



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
Held Electronically and in the George Fraser Community Room,
Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: **Chair:** Mayor McEwen
 Council: Councillors Anderson, Hoar (via Zoom), and Kennington
 Staff: Duane Lawrence, Chief Administrative Officer
 Abby Fortune, Director of Community Services
 Nancy Owen, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Councillor Maftei

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 5, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:01 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 broadcast on YouTube and Zoom, which may store data on foreign servers.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

2.1 Procedural Motion

2024.2037.COW *IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:*

***THAT** Council suspend section 18.3 of the Council Procedure Bylaw for the duration of this meeting to allow 18 delegations at this meeting rather than 2.*

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

November 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole Agenda

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2024.2038.COW *IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:
THAT the November 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole Agenda be approved as presented.*

CARRIED.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Grant In Aid and In-Kind Contributions (Verbal Report) *Abby Fortune, Director of Community Services*

Ms. Fortune provided a brief overview of this report.

5. PUBLIC INPUT AND DELEGATIONS

5.1. Delegations

5.1.1 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District *Jodie Frank, Solid Waste Project Coordinator*

The Delegate presented the Phase 2 of the ACRD Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP highlighted proposed goals and waste disposal targets of 350 kg/person/year. Ms. Frank also shared the current and upcoming public engagement strategies.

Councillor Kennington left the meeting at: 4:34 PM and did not return.

5.1.2 Alberni Clayoquot Health Network *Marcie DeWitt, Coordinator*

The Delegate was unable to present.

5.1.3 Westcoast Inland Search and Rescue *Marcie DeWitt*

The Delegate was unable to present.

5.1.4 Clayoquot Biosphere Trust *Rebecca Hurwitz, Executive Director*

The Delegate announced that they are in the process of recruiting an Alternate Director for the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) Board. Additionally, they provided an update on regional climate planning, biodiversity conservation, and the status of the CBT's Centre, with a construction start aimed for Spring 2025. Ms. Hurwitz further noted that the regional living wage report will be published in December 2024, and shared information about

upcoming events.

5.1.5 Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce
Josh Jenkins, Executive Director

The Delegate provided an update on the initiatives of the Economic Development Committee and various local events, including Midnight Madness, the Business Supports Road Show, and the Edge to Edge Marathon. Mr. Jenkins also highlighted the ongoing work on a visitor experience guide, which will feature local services such as restaurants, shops, and other community businesses. Lastly, the Delegate shared an update on their collaboration with the Raincoast Education Society's ambassador program.

5.1.6 Ucluelet Aquarium Society
Laura Griffith-Cochrane, Curator

The delegate presented statistics showing an increase in yearly visitors and outlined the aquarium's closure schedule, including the public release day event. Ms. Griffith-Cochrane also discussed upcoming funding initiatives for facility upgrades and contingency funds. Additionally, she highlighted various programs such as story time, the sea star wasting syndrome survey, and healthy harbor outreach events. Lastly, the delegate noted that housing affordability remains a challenge for staff and volunteers.

5.1.7 Redd Fish Restoration Society
Jen Dart, Operations and Development Manager

The Delegate gave an overview of their mission and explained their approach to restoring affected ecosystems in different local areas. Ms. Dart also highlighted additional restoration projects, including those focused on kelp and environmental monitoring, as well as their collaboration on the sea star wasting syndrome surveys and the marine mammal response initiative.

5.1.8 Pacific Rim Arts Society
Kelly Deakin, Executive Director

The Delegate provided updates on recent events, including the Missoula Children's Theatre, the Battle of the Bands, Art Splash, and various other art-related initiatives, shows, and workshops. Ms. Deakin also mentioned a fundraiser held for the Thornton Creek Hatchery during the cultural heritage festival and requested an in-kind donation for the use of the main hall at the Community Centre for the Missoula Children's Theatre.

5.1.9 West Coast Community Resources Society

Laurie Hannah, Executive Director

The Delegate provided an overview of the society's mission and vision. Ms. Hannah highlighted some statistics regarding the level of support and community service hours contributed by the team. She also elaborated on several of the society's programs, including the anonymous reporting initiative in collaboration with the RCMP, their substance outreach program, and the Ukee Re-Use-It social enterprise.

5.1.10 Ucluelet & Area Childcare Society

Mary Ruff

The Delegate shared that the daycare had submitted an expression of interest to apply for the \$10 per day daycare initiative. Ms. Ruff provided updates on their programs, which are currently operating at full capacity. She also mentioned the funding received through the West Coast Sustainable Tourism Association and noted that there will be upcoming professional development days for staff as part of a new quarterly initiative.

5.1.11 West Coast Multiplex Society

Carrie Ho, Treasurer

The Delegate mentioned that they submitted an application for the Federal Green and Inclusive Community Building Grant, which included 53 letters of support. Ms. Ho highlighted the society's commitment to constructing a net-zero energy facility and explained that they adjusted their project budget to reflect this goal. She also discussed past and future fundraising efforts and provided an update on the funds raised to date.

5.1.12 Thornton Creek Enhancement Society

Dave Hurwitz

The Delegate announced that the society was one of two salmon hatcheries on Vancouver Island selected to receive funding for infrastructure upgrades. Mr. Hurwitz expressed gratitude to the District of Ucluelet for their support through the moorage tax. He also provided updates on events, including the Bullhead Derby and an art show fundraiser in collaboration with the Pacific Rim Arts Society. Additionally, Mr. Hurwitz highlighted the new hires from the Yuułuᑭiᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ, made possible through funding from the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

5.1.13 Food Bank on the Edge

Cris Martin, President

The Delegate shared an update on the Christmas Hamper program and discussed upcoming fundraising initiatives, including Stuff the Cruiser and the Reverse Advent Calendar at the Ucluelet Co-op. Additionally, Ms. Martin and Mr. Noel provided further updates on the new building and the upcoming service hook-ups with BC Hydro.

5.1.14 Pacific Rim Whale Festival
Sarah Watt, Festival Coordinator

The Delegate summarized the achievements of the 2024 festival, highlighting their success in hosting and educating over 3,000 participants. Ms. Watt also mentioned new workshops, a master class in storytelling, and emerging partnerships with Parks Canada, Tourism Tofino, and Tourism Ucluelet that they are developing for the 2025 festival.

5.1.15 Sea View Seniors Housing Society
Patricia Sieber

The Delegate provided updates on the Seniors' Luncheons and discussed various workshops that were conducted, such as internet fraud prevention and advanced care planning for hospice. Ms. Sieber also mentioned healthcare programs available to local seniors, including foot care and dental hygiene clinics.

5.1.16 Pacific Rim Rotary
Jeff Anderson, Incoming President

The Delegate provided updates on the soft opening of the disc golf course, the sandcastle competition in partnership with Tuff City Radio, and the Dustin Riley Soapbox Derby event. Mr. Anderson also noted that new members are welcome to join the club.

5.1.17 Ucluelet & Area Historical Society
Claudia Cole

The Delegate discussed the exhibits displayed at various business locations throughout the community, as well as the permanent exhibit that will be housed at the Pacific Rim Visitors Centre. Ms. Cole also provided updates on the "Graveyards of the Pacific" presentations and the historical boat tours.

5.1.18 Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue – Station 38
David Payne, Station Leader

The Delegate provided an overview of the functions of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue auxiliary, as well as the organization's funding sources. Mr. Payne went on to discuss the various types and numbers of incident calls received, along with the potential future use of drone technology for search operations.

5.1.19 Call for other Representatives from local community groups

Bernie Herbert from the Ucluelet Junior Canadian Rangers provided an overview of the activities of the youth group, including their volunteer work.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Procedural Motion to Adjourn

2024.2039.COW *IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:*

***THAT** the November 5, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM.*

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Duane Lawrence, Corporate Officer

Marilyn McEwen, Mayor