon.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Financing Reconciliation: Solutions For Local Communities

In 2018, CCRD submitted a resolution (*B150: Financing Reconciliation: Solutions For Local Communities*) for consideration during UBCM 2018 entitled "Financing Reconciliation: Solutions for Local Communities" and was also granted the opportunity to give a panel presentation on the topic of the resolution during the convention. The resolution carried, nearly unanimously, and the panel presentation was also highly successful. This year, at the request by resolution of the UBCM membership, CCRD and ACRD presented jointly with members of several First Nations and legal experts from around the country on the history and principles behind the resolution. This presentation was a full day, with a Community to Community Forum in the morning, and a workshop of a more technical nature in the afternoon. Updates on the content, lessons learned, and successes of this event will be shared in person at the UBCM meeting.

Request:

The CCRD and ACRD Boards of Directors are seeking the opportunity to update Minister Robinson on their progress with advocacy since CCRD brought the ideas inherent to their resolution forward during their meeting with her during UBCM 2018.

As well, both boards are requesting that the Minister seriously consider assisting with development of a pilot project related to the principles in the resolution, as she suggested during the 2018 meeting. This would ideally begin with the formation of a committee, initially made up of staff from MMAH, MOF, MIRR, ACRD, CCRD, and DISC. The purpose of this committee would be to create pilot projects for each of ACRD and CCRD, specific to the needs of each region, which address both the fiscal and governance gaps as outlined in Resolution B150. As the pilot projects take shape, additional representatives from other Ministries and sectors could be added as needed.

Terms of Reference for the committee might be:

- 1) Debrief and assess the outcomes of the panel presentation and C2C Forum at UBCM 2019.
- 2) Apply these outcomes to the needs of CCRD and ACRD.
- 3) Identify the area(s) of greatest need for each region, and in which area(s) a pilot project might be most successful.
- 4) Determine a time frame for project start and completion.
- 5) Create a framework for a governance structure for the project to address the governance gap as identified in Resolution B150.
- 6) Create a framework for a funds transfer for the project that would address the gap as identified in Resolution B150.
- 7) Create clearly identifiable and measurable outcomes for the project.
- 8) Create a method of evaluation for the project to determine its impact on the region, and whether or not it was successful.
- 9) Determine a path to transition the successful project, including its fiscal and governance structure, into the governance bodies already in place in the region.
- 10) Determine a path to broaden the successful framework and structures of the project to all the local government services within the region.

Ministry: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister Selina Robinson

CCRD Meeting Leader: Chair Samuel Schooner

ACRD Meeting Leader: Chair John Jack

Topics: Financing Reconciliation: Pilot Project for the Central Coast

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I. **SAM: Greetings and acknowledgement** - Thank you for meeting with us today.

II. **Introductions** - introduce yourself (your name and role at CCRD) and allow all others around the table/room to introduce themselves

III. **Overview:** We have just one topic we'd like to discuss with you today, which is taking the next steps in financing reconciliation in local communities by closing the fiscal and governance gap that exists in communities with constituents who live on reserve. I'll start us off and then I'll turn over the second part of the discussion to ACRD Chair John Jack.

IV. **Background:** By way of review, I'll provide a brief background and please also refer to your briefing note handout for further details.

A. CCRD first met with you about this topic at UBCM in 2017, then briefly in April of 2018, and again at UBCM in 2018.

B. Since then, as you know CCRD submitted a resolution for consideration during the UBCM 2018 convention entitled "Financing Reconciliation: Solutions for Local Communities". We were also given the opportunity to give a panel presentation on the topic of the resolution during the

convention. The resolution carried, nearly unanimously, and the panel presentation was also highly successful.

C. This year, at the request by resolution of the UBCM membership, CCRD and ACRD presented jointly with members of several First Nations and legal experts from around the country on the history and principles behind the resolution. The presentation was a full day on Monday of this week, with a Community to Community Forum in the morning, and a workshop of a more technical nature in the afternoon.

D. (She may have attended the C2C and workshop, or if not one of her staff may have attended. If she mentions that she attended, ask her what she thought of it!)

E. JOHN: (Provide a brief description of how the C2C and the workshop went, highlighting some of the most important stories and ideas from the day.)

V. ***REQUESTS***: Our requests are as follows:

A. CCRD and ACRD respectfully request that the Ministry seriously consider supporting a pilot project, funded ideally by the Ministry of Finance, to start as soon as possible and based on the principles in the resolution.

B. We also would appreciate an update as to any research or discussions with Cabinet or her federal counterparts the Minister might have engaged in since last year at this time.

VI. Minister Responds Allow time for a response from the Minister and her staff.
Allow for plenty of discussion.

VII. Other comments: *If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspective.*

VIII. End the meeting: Thank you so much for your time and for all the work that you do for our province. We appreciate your ongoing willingness to

continue to discuss this topic with us. We hope you will seriously consider our requests and we hope to hear from you soon.

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Ministry of Transportation
Need for Central Coast Seabus

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The Central Coast communities of Denny Island, Ocean Falls, Wuikinuxv/Rivers Inlet, Klemtu, and Bella Bella are all only accessible by plane or boat. Currently, BC Ferries provides weekly transit via the Northern Seawolf between Bella Bella and Bella Coola, with stops at Ocean Falls and Denny Island. This transit takes approximately 7 hours to complete. The board is asking for an additional route that would be a frequent, quick, and affordable seabus service for residents who need transportation between these communities and who do not require (or cannot afford) a sophisticated drive-on ferry. There are a few private boat and plane operators available for charter bookings, but they are cost prohibitive for most Central Coast residents, over 65% of whom are indigenous. Thus, the CCRD Board believes there is a real and growing need for seabus services connecting the communities of: Bella Bella - Denny Island - Ocean Falls and Bella Coola; Bella Bella - Klemtu; and Wuikinuxv/Rivers Inlet- Port Hardy.

The indigenous communities of Bella Bella, Klemtu, Bella Coola, and Wuikinuxv have deep cultural and family links requiring frequent travel. Currently, most residents undertake travel between these communities using their own or a family member's private boat, or by chartering private companies at great expense, if they can afford such travel. Wuikinuxv, an indigenous community of approximately 100 residents, currently has no public transportation service connecting it to the rest of British Columbia. A public seabus to Port Hardy would serve this purpose, and open up economic development opportunities.

The closing in 2016 of long-time air charter service Bella Coola Air has resulted in extremely limited and expensive transportation options for professional services that serve more than one Central Coast community. These include: paramedics, legal advocacy, public health, and local government. The very high cost of most current transportation options places significant strain on already very limited budgets of local societies and government agencies.

A public seabus service would also have environmental and safety benefits by reducing the amount of small private boats undertaking voyages in the Central Coast. It could also serve to affordably transport residents of Denny Island and Ocean Falls to appointments at RW Large Hospital and Clinic, RCMP, schools, and the pharmacy in Bella Bella; and residents and tourists of Denny Island and Ocean Falls to scheduled air service at Bella Bella Airport. Currently, Shearwater Marine is operating a seabus service between Denny Island and Bella Bella at a significant annual loss of approximately \$200,000. In the absence of government funding support, the Shearwater Seabus sailings will very likely significantly decrease, opening up an even larger transportation gap between these communities.

Request:

The CCRD Board respectfully requests that the Ministry of Transportation seriously consider offering a provincially-funded scheduled walk-on seabus service between the Central Coast communities of Bella Bella, Denny Island, Ocean Falls, Klemtu, Wuikinuxv/Rivers Inlet, Port Hardy, and Bella Coola. The Board also requests a meaningful engagement and needs assessment process with all Central Coast communities concerning:

- the need for this service and the form(s) it might take to best support residents
- who this service would benefit and how it would benefit them
- safety, reliability, and affordability of this service vs. privately owned boats and charters

- additional benefits of this service (eg. environmental: benefits to sensitive marine environments and carbon footprint reduction; health and safety; and marine emergency response)

Need for Hwy 20 Scheduled Bus Service: Bella Coola-Williams Lake

Highway 20 runs across the Chilcotin Plateau between Williams Lake and Bella Coola, through one of the most remote regions of British Columbia. Winter weather conditions can be extreme, the road is rough and not always well-maintained, and cell phone service along the route is non-existent in most places, all of which compromise the safety of travellers, especially those in small passenger cars. Currently there are no options for public transportation along this road, with the exception of the BC Transit bus which serves only the Bella Coola valley from Bella Coola to Firvale.

Many residents of the Bella Coola valley rely on services in the town of Williams Lake that exist nowhere else along the highway, such as specialized medical care, veterinary care, vehicle repair, and shopping for bulk groceries and other goods. Air travel from Bella Coola to Williams Lake is expensive and cost-prohibitive for many, and involves a layover in Vancouver, sometimes overnight, which greatly increases the cost and time involved with this option.

Bella Coola, Anahim Lake, and other communities along Highway 20 have a high indigenous population, including many residents living in poverty and/or who cannot afford to own a vehicle. Many indigenous residents of the Bella Coola valley have deep family and cultural ties to indigenous communities in the Chilcotin region. The Facebook group *Bella Coola Ride Board* is connecting those who want to travel between Bella Coola and Williams Lake or beyond, with those who have vehicles and room for extra passengers. Currently the group has over 1300 members and posts are frequent, indicating the ongoing need for transportation by road into and out of the Bella Coola valley. Others who do not have access to the internet, or who are unaware of this group, will choose the notoriously unsafe option of hitchhiking. Over the past several decades, attempts have been made by several individuals to provide a privately-owned scheduled bus service along Highway 20, but all have been short-lived, as the costs for vehicle and tire maintenance and repair, as well as delays and cancellations due to weather conditions, cannot be absorbed by a small business.

Further, many tourists who are on a budget wish to travel to the Bella Coola region by bus. When they learn there is none, they often choose to visit other regions of the province. The region's high reliance on tourism means the economy suffers due to lack of inexpensive options for travel to the region.

Request:

The CCRD Board respectfully requests that the Ministry of Transportation seriously consider providing publicly funded scheduled bus service along the Highway 20 corridor from Bella Coola to Williams Lake. The board also requests a meaningful engagement and needs assessment process with the communities along Highway 20 concerning:

- the need for this service
- the form(s) this service might take to best support residents and tourists
- who this service would benefit and how it would benefit them
- safety, reliability, and affordability of this service vs. privately owned vehicles and hitchhiking
- additional benefits of this service (eg. environmental: carbon footprint reduction)

Ministry: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; Minister Claire Trevena

CCRD Meeting Leaders: Director Daniel Bertrand (Topic 1), Chair Samuel Schooner (Topic 2)

Topics: Need for Central Coast Seabus; Need for Bella Coola-Williams Lake Bus Service

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- I. **DAN: Greetings and acknowledgement** -Thank you for meeting with us today.
- II. **Introductions** - introduce yourself (your name and role at CCRD) and invite all others around the table/room to introduce themselves
- III. **Overview:** We have two topics we'd like to discuss with you today. The first is **the need for a Central Coast sea bus**, and the second is **the need for a scheduled bus service between Bella Coola and Williams Lake**. I'll start with the first one, and then I'll turn it over to Sam for the second one.
- IV. **Background Topic 1:** I'll give you a brief background and please also refer to your briefing note handout for further details.
 - A. The Central Coast communities of Denny Island, Ocean Falls, Wuikinuxv/Rivers Inlet, Klemtu, and Bella Bella are all only accessible by plane or boat.
 - B. BC Ferries provides weekly transit on the Northern Seawolf between Bella Bella and Bella Coola, with stops at Ocean Falls and Denny Island. This takes about 7 hours.

- C. Currently there is no frequent, quick, and affordable seabus service for residents who need transportation between these communities and who don't need or can't afford the drive-on ferry.
- D. There are a few private boat and plane operators available for charter bookings, but they are cost prohibitive for most Central Coast residents.
- E. The indigenous communities of Bella Bella, Klemtu, Bella Coola, and Wuikinuxv, which together make up almost 70% of the population of the Central Coast, have deep cultural and family links requiring frequent travel. Wuikinuxv, which has about 100 residents, currently has no public transportation service connecting it to the rest of British Columbia.
- F. Most residents undertake travel between these communities using their own or a family member's private boat, or by chartering private companies at great expense, if they can afford it.
- G. Also, the closing in 2016 of Bella Coola Air has resulted in extremely limited and expensive transportation options for professional services that serve more than one Central Coast community, such as paramedics, legal advocacy, public health, and local government.
- H. There is also a need to affordably transport residents of Denny Island and Ocean Falls to the hospital and clinic, RCMP, schools, and the pharmacy in Bella Bella; and residents and tourists of Denny Island and Ocean Falls to scheduled air service at Bella Bella Airport.
- I. Shearwater Marine operates a seabus service between Denny Island and Bella Bella at a significant annual loss of approximately \$200,000, which isn't sustainable without government support and is currently at risk of being drastically reduced.

V. **REQUESTS:** Our requests are as follows:

- A. We would like the Ministry to seriously consider offering a provincially-funded scheduled walk-on seabus service that would have three major routes:
1. Bella Bella - Denny Island - Ocean Falls and Bella Coola.
 2. Bella Bella - Klemtu; and
 3. Wuikinuxv/Rivers Inlet- Port Hardy
- B. We would also like the Ministry to undertake a meaningful engagement and needs assessment process with all Central Coast communities concerning:
1. the need for this service and the forms it might take to best support residents
 2. who this service would benefit and how it would benefit them
 3. safety, reliability, and affordability of this service vs. privately owned boats and charters
 4. additional benefits of this service, such as the environmental benefits to sensitive marine environments and carbon footprint reduction; health and safety; and marine emergency response

VI. Minister Responds Allow time for a response from the Minister and his staff.

Allow for some discussion, however keep an eye on the time so you have plenty of time for the next topic.

VII. Other Comments: *If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspective. If not, hand over the meeting to Sam for the next topic.*

VIII. SAM: Background Bella Coola-Williams Lake Bus Service: Thank you Dan. I'll be talking about the need for a scheduled bus service between Bella Coola and Williams Lake.

- A. Highway 20 between Williams Lake and Bella Coola is one of the most remote roads in British Columbia. Weather can be extreme, the road generally isn't well-maintained, and there is almost no cell phone service.

The drive takes about 5 hours in good weather, and can take 6 to 8 hours in bad weather conditions.

- B. Right now there are no options for public transportation along this road, with the exception of the BC Transit bus which serves only the Bella Coola valley from Bella Coola to Firvale.
 - C. Many residents of the valley rely on services in Williams Lake that exist nowhere else along the highway, including specialized medical care and veterinary care.
 - D. Bella Coola, Anahim Lake, and other communities along Highway 20 have a high indigenous population, including many residents living in poverty who can't afford their own vehicle.
 - E. Many indigenous residents of the Bella Coola valley have deep family and cultural ties to indigenous communities in the Chilcotin region which require travel to maintain.
 - F. Those who do not have their own vehicle can connect with drivers who are members of a Facebook page called Bella Coola Ride Board; or, they can hitchhike which is unsafe, especially for women.
 - G. Over the years several people have tried to provide a privately-owned scheduled bus service along Highway 20, but the costs for vehicle and tire maintenance and repair, which is high due to the roughness of the road, as well as delays and cancellations due to weather conditions, can't be absorbed by a small business.
 - H. Lastly, tourists who are on a budget have no affordable means of exploring Highway 20 except to hitchhike, which reduces tourist visits to our region which is very dependent economically on tourism.
- IX. **REQUESTS:** Our requests are as follows:

- A. We would like the Ministry to seriously consider providing publicly funded scheduled bus service along Highway 20 from Bella Coola to Williams Lake.
- B. We would also like the Ministry to undertake a meaningful engagement and needs assessment process with the communities along Highway 20 concerning:
 - 1. the need for this service
 - 2. the forms it might take to best support residents and tourists
 - 3. who this service would benefit and how it would benefit them
 - 4. safety, reliability, and affordability of this service vs. privately owned vehicles and hitchhiking
 - 5. and the environmental benefits of this service, specifically GHG emissions reduction.

*X. Minister Responds Allow time for a response from the Minister and his staff.
Allow for some discussion.*

XI. Other Comments: If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspective.

XII. End the meeting: Thank you so much for your time and for all the work that you do for our province. We hope you will seriously consider our requests and we hope to hear from you soon.

BC Hydro

Service Surcharge

While the Bella Coola valley is remote, it is not as remote as other Zone II fly-in communities such as Tsay Keh. It is accessible by road year round, and a BC Hydro crew lives and operates within the valley. Thus, it is difficult to understand why there is a surcharge for service. The CCRD Board believes the valley should not be charged as a Zone II community.

Request:

The CCRD Board would like to understand more thoroughly why the service surcharge in the Bella Coola valley is in place. The Board is also asking BC Hydro to seriously reconsider the valley's classification as a Zone II community.

Tiered Rate Structure

The tiered rate structure causes financial stress and hardship for many community members within the CCRD, a significant percentage of whom live below the poverty line. This level of poverty, combined with the fact that many homes are not constructed in an energy efficient manner, causes hydro bills to skyrocket during the winter months. For a single cycle, it is not unheard of for a hydro bill to be close to, or even exceed, \$2000. And while the tiered rate structure may provide incentive to those with some financial means to perform energy retrofits, in reality this same structure puts those who live at or below poverty level between a rock and a hard place: they can afford neither high hydro bills nor energy retrofits.

Request:

The CCRD Board requests that BC Hydro examine the impacts of the tiered rate structure in the Bella Coola valley, and seriously consider removing it and replacing it with a structure that will not cause undue financial hardship in a region with high levels of poverty.

Collaboration with Kunsoot Wellness Society, Qqs Project Society, and Heiltsuk Tribal Council

Representatives from the Kunsoot Wellness Society, a Heiltsuk First Nations controlled nonprofit, are working in association with Heiltsuk Tribal Council and Qqs Projects Society to develop a wellness facility of approximately nine buildings at the Heiltsuk Kunsoot Reservation on Denny Island. Electricity is essential in order for the facility to be successful. Representatives from the project requested BC Hydro provide a quote for a submarine cable running from the hydro transmission lines on Denny Island to the project site 2 kilometres away. BC Hydro responded that the project needs to pay to install a road and hydro poles from the Denny Island Airport to the project site, which would cost around \$500,000. The nonprofit, which is developing a healing centre for Heiltsuk people with a total budget of approximately \$2 million, cannot afford to use one quarter of its budget to build this road. The request of the CCRD Board is that BC Hydro recognize its mandate to bring power to communities, no matter where they are located, and to therefore take seriously the request to provide power to the site via a submarine cable, which is a much less expensive solution than building a road and hydro pole line several kilometres in length.

Request:

The CCRD Board requests that BC Hydro take a collaborative approach and assist Kunsoot Wellness Society, Qqs Projects Society, and Heiltsuk Tribal Council in their efforts to secure power at a reasonable price for the wellness centre.

Meeting With: BC Hydro (*lead staff name and title here, if known before the meeting*)

CCRD Meeting Leaders: Chair Samuel Schooner, Director Daniel Bertrand, Vice Chair Travis Hall

Topics: Service Surcharge in the Bella Coola Valley; Tiered Rate Structure in Central Coast Region; Providing Power To Heiltsuk Wellnes Centre On Denny Island

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- I. **SAM: Greetings and acknowledgement** - Thank you for meeting with us today.
- II. **Introductions** - *introduce yourself (your name and role at CCRD) and allow all others around the table/room to introduce themselves*
- III. **Overview:** We have three topic(s) we'd like to discuss with you today. The first is the **service surcharge in the Bella Coola Valley**; the second is the **tiered rate structure in our region**; and the third is **providing power to a Heiltsuk-led project on Denny Island**. I'll start with the first one.
- IV. **Background Service Surcharge:** I'll give you a brief background and please also refer to your briefing note handout for further details.
 - A. The Bella Coola valley is considered a Zone II Community by BC Hydro.
 - B. While the Bella Coola valley is remote, it is not as remote as other Zone II fly-in communities such as Tsay Keh.

C. It is accessible by road year round, and a BC Hydro crew lives and operates within the valley.

D. Thus, it is difficult to understand why there is a surcharge for service.

V. **REQUESTS:** Our requests are as follows:

A. The CCRD Board would like to understand more thoroughly why the service surcharge in the Bella Coola valley is in place.

B. The Board would also like BC Hydro to seriously reconsider the valley's classification as a Zone II community.

VI. BC Hydro responds Allow time for a response from Hydro staff. Allow for some discussion, however keep an eye on the time so you have plenty of time for the next topics.

VII. Other comments: If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspective.

VIII. **Background Tiered Rate Structure:**

A. A significant percentage of Central Coast residents live below the poverty line.

B. As well, many live in homes that are not constructed in an energy efficient manner, which means very high hydro bills during the winter months.

C. We've heard of bills that have exceeded \$2000 for a single billing cycle.

D. The tiered rate structure may provide incentive to those with some financial means to perform energy retrofits. However this same structure puts those who live at or below poverty level in a horrible position because they can't afford the high hydro bills and they can't afford the energy retrofits.

IX. **REQUEST:** Our request is as follows:

A. The CCRD Board requests that BC Hydro examine the impacts of the tiered rate structure in our region; and seriously consider removing it and replacing

it with a structure that will not cause undue financial hardship in a region with high levels of poverty.

X. BC Hydro responds: *Allow time for a response from Hydro staff. Allow for some discussion.*

XI. Other Comments *If there is time, invite other board members to add their own perspective. Then turn the meeting over to Dan for the final topic*

XII. DAN: Background Heiltsuk Project: Thank you Sam.

- A. Representatives from the Kunsoot Wellness Society, a Heiltsuk First Nations controlled nonprofit, are working in association with Heiltsuk Tribal Council and Qqs Projects Society to develop a wellness facility of approximately nine buildings at the Heiltsuk Kunsoot Reservation on Denny Island.
- B. The project recently requested BC Hydro provide a quote for a submarine cable running from the hydro transmission lines on Denny Island to the project site 2 kilometres away. BC Hydro responded that the project needs to pay to install a road and hydro poles from the Denny Island Airport to the project site, which would cost around \$500,000.
- C. The nonprofit, which is developing a healing centre for Heiltsuk people with a total budget of approximately \$2 million, cannot afford to use one quarter of its budget to build this road.

XIII. REQUESTS: Our requests are as follows:

- A. CCRD would like BC Hydro to recognize its mandate to bring power to communities, no matter where they are located, and to therefore take seriously the request to provide power to the site via a submarine cable, which is a much less expensive solution than building a road and hydro pole line several kilometres in length.
- B. We also request that BC Hydro take a collaborative approach and assist Kunsoot Wellness Society, Qqs Projects Society, and Heiltsuk Tribal

Council in their efforts to secure power at a reasonable price for the wellness centre.

XIV. **TRAVIS**: *Share Heiltsuk Perspective on Kunsoot project*

XV. **SAM**: *End the meeting*: Thank you so much for your time. We hope you will seriously consider our requests and we hope to hear from you soon.

WELCOME TO THE CCRD'S
NEW FINANCIAL CONTROLLER
YE NE BYUN

Ye Ne (goes by Sandra) Byun joined CCRD as a Financial Controller with more than 6 years in diverse experiences across several different industries. Prior to joining the CCRD, she was a member service representative of Williams Lake and District Credit Union and was responsible for handling financial products and services offered by the credit union. Previous to her work at WLDCU, Ye Ne was assistant manager of Bella Coola Valley Inn. Ye Ne also spent more than 2 years with Kolon Glotech Inc. in South Korea, as an international sales representative handling overseas clients in Europe and China. Working diverse positions has helped her relate to many different types of people, learn about different work styles and motivators, and improve her resiliency in the face of unknown challenges.

She relocated from Seoul to Bella Coola several years ago. In the beginning, she was definitely in transition but she's since fallen in love with the kind, warm-hearted community and stunning wild nature of Bella Coola.

She loves hanging out with her and her partner's fur babies (two dogs and one cat), chopping firewood, reading a book by a wood-burning stove on cold winter day, watching a beautiful sunset while sailing, watching the moon and stars in the woods. Also, when she isn't working, you'll find her hiking and camping in the wilderness or being on the water.

Board Meeting
SEP 12 2019
CCRD ITEM B(b)



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Board of Directors

From: Courtney Kirk, CAO/CFO, prepared by Donna Mikkelson Financial Services Contractor

Meeting Date: September 12, 2019

Subject: Budget vs Actual Variance Report – January-August 2019

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Budget vs Actual Variance Report for the period January to August 2019.

Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

Financial Plan Bylaw 2019

Financial/Budgetary Implications:

As noted.

Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials:

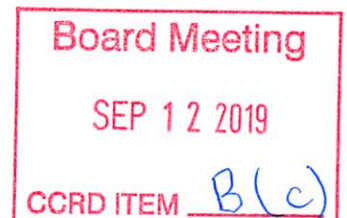
3.0 days staff time to prepare.

Options to Consider:

None.

Submitted by: _____

Reviewed by: 
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer



Attached is the Revenue & Expenditures – Actual vs Budget report for the period January 1 to August 31, 2019. The budgeted figures are for the period January to December. Where actuals are in line with the budget, no comment is made.

REVENUE

Overall, actual total revenues are about 55% of the total budget for the year.

Other Revenue (Note 1)

In terms of variances:

- Grant revenue from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for Economic Development has been advanced at 50% with the balance (\$25,000) to come at year end. Note that the \$50,000 revenue for the same recorded in 2018 has been reduced by \$10,500 because we had a gap between Economic Development Officers and the position was vacant for a portion of the year. We have also not received the \$8,000 expected from NDIT for the grant writer program.
- The BC Hydro grant for Trees Canada re-greening is still outstanding (\$3,800)
- The budget includes \$47,173 in anticipated revenue for new playground equipment but the grant source was not determined at the time of budget adoption.
- Revenue from the timber sales at the Bella Coola Airport exceeded budget by \$14,500
- As per board resolution \$8,058 was received from the asset replacement fund for general operations for the replacement of the furnace.

Provincial/Federal Grants (Note 2)

- Revenue for the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) Bella Coola River and Tributaries Risk Assessment and the update of emergency plans (\$500,000 in total) was received in 2018 and deferred to 2019 at year end. In the event these funds are still unspent, the revenue (or a portion thereof) will be deferred to 2020 to ensure that the revenue is recorded when the expenditures are made.
- Revenue from the UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund for both the swimming pool (\$1,013,900) and the Denny Island Water System (\$1,495,000) has not yet been received.
- Denny Island Airport had \$17,000 budgeted for a roof replacement, with no source of funds determined at budget adoption.
- The Federal/Provincial Gas Tax Agreement (aka Community Works Fund) administered by UBCM will see the revenue double from that in the budget. The additional one-time payment was approved for disbursement by the Federal Government in the 2019 Budget to supplement the fiscal 2018/19 allocation. Instead of the \$196,785 budgeted, the CCRD will receive \$391,617.

EXPENDITURES

Overall, approximately 26% of the total budgeted expenditures have been realized.

50035 Capital Works (Note 3)

- The budget vs actual variance for capital works indicates capital spending is well under the budgeted \$1,110,901. To date less than \$29,000 has been spent.
- At the Denny Island Airport, \$17,000 budgeted for a roof replacement has not occurred, and the funding sources have not been found, as noted above.
- \$16,500 remains in the Fire Protection budget for spending on an electric door opener (\$12,000), a computer (\$1,200) and turn out gear (\$3,300).

- \$5,700 has been budgeted for Bella Coola Parks and Recreation improvements (concession building railings, bear proof garbage bins) and not yet spent.
- As noted above, the \$1,013,900 budgeted for the major pool renovation has not yet been spent.
- \$27,000 was budgeted for fencing the landfill and for installing a septic system at Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre. To date \$7,400 has been spent on site development expenses, which were necessary for continued operations.
- \$3,400 was budgeted for a GPS purchase for the Bella Coola Waterworks and has not been purchased.
- The Denny Island Recreation Commission completed their storage addition slightly under budget.
- The records show an over expenditure in the general operations schedule by \$8,000 but this is offset in the revenue section by receiving funds from the Asset Replacement Fund (See Note 1).

50045 Community Development (Note 4)

- Overall, \$24,000 has been expended in this category against a budget of \$244,000
- The Denny Island Water system budget through the Community Works Fund (\$30,000) is 2/3 complete with preliminary design, petition and field work conducted at the beginning of the year.
- Grant Writer expenses are nearly 50% complete and will continue through the fall.
- The following budgeted items have not been expended:
 - Parks and Recreation – electrical shed at the arena (\$10,000)
 - Portion pool tank reno design (\$147,285)
 - Collaborative projects (NDIT) (\$5,000)

50060 Contingency (Note 5)

- The budget contingency expenditures (\$47,062) are mostly unexpended and this is typical for the first part of the year. This includes unforeseen events such as extra plowing which may be required at the Bella Coola Airport this winter (\$12,150).
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50082 Economic Development Initiatives (Note 6)

- Overall, \$15,000 has been expended against the budget of \$208,000.
- The budget includes funding from Rural Dividend for Tourism and Capacity Enhancement (Nuxalk Nation cultural liaison and interpretation, trailhead kiosks, carving and installation of cultural pieces, airport greenspace and play area at the airport, Klonik riverside greenspace and viewing area, trail rehabilitation and construction, and a pedestrian bridge at the Beaver Pond. \$30,000 from Rural Dividend has also been budgeted for Marketing Enhancement and Brand Implementation and approximately \$4,500 has been spent to date).

50089 Emergency Management Initiatives (Note 7)

- \$25,000 of the total Emergency Management Initiatives budget of \$600,000 has been expended. The funds received from UBCM were spent on Emergency Social Services Training and Emergency Operations Centre training and supplies.
- This section applies to the NDMP grant funding for the Bella Coola Valley LiDAR Survey and Orthoimagery project, the Bella Coola River and Tributaries Risk Assessment, and the Flood Risk Assessment in the total amount of \$575,000.

50165 – Maintenance (Note 8)

- Approximately \$9,000 remains in the budget for runway maintenance, \$30,000 for building maintenance, and \$7,500 for equipment maintenance.

50205 - Professional Development Expense (Note 9)

- Approximately \$38,000 remains in the Pro D expense category for Fire Department training, Land Use Planning, Solid Waste Management, Economic Development, Airport and General Operations.

50206 Professional Fees (Note 10)

- Overall, Professional Fees are underspent by \$89,000.
- \$26,000 of this will be retained until year end for audit fees.
- Professional fees were budgeted for the Bella Coola Airport operations for BSMS and audit for airport recertification and this has not yet been spent. There was an additional allotment of \$5,000 for lot and right of way surveying for recertification.
- Consulting fees for land use planning assistance in the amount of \$8,500 remains unspent.
- In Parks and Recreation, the budget provided for an inspection by Municipal Insurance Association and audit fee associated with the playground at Walker Island.
- Financial services fees exceeded budget by \$8,000 by July 31st. This will be offset by a reduction in payroll expenses due to the exit of the previous Chief Financial Officer.
- Approximately \$9,500 remains in the budget for legal fees.

50245 – Special Projects (Note 11)

- Just over \$70,000 of the total budget of \$1,812,009 has been expended to date.
- \$52,000 remains outstanding for the Bella Coola Airport lot survey and development portion of the funding from Rural Development/
- In 2019 \$80,000 of the \$113,000 has been spent on the obstacle removal project at the Bella Coola Airport which is funded from BC Air Access Program (BCAAP).
- The bulk of the special projects budget (\$1,495,000) is intended for the Denny Island Waterworks service.
- \$47,173 was budgeted for new playground equipment at Bella Coola Parks and Recreation, but the source of funds has not been identified.
- \$13,796 was budgeted for the Denny Island Recreation Commission for a Project Coordinator for initiatives associated with the Active Communities Project funded by Vancouver Coastal Health.
- \$3,800 was budgeted for trees to be planted at the airport with funding from BC Hydro and this has not yet been completed

50499 – Contribution to Nuxalk for Emergency Coordinator (Note 12)

- The budget includes \$35,000 to be contributed to the Nuxalk Nation for the Shared Emergency Program Coordinator position which has recently been finalized.

Central Coast Regional District
Revenue & Expenditures - Actual vs Budget
All Schedules Combined

	<u>Jan - Aug 19</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Apportioned Administration Serv	402,626	402,626	
Local Taxation	760,261	760,261	
Nuxalk Nation Contributions	78,750	105,000	
Other Revenue	191,323	588,014	Note 1
Provincial/Federal Grants	1,503,588	3,656,743	Note 2
Regional Hospital District	13,500	13,500	
User Fees and Charges	254,338	348,776	
Total Income	<u>3,204,386</u>	<u>5,874,920</u>	
Gross Profit	3,204,386	5,874,920	
Expense			
50000 · Apportioned Administration fees	402,626	402,626	
50030 · Bank charges	847	2,000	
50035 · Capital Works	32,150	1,110,901	Note 3
50040 · Communications	13,042	29,695	
50045 · Community Development	24,252	244,285	Note 4
50050 · Community Groups - Grants	11,920	17,500	
50060 · Contingency	732	47,028	Note 5
50076 · Directors'/Governance Expense	66,917	136,687	
50082 · Econom Development Initiatives	16,280	208,271	Note 6
50085 · Elections		1,500	
50089 · Emergency Mmgt Initiatives	28	600,000	Note 7
50131 · Planning	6,778	28,800	
50135 · Insurance Expense	39,267	38,858	
50138 · Interest Expense	4,561	9,213	
50165 · Maintenance	29,313	107,895	Note 8
50175 · Memberships, dues & subscriptio	3,022	4,580	
50185 · Nuxalk Agreement - Water Supply	21,275	25,000	
50190 · Operating expenses	183,528	265,737	
50195 · Payroll Expenses	424,538	682,936	
50205 · Professional Development Expens	16,998	54,675	Note 9
50206 · Professional Fees	37,349	124,450	Note 10
50245 · Special Projects	169,614	1,812,009	Note 11
50250 · Supplies & small tools	27,377	47,990	
50294 · Utilities	28,767	41,150	
50295 · VIRL Regional Library Services	45,405	60,540	
50299 · Records Management	1,108	1,685	
50316 · Asset Replacement	37,154	37,154	
50499 · Contribution to Nuxalk Emergenc		35,000	Note 12
50999 · Landfill Post Closure Reserve	30,000	30,000	
Total Expense	<u>1,674,848</u>	<u>6,208,165</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	1,529,538	(333,245)	
Other Income/Expense			

Central Coast Regional District
Revenue & Expenditures - Actual vs Budget
All Schedules Combined

	<u>Jan - Aug 19</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Other Income		
40004 · Budget surplus, begin of year		683,244
Total Other Income		<u>683,244</u>
Other Expense		
50204 · Budget deficit, begin of year		95
50224 · Budget surplus, end of year		349,904
Total Other Expense		<u>349,999</u>
Net Other Income		<u>333,245</u>
Net Income	<u>1,529,538</u>	



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
Development Services
September 2019 REPORT

TO: Courtney Kirk, CAO
CC: Board OF Directors, CCRD
MEETING DATE: September 12th 2019
FROM: Matthew Wheelock, Community Economic Development Officer
SUBJECT: Development Services Monthly Report

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the report.

Housing Planning Report Grant Awarded

Administration is pleased to confirm that our application to UBCM for a housing needs assessment (referred to as a 'Housing Planning Report'), Was successful and \$75,000 has been awarded.

Community Planner Grant Awarded

Administration applied for and has received confirmation that we have been awarded a \$40,000 grant (with a \$10,000 contribution from the CCRD) to support a Community Planner position. We are currently in talks with suitable candidates and hope to be able to confirm appointment soon.

Grant Writer Training Awarded

Administration is pleased to confirm that our application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for grant writer training has been awarded including travel and accommodation costs from the outer coast communities'.

Hospitality Training Awarded

Administration is pleased to confirm that our application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for hospitality training has been awarded.

Geographical Information System Training Awarded

Administration is pleased to confirm that our application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for Geographical Information System training has been awarded including travel and accommodation costs from the outer coast communities'.

Business Workshop Training Bella Coola Valley Learning Society Awarded

Administration is pleased to confirm that Bella Coola Valley Learning Society's application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for Business Workshop training (that will be delivered in conjunction with the CEDO) has been awarded.

10% Administration Fee

The applications to the Community Workforce Response Grant allow for 10% of the total application cost as administration fees. In total, some \$20,000 will be accessible by administration to cover the cost of administering these grants, whereas normally these services are delivered as a cost to the CCRD. Administration hopes that these fees will be allowable by more grant funders in the future.

New CCRD Website

The website continues to progress and we have a tentative go-live date of September 26th.

New Community Calendar

Thanks to the \$3,500 provided by Vancouver Coastal Health, administration has started gathering details on local clubs, associations and activity group to be included in the new website.

New Central Coast Logo and Videography

Kyle Tallio was selected from those artists that submitted work to the project, by a panel at Freda Diesing Art College to develop the new logo for the Central Coast. Our Chair and CCRD staff supporting in-community discussions and videography accompanied the artist Kyle on his 'journey of discovery'. It was a rich and highly informative journey to Rivers Inlet, Bella Bella, Denny Island and Ocean Falls. The journey included meeting many artists and elders and keepers of cultural knowledge, seeing rare and ancient rock paintings, totem poles, big houses and meeting some of the most celebrated carvers in British Columbia who had travelled to Bella Bella to assist with the carving of their new big house poles. We also received a tour of Denny Island and learnt about the history of the place and spent time at Ocean Falls learning about the history and visiting the Boralex building and visiting the Bitcoin Mining operation there as well as touring round Martin Valley.

The journey was documented both on film and in photographs. Once the remaining interviews are concluded in the valley, we will pass the footage over to editors to start their work.

Canada Post

Further to the board resolution in July, the CEDO contacted Canada Post to explore the possibility of the Bella Coola Valley being re-designated as a non-remote area. The next stage in the process is to email the Chief Executive asking for him to consider changing the designation. Please see attached RFD.

EDAC

The next meeting will be in held late September.

Art Installation at the Bella Coola Airport

The project continues to progress. The pole blessing ceremony has now occurred and we are hopeful to receive finalized designs from the artist and Nuxalk Nation cultural advisers as soon as possible.

Communications and Internet Feasibility Study

The project is now completed and the report has been submitted. We are now aggregating some available funding options before distributing the report to all of the communities.

Denny Island Website

The Central Coast Chamber of Commerce website is still in progress.

Bella Bella Active Community Grant - VCH

The Denny Island Recreation Commission has not been able to recruit externally for this position and are now considering identifying and sending two local people out to receive lifeguard training. VCH has granted an extension until mid-December.



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Courtney Kirk, CAO
From: Cheryl Vaavaai
Meeting Date: August 20, 2019
Subject: Grant-in-Aid – Duplicated Resolution

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District – rescind resolution # 19-03-17

Issue/Background Summary: At the March meeting of the board, it was resolved to issue Grant-in-aid funds in the amount of \$9,500. At the next meeting in April, the board resolution to issue funds in the amount of \$11,920. The previous resolution was not rescinded with the result being with resolutions are still in effect.

Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

Grant-in-Aid policy # F-17

Financial/Budgetary Implications:

N/A – 15,2000 was/is provided in the budget for 2019

Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials:


N/A

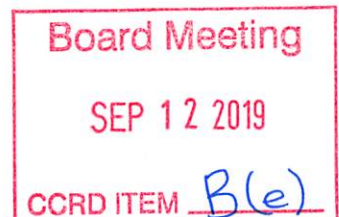
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Options to Consider:

None

Submitted by: Cheryl Vaavaai – Administration Assistant

Reviewed by: 
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer



19-04-05 M/S Directors Hall/Bertrand THAT the minutes be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

Code: 50050-380

Posted: _____

Approved: _____

Reviewed: _____

(B) OPERATIONS UPDATES & POLICY MATTERS ARISING

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(a) Draft CCRD Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Interactive PowerPoint Presentation

The Chair noted that the CCRD Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Interactive PowerPoint Presentation was deferred to the May meeting during the adoption of the agenda.

(b) Grant In Aid 2019

19-04-06 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast THAT the 2019 Grant-In-Aid Report be received. **CARRIED**

19-04-07 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District resolve that Grant-In-Aid funds be distributed as per policy to the following eligible organizations based on the actual (not modified) amounts that they applied for and that the balance of \$3,080 be carried over to the 2020 Grant-In-Aid Program.

Bella Coola Music Festival.....	\$3,000
Bella Coola Valley Arts Council.....	\$250
Bella Coola Festival of the Arts.....	\$250
Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders.....	\$1,800
Bella Coola Valley Tourism.....	\$2,500
Bella Coola Community Support Society.....	\$3,000
Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society.....	\$1,120

CARRIED

19-04-08 M/S Directors Bertrand/Kovacic THAT Administration send a Letter to the Ocean Falls Improvement District notifying them for the reason of ineligibility of their particular Grant-In-Aid funding request and expressing a desire to work with the Ocean Falls Improvement District to address their municipal infrastructural concerns through applicable funding arrangements.

CARRIED

(c) Correspondence for Action

i) The Erosion of Democratic Elected Government

19-04-09 M/S Directors Hall/Kovacic THAT the Erosion of Democratic Elected Government letter be received. **CARRIED**

19-03-17 M/S Directors Northeast/Hall THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District distribute the moneys according to the CCRD's Grant in Aid policy and that the following will be the beneficiaries of the funds:

- Bella Coola Music Festival.....\$2,500
- Bella Coola Valley Arts Council.....\$250
- Bella Coola Valley Festival of the Arts.....\$250
- Bella Coola Valley Ridge Riders.....\$1,200
- Bella Coola Valley Tourism.....\$1,950
- Bella Coola Community Support Food Bank.....\$2,500
- Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society...\$850

AND THAT the remainder of the \$5,500 be distributed at the next meeting of the Board.

Rescind

meeting of
CARRIED

19-03-18 M/S Kennedy/Hall THAT the Board of Directors District directs Administration to provide a letter to Columbia Conservation Foundation advising that application is still under consideration by the Board notified of a decision once it has been made;

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AND THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District will send an advocacy letter to the provincial government and funding affiliates of the British Columbia Conservation Foundation advising of the situation of financial duress of the Central Coast Regional District and limited financial options locally to support the program.

CARRIED

A recess was taken at 3:39 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 3:52 pm.

(j) Correspondence for Action: Invitation to Participate in Community Forest Advisory Committee

19-03-19 M/S Directors Kennedy/Hall THAT the letter from Bella Coola Community Forest Ltd. inviting the participation in the Community Forest Advisory Committee be moved to a closed meeting (in-camera) discussion. **CARRIED**

(k) Request for Decision: CCRD to support the Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society's grant application to the Real Estate Foundation

19-03-20 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District supports the Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agriculture Society's grant application to the Real Estate Foundation.

CARRIED