



**MINUTES
DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD 6:30 PM – TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Allison McCarrick, Chief Administrative Officer; Lynda Sowerby, Director of Finance; Abbas Farahbakhsh, Director of Operational Services; Louisa Bates, Confidential Secretary

REGRETS: Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate and Development Services

A CALL TO ORDER

B APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED (OR AMENDED)

COW 2019 -028

Councillor Tidbury made a motion THAT Council approve the June 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole agenda as presented. Councillor Wishart seconded the motion. Carried.

C BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Open Burning and Smoke Control.

Discussion included:

- Alternative heat sources include oil and electric.
- Generally good air quality on the North Island.
- Preference to continue to allow the use of wood source heating, though noted lower quality air in cooler seasons.
- General support for the use of high efficiency, low emissions wood burning stoves.
- The municipality would have to apply to participate in a wood stove exchange program in order for residents of the community to partake in the Provincial wood stove exchange program.
- Stove specifications are not uniform, some units burn cleaner than others.
- Do we have the ability to regulate the particulate measure of woodstoves in the community or is it more of a provincial issue.
- List of eligible stoves for exchange.
- Consideration of whether the District should implement a regulatory wood stove emissions bylaw.
- Unlikely that inefficient, high emission older woodstoves are being installed as replacement stoves.

- Need to consider variable rebate amounts in relation to efficiency and emissions specifications.
- Comox Valley Regional District set different rebate levels dependant on type of upgrade.
- Ecotrust promotion of heat pumps may tie into an energy efficiency program.
- There is no grant funding available at this time, could be brought forward to UBCM 2019 for follow up discussions with the Minister of the Environment.
- Refer to the RDMW, to determine if there is interest in offering a tiered, rebate system based on the different methods of heating.
- Provincial rebate available through BC Hydro for home heat pump installation, rebate may not be available on the North Island.

COW 2019 -029

Councillor Tidbury made a motion THAT the Committee of the Whole Recommend to Council that a package be sent to the Regional District of Mount Waddington for consideration of implementing a Woodstove Exchange Program similar to the Comox Valley Regional District with a tiered level of energy efficient, low emissions heating systems with rebates for discussion at the next meeting of the Regional District. Councillor Wishart seconded the motion. Carried.

D ADJOURNMENT

COW 2019 -030

Councillor Tidbury made a motion THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:53 PM.

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Original signed by;

APPROVED

DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR