



**MINUTES  
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL  
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hank Bood, Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, Rick Marcotte, Fred Robertson, John Tidbury and Leightan Wishart

**ALSO PRESENT:** Allison McCarrick, Chief Administrative Officer; Abbas Farahbakhsh, Director of Operational Services, Adrian Maas, Director of Finance, Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services

**MEDIA:** None      **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 2

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APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA AS  
PRESENTED

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bood called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 14, 2017 be accepted as presented.

**C. DELEGATION**

No delegation

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Pat English, Manager of Economic Development Regional District of Mount Waddington and Andrew Jones President of North Island Marine Mammal Stewardship Association (NIMMSA) re: Vancouver Island North Whale Heritage Site (VIN WHS).

Mr. Jones gave a presentation to Council on the Whale Heritage Site initiative. The presentation included information on:

- Background  
The Whale Heritage Site (WHS) initiative has been implemented by the World Cetacean Alliance (WCA) and is similar in scope to other eco-labels such as World Heritage Sites, Blue Flag Sites and International Dark Sky Areas. A WHS is an outstanding location where cetaceans are valued and people co-exist with them in authentic and respectful ways.
- Criteria  
Criteria for WHS focus on how people celebrate, benefit from, and seek to conserve the cetaceans that they value. Each site must meet 4 main criteria and 16 of 20 robust sub-criteria to qualify for accreditation.  
Criteria 1: Coexistence - The WHS has a responsible framework for managing the coexistence of people and cetaceans.  
Criteria 2 – Celebration - The WHS celebrates the close cultural association between cetaceans and people.  
Criteria 3 – Sustainability - The WHS aims to achieve an environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable balance between the natural environment, visitor expectations, and local business and community needs.  
Criteria 4 – Education - The WHS recipient has developed, and seeks to continually improve, its commitment towards research, education and awareness.
- Why Vancouver Island North?  
WHS accreditation will result in enhanced opportunities for sustainable economic, cultural and conservational development. The Vancouver Island North Whale

Heritage Site will provide other areas around the world with a model for the development of cetacean related values. WHS status may be a significant way to recognize the efforts of so many people and organizations in the local area.

• **Community Management**

Several regional government bodies, nongovernment organizations and tourist stakeholders have formed a VIN WHS Advisory Team to provide advice, oversee the application process, and raise the funds required for this initiative.

• **Executive**

Request to have participation from Port Hardy to join the executive board of NIMMSA. Recently NIMMSA requested that the Strathcona Regional District participate at a cost of \$10,000.

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourns at 6:57 pm to reconvene following the Regular Council Meeting.

**The members returned to the Committee of the Whole agenda at 7:26 pm**

2. RCMP Annual Policing Priorities / Goals and Objectives

Council discussed the Annual Policing Priorities as presented by RCMP Staff Sgt. Wes Olsen at the February 28, 2017 Council meeting. Discussion included:

- 1) Substance Abuse - Alcohol
  - Public Intoxication ( Extremely important to Council )
- 2) Crime Reduction - Property Crime (Residential and Business Break and Enters)
  - Thefts From Vehicles (these were down considerably but we can still keep this initiative to ensure the numbers stay down)
  - Aggressive Panhandling and Cause Disturbance issues at Liquor Store and Thunderbird Mall (New initiative) ( Extremely important to Council )
- 3) Violence - Domestic Violence
- 4) Police/Community Relations (on last years' APP but may extend this another year once I consult with Local First Nations Communities on what they wish to see as Policing Priorities for their communities) - Enhance relationships with First Nations Youth
  - Enhance relationships with all youth
  - Enhance relationship with Community
  - Attendance at Special Events ( Filomi Days Parade)
  - Foot/Bike Patrol during summer season
- 5) Work extensively with other committees, agencies on the various substance and homeless initiatives
- 6) Traffic - School Zones
  - Impaired Driving (new)
  - Distracted Driving, Speed, Seatbelts (new)

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ADJOURN TO  
RECONVENE

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourns.

Time: 7:41 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

*Original signed by:*

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DIRECTOR  
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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MAYOR

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ADJOURNMENT