



# Central Coast

## REGIONAL DISTRICT

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*That we may be good people together*

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 10, 2020

#### ATTENTION

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 10, 2020 via videoconference

In Attendance:	Electoral Area A Electoral Area B Electoral Area C Electoral Area D Electoral Area E	Director Daniel Bertrand Director Travis Hall Director Jayme Kennedy Director Lawrence Northeast Chair Samuel Schooner
Staff:	Chief Administrative Officer  Recording Secretary, PC  Operations Manager Finance Manager Executive Assistant Contractor	Courtney Kirk  Evangeline Hanuse  Ken McIlwain Ye-Ne Byun Destiny Mack Donna Mikkelson

**PART I – INTRODUCTION**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Schooner called the meeting to Order at 9:17 a.m. and acknowledged chairing the meeting was taking place on the unceded territories of the Nuxalk Nation, the Heiltsuk Nation, and the Wuikinuxv Nation.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**20-12-01 M/S Directors Hall/Kennedy** THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended by adding the following late items for Administrative Services: Request for Decision – Funding request letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to support conversion of Hagensborg Waterworks Improvement District services to CCRD, and Request for Decision – Funding application authorization to offset costs of Official Community Planning, for Transportation Services: Denny Island Airport Service Report and Bella Coola Airport Service Report, and for Governance: 2021 Board Meeting Calendar.  
**CARRIED**

**20-12-02 M/S Directors Kennedy/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize a closed special meeting to take place on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via electronic means for the purpose of consideration of in-camera matters;

AND THAT attending Directors be remunerated at either a half-day or a full-day special work assignment according to the length of time required to complete the closed meeting agenda.  
**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.

#### (A) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

##### a) Regular Board Meeting November 12, 2020

- 20-12-03      **M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the minutes from the November 12, 2020 Board meeting be received. **CARRIED**
- 20-12-04      **M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the minutes from the November 12, 2020 Board meeting be adopted as received. **CARRIED**

## PART II – LOCAL GOVERNANCE

#### (B) BYLAWS AND POLICIES

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

###### 1) Policy E-11 – CCRD Board Appointments to External Organizations

- 20-12-05      **M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives Policy E-11 – CCRD Board Appointments to External Organizations. **CARRIED**

The draft policy will return to the Board for further review before adoption with discussed revisions incorporated.

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

###### 1) Bylaw 492 – Prohibiting Untidy and Unsightly Premises Repeal

**20-12-06 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives Bylaw 492 Request for Decision. **CARRIED**

**20-12-07 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT Bylaw No. 492, cited as the "Prohibiting Untidy and Unsightly Premises Repeal Bylaw No. 492, 2020" having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption, be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and Person responsible for corporate administration. **CARRIED**

## **2) Bylaw 499 Solid Waste Disposal Rates and Charges**

**20-12-08 M/S Directors Kennedy/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives Bylaw 499 Request for Decision. **CARRIED**

**20-12-09 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT Bylaw #499, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Solid Waste Disposal Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 499, 2020", be now introduced and read a first time. **CARRIED**

**20-12-10 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT Bylaw #499, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Solid Waste Disposal Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 499, 2020" having been given due and detailed consideration by the Board be now read a second and third time. **CARRIED**

**20-12-11 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT Bylaw #499, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Solid Waste Disposal Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 499, 2020" 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**

## **3) Bylaw 500 Denny Island Airport Commission Appointments**

**20-12-12 M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives Bylaw 500 Denny Island Airport Commission Appointments Request for Decision. **CARRIED**

**20-12-13 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District resolve that Bylaw #500, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Denny Island Airport Operations and Management Commission Bylaw No. 500, 2020", be now introduced and read a first time. **CARRIED**

**20-12-14 M/S Directors Kennedy/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District resolve that Bylaw #500, cited as the "Central Coast Regional District Denny Island Airport Operations and Management Commission Bylaw No. 500, 2020", having been given due and detailed consideration by the Board be now read a second and third time. **CARRIED**

**4) Proposed Bylaw Amendments: Denny Island Recreation Service Area**

- 20-12-15 M/S Directors Kennedy/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the proposed bylaw amendments for Denny Island Recreation Service Area. **CARRIED**
- 20-12-16 M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District move this item to the February 2021 meeting. **CARRIED**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**(a) COVID-19 Business Continuity and Services Restoration Plan Additions: Staff Health Safety Check**

- 20-12-17 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the COVID-19 Business Continuity and Services Restoration Plan Additions: Staff Health Safety Check. **CARRIED**
- 20-12-18 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize the insertion of the new Health Safety Check for Staff into the Business Continuity and Services Restoration Plan for COVID-19 operations for the CCRD. **CARRIED**

**(b) Correspondence for Information: Minister Selina Robinson Re: New COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders, November 21, 2020**

- 20-12-19 M/S Directors Kennedy/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the correspondence for information: Minister Selina Robinson Re: New COVID-19 Provincial Health Orders, November 21, 2020. **CARRIED**

**(c) Correspondence for Information: MAH ADM Re: COVID-19 Open Meeting Guidance, December 4, 2020**

- 20-12-20 M/S Directors Kennedy/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the correspondence for information: MAH ADM re: COVID-19 Open Meeting Guidance, December 4, 2020. **CARRIED**

**(d) Correspondence for Information: Introduction from Deputy Minister Okenge Yuma Morisho Municipal Affairs and Housing, December 3, 2020**

- 20-12-21 M/S Directors Kennedy/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the correspondence for information: Introduction from

Deputy Minister Okenge Yuma Morisho Municipal Affairs and Housing, December 3, 2020. **CARRIED**

**(e) LATE ITEM: Request for Decision: Funding request letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to support conversion of Hagensborg Waterworks Improvement District services to CCRD**

**20-12-22 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the request for decision: Funding request letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to support conversion of Hagensborg Waterworks Improvement District services to CCRD. **CARRIED**

**20-12-23 M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District endorse the letter to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the conversion restructure implementation grant request for funding to assist with costs of converting the Hagensborg Waterworks and Fire Protection Districts to CCRD services. **CARRIED**

**(f) LATE ITEM: Request for Decision: Funding application authorization to offset costs of Official Community Planning**

**20-12-24 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the request for decision: Funding application authorization to offset costs of Official Community Planning. **CARRIED**

**20-12-25 M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for the Official Community Plan. Be it therefore resolved that the Central Coast Regional District commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Background research
- Consultation
- Drafting the Official Community Plan
- Finalizing the Official Community Plan

Be it further resolved that the Central Coast Regional District commits \$10,000 from its budget toward the costs of this initiative. **CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**(g) 2021 Budget Presentation**

- 20-12-26 M/S Directors Kennedy/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the 2021 Budget Presentation. **CARRIED**

The board recessed for lunch at 12:33 p.m.  
The board reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

- 20-12-27 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District directs Administration to research costs and process for attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention for purpose of advocating Financing Reconciliation. **CARRIED**

**(h) Request for Decision: Outstanding Water Tolls**

- 20-12-28 M/S Directors Northeast/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional receive the Request for Decision: Outstanding Water Tolls. **CARRIED**

- 20-12-29 M/S Directors Kennedy/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional authorize Administration to send out a Notice of Water Shut Off to those premises that have 2020 Water Toll charges outstanding on May 31, 2020, pursuant to Section 5 of Bylaw 282 and amending Bylaw 354. **CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**(i) Project Update: Denny Island Community Water System – December 2020**

- 20-12-30 M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the project update: Denny Island Community Water System – December 2020. **CARRIED**

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**(j) Bella Coola Airport Transportation Report (Late Item)**

- 20-12-31 M/S Directors Hall/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the late item: Bella Coola Airport Transportation Report. **CARRIED**

**(k) Denny Island Airport Transportation Report (Late Item)**

- 20-12-32 M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Denny Island Operation and Facilities Service Update. **CARRIED**

**(I) Denny Island Airport Commission Minutes – November 26, 2020**

**20-12-33 M/S Directors Hall/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Denny Island Airport Commission Meeting Minutes from November 26, 2020. **CARRIED**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

- (m) COVID-19 Regional Response Update – Verbal**
- (n) Bella Coola Valley Rain Event Response Update – Verbal**

CAO Kirk advised the Board that Administration was continuing to operate the Regional EOC to support the provincial and health authority COVID-19 pandemic response and was continuing to host calls of central coast EOCs, though the meeting frequency has been reduced to a biweekly basis and according to availability.

CAO Kirk noted the current strain on Administration given staff were currently operating a second emergency task number to cope with the impacts and assessment needs arising from the recent high rainfall events in both the Bella Coola Valley and Rivers Inlet. CAO Kirk advised the board some monitoring has been required in addition to numerous coordination calls. CAO Kirk acknowledged staff and contractors have come together to support the work, and that Operations Manager McIlwain and Contractor Donna Mikkelson, as well as the Urban Systems team have been invaluable in assessing the recommendations of the province and navigating CCRD response requirements now and into the future. CAO Kirk emphasised that meeting the additional Administrative burden has required a team effort.

CAO Kirk further noted the Regional EOC was supporting Denny Island community members to assess emergency supply and storage needs and researching financing options to meet those needs. CAO Kirk acknowledged the efforts of Area A Director Bertrand in assisting with those conversations. CAO Kirk further highlighted the elevated provincial orders in the COVID-19 response. CAO Kirk further noted that the Province had recently committed to further public facing documentation acknowledging First Nation EOC direction and guidance for local pandemic response and that the provincial draft had been circulated to the Board for their interest.

The Board inquired on the status of the funding discussions for airport landing improvement infrastructure funding commitments secured during the course of advocacy at the United Coast Leadership Table.

CAO Kirk advised that a revised request, complete with project details and budgeting had been submitted after a few rounds of consultation with ministry officials, but that Administration was still awaiting news or feedback from the province on CCRD's most recent submission.

The Chair advised that he'd had a recent interview with CBC radio on emergency response.



The Board inquired as to whether the Chair has been active on the United Coast Leadership Table since Director Bertrand withdrew from representation. The Chair advised that he has reached out but was advised that the Table has not been active and there have not been recent meetings, and none currently planned. The Chair assured the Board that he would continue to reach out to the Leadership Table to keep CCRD involved.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **(o) Municipal Finance Authority Appointment Package**

- 20-12-34**     **M/S Directors Kennedy/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District appoint Director Hall to the Municipal Finance Authority and that Director Schooner continue as Alternate. **CARRIED**
- 20-12-35**     **M/S Directors Kennedy/Hall** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District rescind Alison Sayers as the Municipal Insurance Association of BC appointee. **CARRIED**
- 20-12-36**     **M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District appoints Director Hall to the MIABC and appoints Director Schooner as the Alternate. **CARRIED**

### **(p) Correspondence for Information: 2021 AVICC Convention Cancellation**

- 20-12-37**     **M/S Directors Bertrand/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the correspondence for information: 2021 AVICC Convention Cancellation. **CARRIED**

### **(q) Correspondence for Action: Invitation to meet with Minister Josie Osborne re: Municipal Affairs and Housing re COVID-19 and continued local government supports**

- 20-12-38**     **M/S Directors Kennedy/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the correspondence for action: Invitation to meet with Minister Josie Osborne. **CARRIED**

Directors Kennedy and Hall declared a disclosure of financial interest in consideration of remuneration for attending the meeting with Minister Josie Osborne.

*"I, Jayme Kennedy disclose that in accordance with Sections 100(2)(b) and 101(1)(2) and (3) of the Community Charter, I have a direct pecuniary interest that constitutes a conflict of interest in item (C)(q)."*

*"I, Travis Hall disclose that in accordance with Sections 100(2)(b) and 101(1)(2) and (3) of the Community Charter, I have a direct pecuniary interest that constitutes a conflict of interest in item (C)(q)."*

Director Hall and Director Kennedy left the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

- 20-12-39 M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize remuneration for a one (1) hour special work assignment for Director Hall and Director Kennedy for their attendance and participation for the meeting hosted by Minister Josie Osborne. **CARRIED**

Director Hall and Director returned to the meeting.

**(r) Late Item: 2021 Board Meeting Calendar**

- 20-12-40 M/S Directors Northeast/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the late item re: 2021 Board Meeting Calendar. **CARRIED**

- 20-12-41 M/S Directors Hall/Kennedy** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve calendar with the following changes: the March Board meeting will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>, the April Board meeting will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>, the September Board meeting will be September 8-9<sup>th</sup>, and the November Board meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>. **CARRIED**

**(s) Correspondence for Action: UBCM Convention Schedule**

- 20-12-42 M/S Directors Hall/Northeast** THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the correspondence for action: UBCM Convention Schedule. **CARRIED**

**(D) EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**a. Electoral Area Reports** (*presented verbatim*)

**Area E and Chair Report: Chair Schooner**

As you know we've had another outage, and then it lasted a few days. And I had some members come up. It was suggested that, or they posed the question to me about possibilities of what can be done. And there's this stretch that we call the rock cut. And I said that, maybe if there's any way that we can call a meeting of the players in there. Like for instance because, what he had suggested was that they... Nobody really wants to take responsibility, but everybody's passing the buck as to whose problem is this.

If you look at the mountainside where majority the lines went down. It's a mess and what's going to happen again? And just to figure out who is actually responsible, and what his question was was how do we get these players at the same table? I know it's not even a part of our mandate but, I think that if we made a call out, you know to, to get a bunch of these players at the table there just to, with the intention of establishing responsibility or shared responsibility of this area. Either it being highways because we need that clear for the ambulance to get through, in case, worst-case

scenario somebody does get hurt. BC Hydro, you know, Telus, CCRD. You know maybe even Jennifer Rice. Maybe even our new MP.

Yeah, just some thoughts. Like he was generally concerned and he has a lot of knowledge of what actually goes on around here. He's, I shouldn't really say where he works for. Yeah, he reached out to me. He was a little frustrated. But in the same sense it was really good to see that the communities come together in in this time of need. There's people that stepped up to the plate again, not that we'd ever doubt that.

These things come up. It's amazing to see what comes out of it, even though it's not the best situation. But the best situation is made out of a poor situation. Anyways, I just thought I'd throw that out you guys and maybe we could think about this and strategize in how we can maybe do something like that. But that's all I have and I'd like to move on to Area A.

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

Thank you, I'd like to start off with something uplifting. Courtney, would you be able to share screen? Let me share screen for a moment.

CAO Kirk: Yes, hopefully that's enabled for you.

Oh okay. So this is a view from one of the trails that's being built on Denny Island. I think it's fabulous. That's Gullchucks, Gullchucks Lake. It's a trail that's being blazed right now. We're lucky that Elroy White of Central Coast Archaeology gave us a significant fee reduction in doing some archaeological assessment work. No artifacts were found, no cultural tree modifications were found.

So this trail, it'll go right to the lake. It'll loop around back to the airport. And that's what our rec commission's doing with of course support from the office here in Bella Coola. So, thank you for that.

I'm refocusing my advocacy efforts on the regional district Area A. I've spent a lot of time over the last year doing regional advocacy work and I feel it's probably been at the expense of my constituents and it's been at my personal expense. And I need to refocus.

I resigned from the United Coast Leadership table. I informed the President of Haida Nation that was due to a perceived lack of support for my leadership and my position on this table. I'm reluctant to work further on the emergency medical evacuation issue. I'm very proud of this work that I've done. We created an alliance of the municipalities and the First Nations in the region. We were successful in getting medical evacuation stats on the shameful delays in getting sick and dying people out of Bella Bella and Bella Coola. I helped secure hundreds of thousands of dollars for our airports for improvements.

We were successful in getting the Province to adopt the travel restriction model that we formulated when the pandemic hit. They adopted that in Haida Gwaii when the pandemic hit there, and they had an outbreak of what, thirty-something people, right? So travel restrictions were put in place. It

was the municipalities, the regional district, it was the First Nation working together and that's the model that we came up with here, right? I did some of this work in the beginning with Sam's help. But most of that was on my own and at the board's direction; it was with minimal staff support.

I was meeting with mayors, Nation presidents and cabinet ministers. I've informed the Chair and the CAO that I'm not willing to do this work or other work for the Board where I'm projecting my leadership into the Valley or elsewhere because the Board was unwilling to nominate me for a leadership position. I feel that my work's been taken for granted. Because I'm not the regional district's lawyer, I'm not its Chair, and I'm not its Vice Chair. Right? Those are the facts.

It reminds me of when Travis, Sam and I, when we went to Nuxalk Radio during the Community Forest stuff. And I was asked why, by the radio host, the Nuxalk man, he asked me why, why am I, a white lawyer from, living in Bella Bella, dealing with Nuxalk forestry issues. Like why was I there? What was I doing? And I thought it was a really good question, right? Like what gave me this authority? Right? To walk in and take these positions. And I said that I wouldn't do it if I hadn't been asked by, by my Chair, who is a Nuxalk man.

I felt very comfortable at that time doing that work. But I don't feel comfortable doing such [inaudible]. Over the course of the pandemic I've pulled back from my business. It's cost me tens of thousands of dollars. Like a lot of money because I was focusing on work that I perceived as lifesaving during the course of the pandemic. And I felt that the challenges being posed by the pandemic were not being met by our Chair. I'm making that criticism [inaudible]. But I stepped up in the meantime. I understand that our Chair had family issues to focus on. And that's fine, that's fine. But going forward you know if it's true that the Board's leadership is solely in the Valley, right, both our Chair and our Vice Chair are in the Valley, then you don't need my help intervening in Valley specific problems such as the upcoming MOU with Nuxalk Council. And I don't think you should need my leadership, either my work, 'cause I'm not your lawyer. Right? I'm not your lawyer, I'm not your Chair, I'm not your Vice Chair. That's your decision, right?

You won't need my assistance or my leadership in dealing with mayors, Chiefs, and cabinet ministers. I led most of the meetings of the UBCM conference this year. I feel like from after that meeting, our last meeting, that I've been pretending, right? My enthusiasm for the work that I have done for this organization has been greatly reduced. That's how I feel and those are my reasons.

I will continue to work. I'm not going to be a jerk about things, right? I'm going to continue to come to meetings. I'm going to continue being level headed and try to push things along that's best for the organization but I'm going to focus more on my own constituents. I'm going to focus more on my business, my family. And I encourage our leadership, our acclaimed leadership to take up the work and meet the challenges of future emergencies as the situation merits.

Director Schooner: Thank you Dan. We'll move on to Area B.

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

I'm kind of struggling with time, trying to keep this brief. I just wanted to first acknowledge the losses that have been in the communities. It's been very tough for communities lately so I'm sending a prayer out to those who need it right now.

Thank you to our staff for doing all the work during this this period. I do appreciate all the work as well from the Directors from their respective areas. It's very difficult to do these jobs sometimes when a lot of it has to be personal motivation. And sometimes when you feel those things occurring to you it does make the job a little tougher. Geez, I lost my train of thought but we need to work on our team building approach again from the Regional District perspectives. Sorry I'm losing signal, I'll just leave it at that for the time being. Yeah let's get this leadership [inaudible].

Director Schooner: Okay, we'll move onto Area C.

### **Area C Report: Director Kennedy**

Thanks Mr. Chair. I think that it's important for us to remember that we are we are all leaders and that's what our position is, that we're all in leadership positions and whether we've been elected or acclaimed into those roles it is what we've stepped into. I feel like as a part of this team that I'm part of a really well-rounded group of people and I'm really proud of the work that that has been achieved especially in the in the last year where we've been facing challenges that were unforeseen to say the least.

My quick little update, since our last meeting we had a Vancouver Island regional library meeting. During that meeting the Executive Director announced her retirement, so the new Executive Director will be hired in the next few months and I'll keep you posted on that. We're also pushing as a library service to make libraries an essential service going forward and bringing that to the province as well as to UBCM. So that can be brought to the province through UBCM as well.

I've been wearing my tourism hat a lot lately even though it feels a little bit funny to be doing that because tourism is closed at the moment. We have to stay home and be responsible and I guess a lot of what we're doing is looking forward as far as what, how we want to be, marketing the region.

There was a virtual AGM with our regional tourism association and I was once again elected Vice Chair of that association as well as the sub-regional rep for the coast and the marketing liaison for the region as well. It was of course a challenging, another challenging conference online, but all we can do right now. We did it in conjunction with the Thompson Okanagan tourism association. So that was really interesting as well.

Biggest news I guess in the last month is that, the big winter storm that we had that was quite surprising. We didn't expect that. We expected a huge rain fall and we got a huge dump of snow and roads were closed and the power was out and people were stuck downtown or stuck up Valley or stuck with no heat, no power, nowhere to go. As Chair Schooner mentioned there was a huge amount of the community coming together and helping each other. I know we were out in the night picking people up who'd gotten stuck somewhere and taking people in here who didn't have heat

because we have propane stoves, things like that. It was just a huge community outpouring. We saw people out with chainsaws and helping open up driveways and roads. Amazing show of what we can do. But it did take up to five days for some people to get that access to power again and to be able to leave their houses by road. So that was challenging.

We had a fire on, I think it was the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. A big landmark in our community, the Bay Motor Inn burned down in the night and that was very surprising for everyone. So that's sparked a lot of stories about the good old Bay days and we've got a very different view in that area.

I also wrote down a quick hooray for Denny Island Rec Commission. That view, that picture is spectacular and like my heart just melts. I really miss that little piece of the world and you know it kind of makes me feel really far away. Great job on the rec commission and for all the organizing that it took to make that happen. That's awesome, thanks so much.

Oh, oh my God, the biggest thing that emergency, the MOU meeting, we're working on meeting with Nuxalk Chief and Council and to discuss the MOU and that it's been postponed a number of times but that will be happening this weekend and we'll chat about the composting plan as well and I will let you know how all of that goes.

So thanks very much to everybody for all the hard work that you do and all the many hours that we spend away from the rest of our lives. Thanks.

Chair Schooner: Thank you Jayme, Area D.

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

That would be me. Thank you Director Schooner and to all my fellow Directors. Well said.

There's really nothing else for me to add or contribute to the conversation that hasn't been said already. Except this. Merry Christmas everybody. To all of you that I count a privilege of working with, all the staff there. All the residents of the valley and from the islands. I hope, we know it's going to be different and that but I still hope that you all have a great holiday season and that you get to spend as much time as you can with the people in your bubble, the people you love. And I know it's a hassle and it's stressful at times but maybe just try to find some time for yourselves and for your family members. Hope you just have a great Christmas season. And thank you everybody. Oh, and a happy New Year too, all right so. That's all I have to say.

Director Hall: Trying to make me cry over here hey.

Okay here I'll say this then to wrap it all up. Just for you Travis.

Director Schooner: Thanks everybody.

### **IN CAMERA MATTERS**

The Board did not conduct an in-camera meeting.

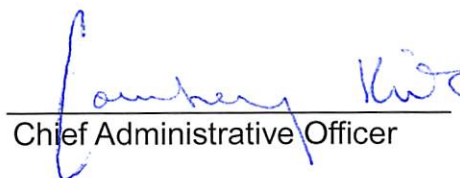
**(E) ADJOURNMENT**

**20-12-43 M/S Director Bertrand/Hall** THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Chief Administrative Officer