

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE GEORGE FRASER ROOM, 500 MATTERSON DRIVE
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 3:30 PM

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Noël
 Council: Councillors Cole, Hoar, Kemps, and McEwen
 Staff: Bruce Greig, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
 Marlene Lagoa, Manager of Corporate Services
 Donna Monteith, Director of Finance

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Mayor Noël called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORY

2.1 Council acknowledged the Yuułu?ił?ath First Nations on whose traditional territories the District of Ucluelet operates.

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

3.1 There were no additions to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.1 February 26, 2019 Special Agenda

2017-001 It was moved by Councillor Kemps and seconded by Councillor McEwen
 THAT Council approve the February 26, 2019 Special Agenda as presented.

CARRIED.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1 There were no announcements.

6. PUBLIC INPUT, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

6.1 Public Input

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

6.2 Delegations

- Karen Haugen, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Re: Parks Canada

- **Pacific Rim National Park Reserve staff also in attendance included:**

Jeanne Freer, Finance & Admin Manager

Dave Tovell, Visitor Experience Manager

Tyler Harbidge, First Nations Program Manager

Jackie Godfrey, Assets Manager

Arlene Armstrong, Program Leader - Applied and Integrated Science

- The Pacific Rim National Park Reserve (PRNPR) was established in 1970.
- Their mandate is built on the foundation of protection, education and visitor experience.
- The PRNPR comprises of three units: Long Beach, Broken Group Islands and the West Coast Trail. It accounts for 29,000 hectares of land; 22,000 hectares of marine area and spans 125km North to South.
- Long Beach Unit visitation: 1.1M with 24 visitor safety incidents.
- The PRNPR also works with 9 First Nations
- The PRNPR, which is one of five units of the BC Coastal Field unit, reports as a field unit and not as a single park.
- Parks Canada Agency competes for funding with other national parks.
- The PRNPR is one of 8 park reserves in Canada.
- Staff completed a park management plan in 2010. This was the first one ever done.
- The plan is being renewed over the next 3 years.
- They will be moving from one management plan to a unit-based management plan, with the goal to strengthen all 3 units of the parks.
- Functions of the PRNPR: Visitor Experience; Administration; First Nations Program; Resource Conservation & Public Safety; Law Enforcement; and Assets.
- First Nations Partnerships:
 - 6 are set up as active cooperative management boards/committees and are receiving governance training.
 - Program works with the Nations based on their own mandates.
 - They were the first park to have a First Nations Partnership Program and have been asked to support other parks in the establishment of their own program.
- Visitor Services:
 - Third busiest national park in Canada.
 - Have 40-45 staff members in the summer, with no

- permanent year-round staff members.
- Green Point Campground has 100 spots that are consistently full.
- Anyone that does business within the park requires a business licence or a special events permit. They also added a CoastSmart component to business licensing that is to be relayed on to their clientele.
- Resource Conservation:
 - Projects include: Dynamic Dune, CoastSmart, Human Wildlife Conflict, Shorebird Monitoring, Eel Grass Monitoring, Coastal Shoreline monitoring and UVA use for data.5 year collaborative agreement for archaeological research.
 - The habituation of wolves is an issue and still learning to co-exist.
 - Working on new signs for wave conditions and a map for the surf industry to direct people to the right beaches.
- PRNPR Pressure Points:
 - New management plan;
 - Increase visitation by 48% - shoulder season attracting more visitors;
 - Staff housing;
 - First Nations and Reconciliation;
 - Human wildlife conflict;
 - The ʔapsčiiik tašii (pronounced ups-cheek ta-shee) Trail is the first new infrastructure project in the national park.
 - 2020 is their 50th year; and
 - Looking at the feasibility of entrance gates at the Long Beach unit. This would be discussed in conjunction with both Districts and the First Nations.

Council questions and comments:

- Questioned if CoastSmart would be sent out to the Tourism sector before the release. No - at present PRNPR is currently getting the business license holders updated.
- Requested a copy of the power point presentation.
- Commented on the importance of engaging with local First Nations. Some of these relationships are 20 years in the making and appreciates being included.

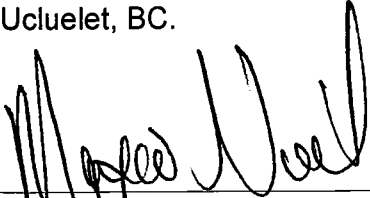
7. QUESTION PERIOD

7.1 There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

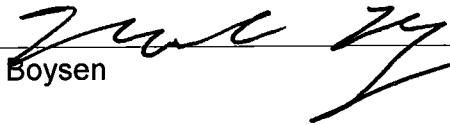
8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Mayor Noël adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 3:30 pm in the George Fraser Room, Ucluelet Community Centre 500 Matterson Road, Ucluelet, BC.



Mayco Noël
Mayor



Mark Boysen
CAO