

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2015

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2015

In Attendance:	Electoral Area A	Director Cathi McCullagh
	Electoral Area B	Chair Reg Moody-Humchitt
	Electoral Area C	Director Alison Sayers
	Electoral Area D	Director Richard Hall
	Electoral Area E	Director Sam Schooner
	CAO	Darla Blake
	CFO	Donna Mikkelsen (portion)
	Public Works Manager	Ken McIlwain (portion)
	Recording Secretary	Cheryl Waugh
	Local Gov't Intern	Krista Ediger

Three members of the gallery

**PART I - INTRODUCTION**

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Moody-Humchitt called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.  
e) (Opening Reflection/Prayer)

Chair Moody-Humchitt offered the opening prayer

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

f) (Introduction of late items)

**15-03-01** M/S Directors Sayers/McCullagh Directors that the agenda be adopted as presented.  
**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 interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

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.

(A) **IN CAMERA MATTERS**

No matters were released from in camera.

(B) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Regular Board Meeting February 12, 2015

- 15-03-02** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting dated February 12, 2015, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**PART II– PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

1. Delegations –

**a) Cst. Edward Wells, RCMP**

Cst. Wells, current Acting Detachment Commander for the RCMP in Bella Coola, joined the meeting. He explained that a recent internal review has identified that the RCMP is lacking in communicating with the board of the regional district. They would like to schedule quarterly meetings to update the board, similar to meetings they now have with the chief and council of Nuxalk Nation. He explained that the RCMP go through an annual performance plan and part of that is understanding and identifying the needs of the community. The current performance plan should wrap up in April and they would like to return to the CCRD to ask what the board sees as community priorities.

The police would like to increase their presence with local youth through school visits and to look a community equality so they can prioritize needs, see where the RCMP are lacking and where they can develop solutions. They are looking to the board to represent the people and ask that the board speak for the people and dispel rumours surrounding issues.

At the quarterly meetings the directors discussed inviting representatives from the Nuxalk Nation chief and council so the same message is being received by all. It was suggested that the quarterly meetings be included on the regular agenda and further, that the CCRD's communication plan be utilized to garner constituents' thoughts and priorities as relates to community policing.

Cst. Wells confirmed that a new sergeant will be arriving this summer. The local detachment currently operates with three members and there is one more constable expected to arrive in 2015.

Chair Moody-Humchitt thanked Cst. Wells and expressed that he was pleased to hear that the police are getting involved and he looks forward to developing closer ties with the community and RCMP.

The following item was moved forward:

**c) Christina Hoppe**

Christina Hoppe joined the meeting and spoke on behalf of a carnivore working group with regards to public safety in the Bella Coola Valley. She submitted a report outlining specific concerns and highlighting various incidents of human/wildlife conflict reported in 2014. She explained there were an excessive number of bears last year and requested the board to call for a population study of bears in the valley and also asked if they would be open to coming up with strategies to deal with public safety. Ms. Hoppe explained that their working group does not support killings bears and is focused only on public safety. She cited other regional districts in the province that have created human safety zones and have developed bylaws around attractants. The impact in 2014 was significant for residents walking to their destinations, for children playing outdoors, even if in their own back yards.



CAO, Darla Blake, explained that the CCRD has no mandate for human/wildlife conflict and that bears and all wildlife are a provincial responsibility. The regional district can offer support through advocacy but otherwise has no budget to explore the issue further. Discussion acknowledged that the matter needs to be addressed at some point and it should be brought forward to the provincial government with the request for a substantive consultation process with good representation.

Ms. Hoppe expressed her appreciation to the board for the opportunity to speak and offered her assistance. Chair Moody-Humchitt acknowledged the importance of safety for children and others in Bella Coola and thanked Christina for her presentation.

**b) Leonard Ellis**

Leonard Ellis joined the meeting and introduced himself as someone who has lived in the area since the 1970s. He is the current coastal representative for the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association and has previously served on the North Coast Ferry Advisory Committee, although his presentation was not representative of any association or committee.

Mr. Ellis pointed out that the port of Bella Coola is lacking appropriate docking facilities to accommodate larger vessels run by BC Ferries, whereas ports of call, such as Bella Bella and Klemtu, do provide such facilities. Mr. Ellis said he is looking for support to have appropriate docking facilities here as he is certain BC Ferries could easily change the routing and all we need is the dock. With the downsizing of the vessel to Route 40, he feels the current vessel, the MV Nimpkish, serving the outer coast communities and Bella Coola is inadequate for the potential passenger loads that could go in and out of the valley and he would like to see the much larger *Northern Adventure* or *Northern Expedition* call at our port. He admitted to not knowing where the funding might come from but has hope the CCRD can move forward on this initiative.

Chair Moody-Humchitt noted that, in an advocacy capacity, one avenue to pursue the issue is via the Union of BC Municipalities convention later this year. He said the board is open to being the voice and he looks forward to taking this forward. It was also noted the regional district has written letters and been to meetings with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and spoken to the socio-economic impacts affecting the region but it hasn't changed the mind of the minister.

Chair Moody-Humchitt thanked Mr. Ellis for bringing the issue to the table and ensured it is something the board is working on.

**2. Public Questions and Comment Period –**

None

**15-03-03** M/S Directors McCullagh/Sayers that the meeting move in camera for consideration of items under s90(1)(a); 90(g); (90)(2)(a) of the *Community Charter* which include personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality.

**CARRIED**

The regular meeting resumed at 12:07 p.m.



**RECESS**

**RECONVENE**

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

**PART III – LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

**(C) OPERATIONS UPDATES & POLICY MATTERS ARISING**

**Administrative Services**

- a) Chief Administrative Officer Report - dated March 5, 2015

Chief Administrative Officer Report highlights: the Economic Development Advisory Committee met for first time on March 4<sup>th</sup>; the CCRD was successful in receiving a grant from the Northern Development Initiative Trust for another local government intern, the CAO will be away for the April board meeting.

- 15-03-04** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the Chief Administrative Officers Report dated March 5, 2015, be received.

**CARRIED**

- d) CCRD Integrated Strategic Plan

Handouts were provided of the twelve page Integrated Strategic Plan. The CAO spoke to the CCRD's vision, mission, core values, goals, strategies, services, monitoring and evaluation. The Plan will be endorsed for public release once the Financial Plan 2015-2019 has been adopted. The Integrated Strategic Plan will be available on the CCRD website.

- 15-03-05** M/S Directors Sayers/McCullagh that the CCRD Integrated Strategic Plan 2015-2019 be adopted and endorsed for public release once the Financial Plan 2015-2019 has been adopted and included into the Integrated Strategic Plan, given it forms the 'how we pay for it' part of the Integrated Strategic Plan.

**CARRIED**

- e) Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program

A number of years ago the CCRD became a signatory to the Climate Action Charter as part of a joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities initiative to engage in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas in our corporate operations and community. As such, the CCRD is required to report to the province and the general public on progress towards goals and objectives set in the previous year and outlined goals and objectives for the new year.

- 15-03-06** M/S Directors Schooner/McCullagh that the Central Coast Regional District Board of Directors receives the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program 2014 Report.

**CARRIED**



f) Bear Reports deferred from Feb meeting

**15-03-07** M/S Directors Sayers/Hall THAT the Board of Directors for the Central Coast Regional District receive the report and attachments on item C(f) in the 12 February 2015 CCRD Board agenda, regarding Grizzly Bear concerns in the Bella Coola Valley; and

THAT based on the information provided to the Board, the CAO be requested to write to the Province advising them of the current concerns and issues raised by members of the community in the Bella Coola Valley regarding Grizzly Bear management and human/bear conflicts, and

THAT, the Province is requested to fulfill its mandate for all wildlife management, ensuring the safety and wellbeing for humans and Grizzly Bear/wildlife alike in the Bella Coola Valley, and

THAT, the Province is also requested to actively keep the wider Bella Coola Valley community and the Central Coast Regional District well informed on all actions taken by the Province, with respect to Grizzly Bear/wildlife management and to engage with First Nations on this culturally sensitive matter.

**CARRIED**

**Financial Services**

g) Financial Plan 2015-2019 – Final Presentation

Financial Plan 2015-2019 – Final Presentation, adoption and inclusion in the CCRD Integrated Strategic Plan 2015-2019

The CFO presented the financial plan for the years 2015-2019. Regional districts and municipalities are affected by the provincial budget in terms of the grant money received from the Strategic Community Investment Fund (SCIF). The province has announced their budget and that the process for distributing the funds will include accelerated payments. They have further noted that there will be no reduction in the 'base' amount over the next three years. This revenue from SCIF has been presented with no changes from recent years.

The final tax levy increase represents a 1.8% overall increase in the CCRD portion of property taxes from 2014 to 2015 which is down from the 2.4% originally circulated with the board agenda package.

**15-03-08** M/S Directors Schooner/Sayers that Bylaw No. 54 cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 54, 2015" be now introduced and read a first time as amended.

**CARRIED**

**15-03-09** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that Bylaw No.54, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 54, 2015" having been given due and detailed consideration by the Board be now read a second and third time.

**CARRIED**

- 15-03-10** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that Bylaw No.54, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 54, 2015" having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and the Person responsible for corporate administration.  
**CARRIED**

h) Parcel Tax Requisition

- 15-03-11** M/S Directors McCullagh/Hall that the 2015 parcel tax roll for the Bella Coola Waterworks Local Service Area (LSA) be confirmed and authenticated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 and forwarded for collection to the Surveyor of Taxes.  
**CARRIED**

The CFO left the meeting

**Development Services**

i) Economic Development

Local Government Intern, Krista Ediger, provided a short update reflecting the items noted in the Economic Development Update report dated February 5, 2015.

- i. February 5, 2015 report
- ii. Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes dated March 4, 2015
- iii. Economic Development Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- iv. Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

- 15-03-12** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the February 5, 2015 Economic Development Report be received.  
**CARRIED**

- 15-03-13** M/S Directors Sayers/McCullagh that the minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting dated March 4, 2015 be received.  
**CARRIED**

- 15-03-14** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Advisory Committee be approved.  
**CARRIED**

- 15-03-15** M/S Directors Schooner/Hall that the Economic Development Advisory Committee 2015 Meeting Schedule be approved.  
**CARRIED**

j) Land Use Planning – report dated March 5, 2015

The Land Use Planning report tracks the interest of the public regarding enquiries related to the regional district's Zoning and Official Community Plan (OCP) bylaws, maps and other information regarding land use planning.



- 15-03-16** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the Land Use Planning Report dated March 5, 2015 be received.

**CARRIED**

- 15-03-17** M/S Directors McCullagh/Sayers that the board of directors appoint the following to the Official Community Plan Advisory Committee: John Morton, Joan Sawicki, Markus Schieck and Caitlin Thompson.

**CARRIED**

**Public Works**

k) Public Works Manager's reports

- i. Report dated February 5, 2015 (January and February)
- ii. Report dated March 5, 2015

The Public Works Department report highlights developments and issues surrounding the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre, recreation facilities, the Bella Coola Airport, town site water and street lighting. Public Works Manager, Ken McIlwain spoke to January/February reports with highlights as follows:

**Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre & Solid Waste Management**

The insurance claim surrounding the recycling attendant trailer that was destroyed by fire, has now been settled.

The Nuxalk Nation provided written support to help speed up the permitting process for development of the recycling and transfer station on the North Side of Thorsen Creek. Falling and clearing operations have begun.

In January, General Services Contracts were signed with Mitchell Lorimer, Ron Nygaard, Thorcan Crane and Equipment Repairs Ltd. and Redline Falling Ltd. for provision of hourly rate services. Thorcan Crane & Equipment Ltd. was paid \$1785.20 before taxes for repairs and parts related to maintenance of the packer truck. Don Nygaard & Son Ltd. was paid \$3758.75 before taxes for hourly force account work related to metal clean up, site prep and burning.

BC Used Oil Management association has agreed to fund up to \$38,095.05 to assist with construction of a used oil and antifreeze collection facility at Thorsen Creek Recycling Depot.

In April, Thorsen Creek Recycling Centre will start accepting household hazardous waste, used paint/paint cans and all light bulbs/light fixtures. Further details will be published soon.

A Request For Proposals (RFP) has been issued for removal of the metal and white goods pile at the landfill.

A Random Selection Process was used for selection of a falling contractor for the landfill project. General Services Contracts hourly rate contracts were signed with Don Gesinger and Mikk Contracting Ltd. Don Nygaard and Son Ltd. was paid \$3758.75 for force account work under the landfill operation contract. A request for quotes was issued for provision of 3 modified 20' seacans for



construction of the oil and antifreeze collection facility and the household hazardous waste collection facility. Modpro Containers Ltd. was awarded a contract to construct the containers for a price of \$32,400.00 before taxes.

The CCRD is currently advertising for members of the public interested in participating on a Solid Waste Management Joint Committee. Response has been minimal to date.

#### Walker Island Park

A preliminary design has been completed for replacement of the concession building at Walker Island Park. A proposal was submitted to NDIT for grant funding to help complete the project and we have been notified that our application was successful and we will receive up to \$30,000.00 to help in completion of the project.

#### Centennial Pool

An RFP is being developed to secure engineering services to aid in the assessment of options for pool tank/facility replacement and class C costing.

#### Shearwater Water System

A petition package was mailed out to residents of a proposed water system service area on Denny Island. All affected parties have been contacted in an effort to answer questions or concerns regarding the proposed project.

**15-03-18** M/S Directors Sayers/Hall that the Public Works Department Report dated for January and February 2015 be received.

**CARRIED**

**15-03-19** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the Public Works Manager be tasked with preparing a letter thanking the BC Used Oil Management Association for their financial support in developing the CCRD recycling program and that this letter be copied to the Nuxalk Nation and provincial agencies responsible for monitoring stewardship programs.

**CARRIED**

**15-03-20** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the CCRD Board of Directors supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust under the Community Hall and Recreation Facility Grant Program, in an amount of \$30,000.00, to undertake construction of a new concession facility at Walker Island Regional Park.

**CARRIED**

#### Leisure Services Commissions

- i) Centennial Pool Commission –
- iii. Minute so dated January 22, 2015
- iv. Minutes dated February 19, 2015

- 15-03-21** M/S Directors McCullagh/Sayers that the Centennial Pool Commission minutes dated January 22, 2015 be received.

**CARRIED**

- 15-03-22** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that the Centennial Pool Commission minutes dated February 19, 2015 be received.

**CARRIED**

**Protective Services**

- m) Emergency Management report dated February 5, 2015, Ocean Falls event

- 15-03-23** M/S Directors Schooner/McCullagh that the Emergency Management report dated February 5, 2015 regarding the Ocean Falls debris flow event be received.

**CARRIED**

**Transportation Services**

- n) Bella Coola Airport/Denny Island Airport report  
v. Report dated February 5, 2015  
vi. Report dated March 5, 2015  
vii. Denny Island Airport Commission Minutes dated February 27, 2015

- 15-03-24** M/S Directors McCullagh/Sayers that the Bella Coola Airport/Denny Island Airport report dated February 27, 2015 be received.

**CARRIED**

- 15-03-25** M/S Directors Schooner/McCullagh that the Bella Coola Airport/Denny Island Airport report dated March 5, 2015 be received.

- 15-03-26** M/S Directors McCullagh/Sayers that the CCRD enter into a lease agreement with Gwyneth Anderson for use of the northeast office in the terminal building of the Bella Coola Airport, effective April 1, 2015.

**CARRIED**

- 15-03-27** M/S McCullagh/Schooner that the Denny Island Airport Commission Minutes dated February 27, 2015 be received.

**CARRIED**

**(D) EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- a) Chair's Report – verbal

Chair Moody-Humchitt commented on the Central Coast Indigenous Resource Authority and the Bella Bella Tribal Council have concerns regarding non-access to areas for economic development. This is specifically pertaining to the geoduck harvest, where there was no consultation with the Heiltsuk First Nation. Reg Moody-Humchitt requested a letter of support from the board and it was suggested this also be copied to the Marine Planning Partnership, the Central Coast Indigenous Resource Authority and to Meagan Moody of the Nuxalk Nation. He will forward further background details to the CAO and Director Sayers to assist with drafting of the letter.



b) Electoral Area Reports

i. Area A

Director McCullagh submitted a report with updates on activities through January (report was deferred from last month's meeting).

Further work has been done by the Ministry of Transportation to improve the road situation on Denny Island and Director McCullagh remains in email contact with the regional road contractors.

Attendance at the Vancouver Island Regional Library Annual General Meeting in January saw a new Executive elected. The VIRL is one of the most progressive libraries in B.C. and has enjoyed a major increase in patronage over the last year. Director McCullagh will be attending another VIRL meeting later in March.

Attendance at the Newly Elected Officials Workshop in January proved beneficial partly due to the fact Director McCullagh is now entering a new term with the regional district and experience is improving understanding.

Denny Island residents were provided preliminary information regarding the Shearwater water system and some lively discussions have ensued within the community.

One constituent was not pleased that the regional district disposed of a surplus fire truck to a bidder instead of donating it to the Denny Island community. The CAO explained that proper processes were followed in accordance with regional district's asset disposal policies. It was further explained that in order to accommodate a fire service would require regulation per legislative requirements and that residents would be required to pay for establishing the service. Director McCullagh will reiterate this explanation to her constituent.

ii. Area B see Chair's Report

iii. Area C

Directors Sayers submitted a written report outlining activities through January (report was deferred from last month's meeting).

Constituent interest revolved around increasing the number of RCMP members for the Bella Coola Detachment, the serious concern about bear/human conflict and availability of refit maintenance information being undertaken on the *MV Nimpkish*.

Director Sayers also found the Local Government Leadership Academy Newly Elected Officials seminar to be excellent. She particularly enjoyed the workshop on Land Use Planning and learning about the history and role of regional districts in British Columbia. She came away with some good ideas for the board and how they can work together.

Attendance at the Northern Development Initiative Trust meeting was done via conference call by all participants due to inclement weather at the time. Over the next four years Director Sayers hopes to see the CCRD use NDIT funds to the fullest extent possible. As an update to



this, she attended a second meeting this year and it seems access to NDIT funds will be much more competitive than first thought due to the foreseeable limitations of the Trust.

Director Sayers expressed regret at not being able to attend any of the 2015 Centennial Pool Commission meetings held so far this year. Conflicting scheduling did not allow for her attendance. She will contact the chair of the pool commission to discuss alternatives and options, which will hopefully result in a workable schedule for all.

iv. Area D

Director Hall – nothing to report

v. Area E – verbal

Director Schooner attended a recent Harbour Authority meeting, which went well, however, he sees room for the organization to improve on their governance practices. Another meeting, held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, saw the establishment of a small working committee.

Director Schooner also attended the Economic Development Advisory Committee and was pleased to see enthusiastic interest from so many members. He thought the first meeting went really well and that there is a lot of promise with the group.

**15-03-28** M/S Directors McCullagh/Sayers that the Executive Reports for Electoral Areas A, B, C, D and E be received.

**CARRIED**

**RECESS**

**RECONVENE**

The regular meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

**(E) BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

a) Bylaw 447 – Landfill Closure/Post Closure Reserve Fund for adoption

**15-03-29** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that Bylaw No. 447, cited as “Landfill Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund, No. 447, 2015” having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and the Person responsible for corporate administration

**CARRIED**

b) Policy F4- Additional Directors Remuneration

Policy F4-Additional Directors Remuneration contains processes already covered in the CCRD's Bylaw No. 442, Board Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, Schedule 'A', specifically regarding the requirement for a consensus of the board prior to payment to a director.



- 15-03-30** M/S Directors McCullagh/Schooner that Policy F-4, Additional Directors Remuneration be rescinded in favour of Central Coast Regional District Bylaw No. 442, Board Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw, Schedule 'A'.

**CARRIED**

c) Report Investigating the Establishment of a Noise Bylaw

Local Government Intern Krista Ediger spoke to the previous recommendation of the board in accordance with Policy A-25, Establishment of New Service Areas.

At the June 2014 meeting, the previous board considered a request to investigate the establishment of a noise bylaw. The request came to the board as administration had received complaints from residents regarding noise in their community, continuing well into the night, prohibiting normal sleep for residents in the area, over a significant amount of time (years). There have been approximately four complaints in as many years.

A substantial amount of research went into the requirements of establishing a noise bylaw, including the requirement to hold open public meetings with residents in all affected electoral areas in order to determine the general acceptance of such a proposal. Outcomes, should a bylaw be established included the execution of enforcement, penalties, legislation, policy, budget/financial implications, administration and dispute adjudication processes, which would be at the CCRD's cost.

As there is no room in the current budget for bylaw enforcement, the question becomes, is this something the board really wishes to pursue? Ms. Ediger explained it had been a lengthy process to date and costly and the recommendation options provided in the report would require further investigation. It was noted that if the RCMP were to assist with the enforcement, a bylaw would be required for their involvement.

The board appreciates the work Ms. Ediger put into the investigation. Further discussion decided to defer the matter until the September board meeting when the regional district will be closer to revisiting 2016 budget items.

- 15-03-31** M/S Directors Sayers/McCullagh that the report Investigation of Establishing of a Noise Bylaw, dated March 5, 2015 be received and that further discussion on the establishment of a Noise Bylaw be deferred to the September 2015 board meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **PART IV– GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **(F) GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District** – requesting the CCRD write to the provincial government to review their consultation process framework to allow for Regional District representation in the environmental stewardship initiatives taking place throughout the province.



**15-03-32** M/S Directors McCullagh/ Sayer that the CCRD follow the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District and that a letter be sent to the provincial government to review their consultation process framework to allow for Regional District representation in the environmental stewardship initiatives taking place throughout the province.

**CARRIED**

**15-03-33** M/S Directors McCullagh/Sayers that the following items be received.

- b) **Tom Mesi** – concerns regarding Nusatsum flood remediation and potential work (deferred – resolution 15-02-24) – to receive letter
- c) **CCUPW – Request to Support Save Canada Post** – to receive (Board was sent a similar request in 2014). (deferred – resolution 15-02-24)
- d) **Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership** –Recovery Planning Under Federal Species at Risk Act for Northern Goshawk - to receive letter
- e) **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** – acknowledging receipt of our participation in the 10 year transportation plan, BC on the Move.
- f) **Powell River Regional District** – Press Release – regarding the Coastal Regional District Chairs Group's recent meeting with the BC Ferry Commissioner (Mr. Gordon Macatee). – to be received
- g) **Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley** – requesting support for his Bill C-628, *An Act to Defend the Pacific Northwest*

**CARRIED**

**Continuation... Area C Director Sayers' report -** Selina Robinson MLA Coquitlam-Maillardville, Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government and Sport

An email was received from Selina Robinson, MLA Coquitlam-Millardville, and Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government and Sport. The provincial government is in the fifth week of the Spring Legislative session and MLA Robinson and her colleague asked the Minister responsible for local government some serious questions about the productivity of the Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) over the past two years. There have been varied opinions about the role and purpose of the AGLG among local government officials but regardless of perspective, there are concerns that spending \$5.2 million on this office over two years only to produce only one report is an incredibly poor return on investment.

MLA Robinson will be attending the Ministry Estimates next month. This is a process where she has several hours to ask the Minister responsible for local government questions about her priorities and her budget. She invited the board to submit any questions she might ask on behalf of the CCRD.

There was brief board discussion that regional districts aren't funded accordingly the fairness of it was questioned as it is so limiting financially. Director Sayers offered to work with the CAO to draft some questions to put forward.

**15-03-34** M/S Directors McCullagh/Hall that Director Sayers frame questions regarding fairness in funding for local government to be forward to Selina Robinson, Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government and Sport to present at the Ministry Estimates in April 2015 and that a copy of the questions be sent to Jennifer Rice, MLA for North Coast.

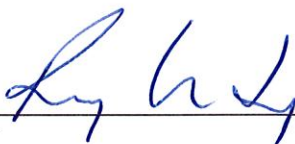
**CARRIED**

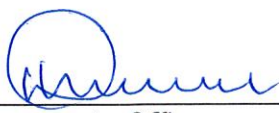


**(G) ADJOURNMENT**

**15-03-35** M/S Directors Schooner/Hall that the meeting be adjourned at 3:26pm

**CARRIED**

  
Chair

 (for)  
Corporate Officer