

**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 28, 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, 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; Louisa Bates, Confidential Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Treena Smith, Lynda Sowerby, Director of Finance

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dugas called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 28, 2019 be accepted as presented.

C. STAFF REPORT

1. Allison McCarrick, CAO re BC Rural Dividend Intake 2019/2020.
 - Staff provided an overview of the BC Rural Dividend Fund Intake 2019/2020 funding opportunities including project criteria and eligible projects.

Discussion included:

- Council proposed exploring a skatepark.
- A skatepark would have considerable infrastructure requirements.
- Staff to conduct further research to determine if a skatepark would be eligible for the Rural Dividend fund.
- Council expressed interested in Project option #1 - Recognizing Port Hardy as a Marine Hub, investigate boat weighs, conduct a feasibility study.
- Option # 1 would provide economic benefits to the community as well as present potential partnership opportunities with local First Nations.
- Staff to conduct further research into Option #1 as a partnership.
- Staff will reach out to Jeff Munroe, Manager of Economic Development, to determine if the Kwakiutl First Nation is interested in a partnership.
- More information to return to Council at a future date.
- Staff will prepare to apply for funding towards Recognizing Port Hardy as a Marine Hub.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Leslie Dremiel, Chair and Mark Jones, Treasurer, Port Hardy Twinning Society.

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AGENDA AS
PRESENTED

Presentation included:

- The delegates provided an overview of the 2018 activities and financial standings.
- Drummers to be attending 2019 FILOMI Days celebrations, performing a demonstration and offering workshops.
- Concerns expressed regarding lack of community engagement despite efforts to promote the Society and exchange opportunities at local events (FILOMI Days, Fall Fair, paper advertisements, notices and displays).
- Low meeting turnout and membership despite low membership fees (\$20 annually).
- Challenges have been experienced with soliciting homestays for exchanges, in both Port Hardy and Numata.
- Significant efforts into organizing and coordinating exchanges and arrangements.
- Executives expressed concerns with the model of delivery, seeking input from Council on future direction.

Discussion included:

- The Society will continue to operate as is until year end of 2019.
- Notify media to increase public awareness, promote engagement.
- Society will provide a status update to Council in the fall.
- Low attraction of exchange participants through local high school, historically the Society has been connected through teachers which has previously assisted in generating interest.
- Changes have been noted with Numata, including shifts in the dates of exchanges and shorter trips.
- Suggestion to connect the Society with videographer/web video artist to develop social media testimonies and promotional materials.
- Recognition of the cost to participate in an exchange, average trip cost is between \$2,500 – \$3,000; the society offers a bursary to provide financial assistance.

2. Mr. James Passmore, Property owner of 6450 Hardy Bay Road.

Presentation included:

- The delegate provided a detailed presentation of the building process of the home at 6450 Hardy Bay Road.
- Construction originally completed in 2011.
- Owner received a letter from the District of Port Hardy requesting a copy of the occupancy permit, specifying that a follow up building inspection would be required in the absence of the occupancy permit.
- Records of inspection and occupancy permit unavailable.

Discussion included:

- Owner concerned that the outcomes of a follow up inspection would differ from when the initial work was completed.
- Follow up inspection would be incomplete, if only able to inspect open and accessible aspects.
- Home insured; occupancy permit is not a requirement to obtain house insurance.

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ADJOURNMENT

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved
THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourn.

Time: 6:58 pm

CORRECT
Originally signed by;

APPROVED

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR