

Central Coast

REGIONAL DISTRICT

That we may be good people together

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 24, 2022

ATTENTION

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The Mission of the Central Coast Regional District is to foster the sustainable socioeconomic and environmental well-being of the Central Coast through the professional and efficient delivery of mandated regional and community services.

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In Attendance:	Electoral Area A Electoral Area C Electoral Area D Electoral Area E	Director Daniel Bertrand Chair Jayme Kennedy Director Lawrence Northeast Director Samuel Schooner
Staff:	Chief Administrative Officer Recording Secretary Operations Manager Chief Financial Officer	Curtis Slingerland Evangeline Hanuse Ken McIlwain Ye-Ne Byun

A. Call to Order

A quorum was declared, and Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and acknowledged the territories of the Nuxalk Nation, Heiltsuk Nation, and Wuikinuxv Nation, and respective First Nations territories on which CCRD provides services. She advised that the meeting was being recorded and would be made available to the public on the regional district website (ccrd.ca).

B. Adoption of Agenda

22-06-01SP M/S Directors Schooner/Northeast THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

C. Delegation

1. EMBC Dike Assessment Project

Ryan Wainwright, David Schadt

Mr. Schadt summarized the high-water levels that prompted an overflight of orphaned dykes in the Bella Coola Valley area. The report that was delivered by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Region and District (FLNRORD) identified the Upper Hagensborg dike had breached and there had been significant sloughing into the river due to it. The strong recommendation from Brian Epps with FLNRORD and the flight assessor was to get an engineer to assess what kind of works should be done to ensure the structural integrity of the dike remains in tact when river flows are set to increase. This site was specifically identified as a strong energy portion as the river takes a bend. If it's not brought up to a strong level the concern is the water could divert through the woods and impact the nearby farm and highway.

Emergency Management BC (EMBC) is requesting CCRD assistance in obtaining an engineer to assess the emergency work that needs to be done for the dike repair. EMBC would reimburse these costs to the CCRD in a timely manner.

Mr. Wainwright echoed David Schadt's summary and raised the following:

This reimbursement approach to regional districts is one that EMBC has used with other orphan dike structures in the province. EMBC has worked with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) who were very conscious about not being the owner of dike structures. EMBC will provide a letter to the CCRD assuring the CCRD that this engineer assessment has the CCRD acting as an agent of the province and that

these measures are temporary to get through the snow melt. Further, this does not imply dike ownership being transferred to the CCRD and the work is considered an emergency response measure. In mid-winter, EMBC would look at whether it is a cost-effective option to move rip rap material to the valley.

Director Northeast asked whether there is likelihood down the road that the CCRD will be held responsible for the dikes if this item raised is followed through with.

Mr. Wainwright responded that the legislation is very clear. Local governments are responsible under the Emergency Program Act to respond to emergencies and recover from emergencies. The orphan dikes issue is province wide. EMBC is not going to do a bait and switch. This is one particular high threat location that was identified by one of the provincial experts with considerable experience working in the Bella Coola Valley. Orphan dikes are a problem for the province to solve and not for local government to be drawn in to. The problem is well understood. The solutions are not clear. If in the future there is a discussion about local authorities taking over orphan structures that would have to come from a widely open pocketbook.

Director Bertrand noted the flood assessment report from 2020 and asked if there has been a comprehensive hydrological analysis as recommended in the report.

Mr. Wainwright responded that there has not been a comprehensive hydrological analysis because the current structure is that the province views this as the responsibility of local governments. Soon there will be a preparedness fund grant available for this type of thing.

22-06-02SP M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District requests Administration to proactively work with EMBC and the Nuxalk Nation in preparing for a joint application to get a hydrological analysis done. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Mr. Wainwright pointed out that time is of the essence for this work. As far as the province is concerned, EMBC can direct award to make sure the work occurs within the public safety window. Two weeks down the road may not line up with the urgency of the report.

22-06-03SP M/S Directors Schooner/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District support the engineer's report coordinated by the CCRD and direct award as necessary while putting aside the Procurement Policy. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

2. Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Marketing Association

Sydney Redpath

Ms. Redpath has been the Director of Marketing for the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Marketing Association (CCCTMA) for 3.5 years. A briefing document and request for letter of support was sent at the last regular board meeting regarding the renewal of the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT). MRDT is a 3% consumer tax applied to the sales of short-term accommodation. These funds are reserved for the uses of tourism promotion under the provincial tax code. The process of renewal the CCCTMA is required by the province and includes attaining support from eligible overnight accommodators and respective municipalities and regional districts. A submission of a 5-year strategic plan is required to submit to the province. The compilation of the strategic plan includes engagement of broader tourism industry.

The 5-year strategic plan was undertaken with significant stakeholder engagement and consultation with accommodators, tourism experience providers and community representatives involved in tourism throughout 2020

to 2022. There is ongoing and quarterly input and direction from the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (CCCTA) Board of Directors and industry representative regional marketing committee including:

- live recordings of annual marketing results in 2019, 2020 and 2021 Annual General Meetings
- 21 community presentations and feedback sessions to industry across 9 regional collection areas from 2019 to 2021 both in person and virtual
- countless emails and phone calls
- in person communication with tourism businesses, accommodators and community representatives
- monthly newsletter distribution on marketing results and requests for feedback from accommodators and quarterly e-newsletter distribution
- 21 interviews with high industry stakeholders to refine feedback
- annual stakeholder satisfaction survey and open public access etc.

Members from the Central Coast were present during all the touchpoints highlighted. Director Kennedy noted that she is on the Board of the CCCTA and declared a conflict of interest in any decisions that will be made and will not vote in any resolutions but will be present during the delegation. Director Bertrand asked about certain operators in Denny Island and Ocean Fall being on the CCCTA website. Ms. Redpath responded that businesses must fill out a form on the website to be included and various businesses are currently prodded to sign up.

Director Schooner asked where the funding for the organization comes from. Ms. Redpath replied that the CCCTMA's sole funding comes from MRDT. The contract through Destination BC is on the CCCTA side. Director Schooner noted that tourism operators are struggling and asked how the 3% tax will affect businesses? Further, there is not a lot of marketing regarding the Central Coast and coastal Indigenous people. Ms. Redpath responded that the 3% is a consumer tax passed through the business and this is remitted the same as PST to the Ministry of Finance. MRDT is applicable to the majority of BC. The CCCTMA is unique in that it covers a large area.

Ms. Redpath noted that CCCTMA strives for representation. The overall illustration of engagement for the Five Year Strategic Plan included support from operators on the Central and Outer Coast. The Great Bear Tales project is online and has fantastic documentation of stories from representatives from coastal First Nations that are wonderful to watch and listen.

Director Schooner noted that the Nuxalk Nation will be looking to the government for something similar and wanted to declare a conflict. It was noted that without Chair Kennedy and Director Schooner there would not be quorum on a decision. Director Northeast requested time to think about this subject and there should be a tabling of the discussion to the next Board meeting. Ms. Redpath noted that the application for renewal is due no later than August 1, 2022.

Director Kennedy acknowledged that she has never had a customer that was concerned about the 3% tax being too much and stated that the money comes back to the region. Ms. Redpath noted that there is \$30,000 per year in marketing with Destination BC. The rationale for an MRDT program to the region was that the priorities of the contract through Destination BC and the Ministry of Tourism were changing away from marketing to destination development. Being the Destination Management Organization (DMO) for the region, it was clear that not having DMO's like other regions do that encompass municipalities, that the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast would be at a significant disadvantage when it came to marketing dollars and losing funding. Previously it was whatever the organization could scrape together and now the CCCTMA has over 1 million marketing dollars.

The Board recessed at 11:03 am

The Board reconvened at 11:15 am

3. Nuxalk Nation – Highway 20 Danger Trees

Ezra Mecham & Clayton Beier

Mr. Mecham described the area between Tatsquan Creek and Tonquin Road along Highway 20. In November 2020 there was a late Fall storm that hit which caused a heavy snow load and serious damage that took the highway out for 2 days. During that time, workers were put at risk, as well as the ambulance and highway clean up crews. Elijah Mecham spearheaded a treatment plan to address danger trees.

Mr. Beier noted the project consists of on reserve and off reserve areas. For the on-reserve portion, Indigenous Services Canada is looking to provide the entirety of funding for this portion. The off-reserve portion is still uncertain in terms of funding but BC Hydro will provide the arborists required in the BC Hydro right of way. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) will be involved but are difficult to reach. A budget was presented on the breakdown of each stakeholder. It was recommended that the on-reserve and off-reserve portions should be done simultaneously to reduce costs. Realistically end of October and early November would be a cut off for completing the work. Mr. Beier's role in this work is project manager.

Mr. Mecham noted in 2020 that he and Hans Granander did a report for the Nation and had spent 2 days assessing potential for damage to the highway. The hospital is located downtown and this is a crucial route for the ambulance, as well as food trucks etc. The hillside of the area of concern is a foot of soil and the rest is rocks. The trees are growing on an exposed granite hillside. A huge strike zone with 40 m plus trees that could come down on Highway 20. The hope with the treatment plan is to leave as much of a juvenile and cedar component to keep slope stability rather than remove all of the timber. Slope stability will stay in tact and community use from removed timber is a potential. Further, heli-logging is the chosen option as there will not be stress on the slope itself this way. The treatment area is on the mountain side and helicopters cannot cross over the road and a nearby drop zone needs to be in place.

Director Bertrand noted that this is a provincial highway and MOTI puts a lot of money into the Coquihala and Malahat highways for example so why is MOTI not providing more money or paying for the entirety of the project? Mr. Mecham noted there has been no luck contacting MOTI. They are asking for support from the CCRD financially and need help in securing funding from different agencies through lobbying for example.

Director Bertrand offered that the Board could provide a letter of support and a last resort would be financial assistance. There is a deadline today of bringing forth advocacy items to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). CAO Slingerland can make meeting request amendments and also shift priorities.

22-06-04SP M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District directs Administration to make a UBCM Minister's meeting request with MOTI in support of the Nuxalk Nation's Highway 20 tree mitigation proposal. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

D. Bylaws and Policies

1) Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 515

22-06-05SP M/S Directors Bertrand/Schooner THAT Bylaw 515, cited as the "Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 515, 2022" be now introduced and read a first time. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

22-06-06SP M/S Directors Bertrand/Schooner THAT Bylaw 515, cited as the "Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 515, 2022" having been given due and detailed consideration by the Board, be now read a second time. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

22-06-07SP M/S Directors Bertrand/Schooner THAT Bylaw 515, cited as the "Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 511, 2022" having been given due and detailed consideration by the Board, be now read a third time.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

22-06-08SP M/S Directors Bertrand/Schooner THAT Bylaw 515, cited as the "Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 511, 2022" having been reconsidered and having met all prerequisites for final adoption be now finally adopted, sealed and signed by the Chair and the Person responsible for corporate administration.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

E. Operations Updates and Policy Matters Arising

1. Governance

1) RFD: July 14, 2022 Outer Coast Open House

22-06-09SP M/S Directors Bertrand/Northeast THAT the Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize Administration to conduct community engagement in the form of an open house after the Regular Board meeting on July 14, 2022 in consultation with Director Hall;

AND THAT the Directors of the Central Coast Regional District direct Administration to send a letter to the Heiltsuk Tribal Council inviting members and senior leaders to the open house.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2) Director Reimbursement Outer Coast Meeting

Director Schooner expressed that he is not willing to attend the July Outer Coast meeting without his family. To attract future Directors the CCRD should allow funds for the attendance of families. Directors should not be made to absorb expenses of taking families. Director Schooner would have to pay for accommodations for his family as well as their meal expenses if he were to attend the Outer Coast meeting.

Chair Kennedy expressed interest in what other regional districts do in terms of Director family costs and what are the costs associated with this particular case? CAO Slingerland noted that there would be no extra costs in terms of the boat travel, need an additional hotel room or two depending on who is going and what the needs are. Other expenses are food. That could align with the same as the Directors or just the core costs such as transportation and the hotel. The estimated cost of one hotel room is around \$200. Director Schooner said this childcare should also be addressed in the future. CAO Slingerland said this is covered under board remuneration bylaw which will be brought forward in the July meeting for review and comment.

22-06-10SP M/S Directors Northeast/Bertrand THAT Director Schooner be provided an additional room for his family for the Outer Coast Meeting.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3) UBCM Submission: First Nations Inclusive Governance

22-06-11SP M/S Directors Schooner/Northeast THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District approve the submission to UBCM of the First Nations Inclusive Governance meeting request in collaboration with the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

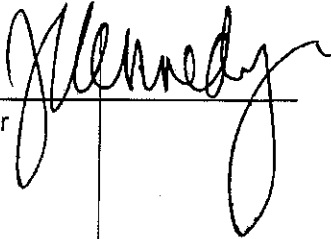
F. General Correspondence

1) Amber Minich, Ocean Falls Improvement District

22-06-12SP M/S Directors Schooner/Bertrand THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receives the letter from the Ocean Falls Improvement District AND THAT this item will be tabled until the Ocean Falls Revitalization Committee's final report is received. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

G. Adjournment

22-06-13SP M/S Directors Schooner/Bertrand THAT the meeting be adjourned.


Chair


Corporate Officer