

**MINUTES  
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL  
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**



*We respectfully acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl People, Gilakas'la*

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dennis Dugas, Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Janet Dorward, Fred Robertson, Treena Smith, John Tidbury and Leightan Wishart

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

**REGRETS:** None

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dugas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved/Seconded/Carried**

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 12, 2019 be accepted as presented.

**C. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. 6:00 PM Alex McMillan, Senior Director, Government Relations and Roger Briscoe, Operations Manager Western Forest Products re: Commitment to Community Involvement.

Mr. Briscoe and Mr. McMillan provided an overview of the operations of Western Forest Products including tenures, sawmills and productions.

- Operations annual allowable cut six million cubic metres.
- Over 350 employees.
- Lumber production capacity of 1.1 billion boardfeet.
- Partnerships with 45 First Nations.
- 843,000 cubic metre allowable annual cut locally.
- Public advisory groups including Vancouver Island North Woodlands Advisory Group (VINWAG).
- Holberg and Jeune Landing have been amalgamated which allows the ability to share resources.
- Administration is in Port McNeill.
- Englewood has not operated since November and will be starting up again this month with expected work until November.
- Road safety has been a large concern with the communities.
- Traffic and safety has been reviewed and there are plans in place to improve highway conditions.
- Driver safety protocols including behaviors and expectations.
- Drivers assessed by a third party to ensure trained.
- Vancouver Island University providing driver training programs.

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REPORT

- Adopted BC Forest Safety council vehicle identification system and installing dash cameras on all trucks.
- \$100,000 was provided in kind and in cash donations to the North Island.
- Invitation to tour April 12, 2019 at AVICC.
- Challenges including shrinking harvesting land base, US trade, unpredictability and log supply.
- Over 80 fires on the North Island caused by lightening in 2018 had an impact on operations.

Discussion included:

- No sawmill or manufacturing in Port Hardy.
- High log costs reduce the ability to cut and process at full capacity.
- Limited log exports.

2. 6:30 PM Wes Olsen, Staff Sgt., Chris Voller, Corporal, RCMP re: Quarterly Report.

Staff Sgt Wes Olsen and Corporal Chis Voller reviewed the annual files over 2018.

- 54 more files over 2017.
- Historically sexual assaults and domestic violence reports were underreported and there has been more outreach to ensure victims feel comfortable reporting acts of violence.
- More resources are being made available to assist RCMP members and the public.
- Changes in judicial process where the focus is proactive approach rather than punishment.
- Intoxicated in public overall 337 in 2018 and has decreased 30 since 2017.
- Compiling statistics for the Regional District of Mount Waddington Health Network review of substance abuse.
- Intelligence sharing with the region to assist with public safety to identify high risk offenders.
- Good recognition from senior management regarding what Port Hardy is accomplishing and trying to be proactive and not reactive.
- Priority offender suppression has been successful in preventing increase in files over 2017.
- Cannabis offences will still happen even with legalization.
- Prisoner count is down 50% from 2011 due to how files are being handled.
- Annual policing priorities are to be set by April 1, 2019.
- Past priorities included intoxication in public, impaired driving, distracted driving, property crime, theft from vehicles, domestic violence, police visibility, organized crime and drug trafficking.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED**

THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 7:20 pm

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*Original signed by;*

**APPROVED**

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DIRECTOR  
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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MAYOR

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