

**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 14, 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; Abbas Farahbakhsh, Director of Operational Services; Lynda Sowerby, Director of Finance

REGRETS: None

MEDIA: North Island Gazette **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** One

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dugas called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 May 14, 2019 be accepted as presented.

C. DELEGATIONS

1. David Mitchell and Riley Zimmerman, Community Futures.

Presentation included:

- An overview of the role of Community Futures in supporting businesses across the region.
- Operating for 27 years on the North Island.
- Economic impact, investing in a diverse scope of projects with a wide range of financing.
- Operates on financing with competitive interest rates on loans + flexible repayment options.
- Review of services and supports Community Futures provides, assistance with business plan, budgeting, repayment plans, accounting workshops and skills training opportunities.

Discussion included:

- Ability to accept slightly higher risk proposals.
- Low default rates.
- Involvement in schools across Northern Vancouver Island introducing youth to basic entrepreneurship.
- Community Futures looking to increase support for local indigenous businesses and start-ups, also seeking First Nations representation on Board of Directors.

Council thanked the delegates.

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APPROVAL OF
COW MAY 14/19
AGENDA AS
PRESENTED

E. ADJOURNMENT

COW 2019-025
ADJOURNMENT

Moved
THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 6:58 pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR
