



**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 8, 2018
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, Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Lynda Sowerby, Director of Finance; Leslie Driemel, Recording Secretary

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

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APPROVAL OF
AGENDA AS
PRESENTED

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bood called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 8, 2018 be accepted as presented.

C. DELEGATION

1. Cory Vanderhorst, CPA, CA MNP LLP re: Presentation of 2017 Draft Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. (via telephone).
 - MNP LLP - District of Port Hardy Audit Findings Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2017 (May 8, 2017) was received for information.
 - Draft Audited Consolidated Financial Statements were received for information.
 - Statement of Financial Information was received for information

Mr. Vanderhorst reviewed with Council:

- Audit Findings Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2017.
- Financial Assets - 2017 compared to 2016.
- Revenue and Expenses - 2017 compared to 2016.
- Cash Flows - 2017 compared to 2016.
- Audit Testing methods.

Mr. Vanderhorst advised that there was nothing unusual to report from the audit and that District staff is very cooperative and easy to work with.

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APPROVE 2017
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS,
2017 SOFI
REPORT AND
ACCEPT 2017
AUDITOR'S
REPORT

Moved/Seconded/Carried

The Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve the December 31, 2017 Draft Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the 2017 Statement of Financial Information as prepared by staff and accept the Auditor's Report as presented.

2. Ben York, Acting Inspector, Officer in Charge, West Coast Region, BC Conservation Service and Sergeant Mike Newton, Conservation Officer.

Acting Inspector York reviewed and discussed with Council:

- His years of service with the Conservation Office, including time spent in the Port Hardy area.
- The Province’s decision to hire 21 more conservation officers province wide.
- Advised of the North Island Zone coverage and the zone coverage model used to deploy officers where and as needed.
- The need to educate the public to report all wildlife sightings in urban areas to the Conservation Service, not just report sightings on social media, so that wildlife interaction can be resolved before dangerous incidents happen.
- Currently in consultation with DFO on leasing space in Port Hardy office.
- Cougar sightings and the need to have timely response in the area.
- Bear Smart Port Hardy is the second such organization on Vancouver Island.

Council members thanked Acting Inspector York and Sgt Newton for coming to Council and for the informative update they provided.

D. ADJOURNMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

MOVED

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 7:02 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR