

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD ELECTRONICALLY AND IN THE UCLUELET COMMUNITY CENTRE
500 MATTERSON DRIVE
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Present: **Chair:** Mayor McEwen
 Council: Councillors Anderson, Hoar, and Kennington
 Staff: Abby Fortune, Director of Parks and Recreation
 Samantha McCullough, Manager of Communications and Human
 Resources

Regrets: Councillor Maftai

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE YUULU?IŁ?ATH

Council acknowledged the Yuulu?ił?ath, on whose traditional territories the District of Ucluelet operates.

1.2 NOTICE OF VIDEO RECORDING

Audience members and delegates were advised that the proceeding was being video recorded and broadcasted on YouTube and Zoom, which may store data on foreign servers.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3.1 November 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Agenda

2023.2025.COW *It was moved and seconded **THAT** the November 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.*

CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC INPUT AND DELEGATIONS

(a) Delegations

Tourism Ucluelet
Denise Stys-Norman, Executive Director

Ms. Stys-Norman provided an update on Tourism Ucluelet (TU)

activities and advised that she will be leaving the organization. TU will present its Strategic Plan at the December 7th Council meeting.

Redd Fish Restoration Society

Mara McLaughlin

Ms. McLaughlin provided an update on Redd Fish activities and noted working with other organizations to facilitate education projects, ongoing grant applications and report writing, and a recent workshop on trauma informed practices.

Ucluelet and Area Child Care Society

Mary Ruff / Jade Olsen

This Society has all new board members, the daycare has a 42 child waitlist, and is close to opening their new facility known as Little Beans.

The Society is seeking to hire a Daycare Manager and Early Childcare Educators. It is also seeking donations of gravel, sod, a storage shed, and parking-lot signage.

Alberni Clayoquot Health Network

Marcie DeWitt, Coordinator for ACHN

Alberni Clayoquot Health Networks (ACHN) mandate includes addressing issues related to childcare, poverty reduction, housing, and transportation. ACHN received grant funding from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to address equity issues in the region.

ACHN programming includes the Decolonize First: Nu-chah-nulth Learning Circle, 2024 Communities Building Youth First, the Ukee Youth Room and developing safe spaces for youth. ACHN is also working with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to institute public transit services on the west coast in 2024 and Island Health to implement a program inspired by Wheels for Wellness.

West Coast Inland Search and Rescue

Marcie Dewitt, President/ Search Manager

West Coast Inland Search and Rescue is currently conducting intake for twelve new members and provided leadership training to current members. The organization saw increased call volumes in 2023.

Food Bank on the Edge
Cris Martin, Food Bank Representative

The Food Bank on the Edge saw a 30% increase in demand for services in August, September, and October. They noted their holiday programs including holiday hampers, reverse advent calendar and Stuff the Cruiser. The delegate noted that their new facility project is progressing.

Council discussed the reverse advent calendar and how the community can participate.

Ucluelet Aquarium Society
Laura Griffith-Cochrane

The Ucluelet Aquarium had 39,153 visitors to date this year and employs nine fulltime year round employees. The delegate outlined current and passed programs such as the Salmon Trail presented with the Redd Fish Restoration Society and the Harbour Health Project. The delegate noted upcoming events which include their annual fundraiser on November 18th, Midnight Madness activities, and an annual animal release day on December 2nd. The delegate also noted challenges related to storage and staff housing and discussed their local Eel Grass study.

Westcoast Community Resources Society
Laurie Hannah

The delegate noted recent programming including their sexual assault response training and the provision of over 400 stays at the transition house this year. The delegate noted future programming including the Community Christmas Lunch on December 13 and their Walk to End Violence Against Women on November 27th as well as funding received to provide stress management/escalation training.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
Janessa Dornstauder

The delegate noted Clayoquot Biosphere Trust's (CBT) regional forum which was attended by over 65 participants. They also noted the recent release of their Vital Signs report which reports that the current living wage in the region is \$26.52/hour. CBT is facilitating a giving catalogue which is an avenue for supporting local non-profit organizations.

Pacific Rim Arts Society

Kelly Deakin

The delegate outlined the Society's programming and noted their November 19th Annual General Meeting. The Society is seeking new board members and Art Splash is planned for March 15th to the 24th.

Pacific Rim Rotary Club

Kelly Deakin

The delegate noted Rotary Club activities such as their pancake breakfast at Ukee Days, the Dustin Ryley Annual Soap Box Derby, Pumpkins in the Mist, and the Chowder Chow Down. The Rotary Club is now selling tide pool puzzles.

The delegate noted Rotary Club future events like beach clean ups held in partnership with Surfrider and Hello Nature, and the opening of the disc golf course in the spring of 2024.

Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce

Josh Jenkins

The delegate noted upcoming events such as Midnight Madness and the business decorating contest as well as past events like the Edge to Edge Marathon.

The Chamber is partnering with local non-profits to develop a robust report on the economic impact of the Highway 4 closures. The Chamber has also applied for grant funding to launch the Ucluelet Economic Readiness Project and is assembling a working group to guide the project.

West Coast Multiplex Society

Carrie Ho & Shawn Mills

The delegate noted their new logo designed by Nuuchahnulth artist Hjalmer Wenstob. The delegate explained that local families travel to play sports, which precludes some community members from participating.

The delegate further noted fundraising activities including their annual golf tournament in September which raised \$45,000 as well as ongoing lobbying for funding for the construction of a pool and ice rink which they hope to be complete in 2025.

Ucluelet and Area Historical Society

Barb Gudbranson

The delegate outlined their application to the Japanese Canadian Legacies Fund to construct an interpretive pavilion in Ucluelet and noted their upcoming Mothers Day plant sale. The Society also noted issues with limited storage capacity.

Sea View Seniors Housing Society - Forest Glenn
Barb Gudbranson

The delegate noted ongoing building upgrades, policy changes and their November 26th Annual General Meeting. This Society is seeking new board members.

Pacific Rim Whale Festival
Sarah Watt

The Society's Annual General Meeting is on November 22, 2023 and the annual festival is scheduled for March 16 - 24, 2024. This Society is recruiting new board members.

The Whale Festival's poster art competition closes on November 15, 2023. The Society plans to focus on developing movies and educational talks this year and is offering a youth grant.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Grant In Aid and In-Kind Contributions (Verbal Report)
Abby Fortune, Director of Parks and Recreation

Ms. Fortune discussed the District of Ucluelet's Grant in Aid and In- Kind Contribution program and outlined application and reporting deadlines.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

There were notices of motion.

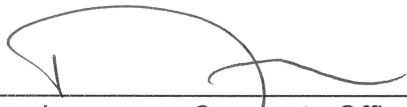
7. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The November 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Road, Ucluelet, BC.



Duane Lawrence, Corporate Officer



Marilyn McEwen, Mayor