



**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 8, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor: Leighton Wishart
Councillors: Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas (by telephone) Rick Marcotte,
John Tidbury

ALSO PRESENT: Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services

REGRETS: Mayor Hank Bood, Councillor Fred Robertson, Allison McCarrick, Chief
Administrative Officer Adrian Maas, Director of Financial Services; Abbas
Farahbakhsh, Director of Operational Services

MEDIA: None **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 4

A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Wishart called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 8, 2017 be accepted as presented.

D. DELEGATION

1. 5:30 pm Presentation by Dr. Charmaine Enns, MD, MHSc, FRCPC, Medical Health Officer re: Local Health Area Profiles.

The Vancouver Island North Local Health Area Profile 2015 included in the agenda package was received for information.

Dr. Enns gave a PowerPoint presentation titled *the Medical Health Officers Report: District of Port Hardy*. Information presented to Council included:

- Map of Local Health Area 85.
- Four areas of attention: Mental Health and Substance Use; Seniors/Elders, Housing and Homelessness with the Goal: "Improve the health status of Mount Waddington residents by addressing the factors and issues that affect "health", defined as the spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health of our residents through their life spans."
- Review of population demographic highlights, estimated population growth over next 25 years and influences on life expectancy.
- Statistics on: Comparison of substance use hospitalizations: BC, Island Health, VI North; per capital alcohol consumption from 2015 in local health areas in Island Health; smoking during pregnancy; income and education as determinants of health; socio-economic index; child development and vulnerability and statistics on hospital admissions for children and youth
- Review of a 2013 Adolescent Health Survey and Youth Protective factors.
- BC OD crisis including opiod OD summary 2016/17.
- Review of factors that determine health.

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APPROVAL OF
AGENDA AS
PRESENTED

Deputy Mayor Wishart thanked Dr. Enns for taking the time to come and give an informative presentation to Council.

2. 6:00 pm Presentation by Mike Coulter -- CR ATV Club President and RCMP Staff Sgt. Wes Olsen.

Mr. Coulter gave a PowerPoint presentation titled ORV Gateway to the North Island. (ORV – Off Road Vehicle Riding. The presentation included information on:

- The concept of inter-community ORV tourism.
- Utilizing undeveloped Crown land forested areas on Northern Vancouver Island for ORV Riding on thousands of kms of already existing active and de-activated trails and forest service roads.
- 400km Strathcona Loop Map and trails are already used to ride from Campbell River to Sayward – Gold River – Campbell River.
- Riders need fuel, food and overnight accommodations.
- Review of statistics on average ORV tourist and examples of successful trail systems.
- Operation Permits: under the new “BC ORV Act” enacted in Nov 2015 allows the local RCMP Detachment in a specific community, at their discretion. The Operation Permit can allow an appropriately licensed and insured ORV rider to travel on a designated roadway only in a specific community.
- The current Operation Permit process is cumbersome and onerous. If in the future -- Communities are simply able to designate ORV routes within their Community then individual community permits not required.
- Temperate Climate could provide year round ORV tourism potential.
- Review of maps and routes that interconnect many of the communities in the North Island.
- Statistics on the estimated number of quad riders in BC and Western United States and economic impact study on activities involving ATV's.
- There are a number of communities who are participating in a UCBM ORV Local Government Working Group that is managed by: Marie Crawford, Associate Executive Director to lobby for these changes.

Mr. Coulter encouraged Council to lobby the Provincial Government, voice support for this proposal and enable safe and environmentally responsible ORV tourism to be possible.

Deputy Mayor Wishart thanked Mr. Coulter for his informative presentation.

E. NEW BUSINESS

None

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 6:58 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

DEPUTY MAYOR