

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD IN THE GEORGE FRASER ROOM, 500 MATTERSON DRIVE
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 3:30 PM

Present: **Chair:** Mayor Noël
 Council: Councillors Cole, Hoar, Kemps, and McEwen
 Staff: Joseph Rotenberg, Manager of Corporate Services
 Paula Mason, Administration Clerk

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORY

Council acknowledged the Yuułu?if?ath, on whose traditional territories the District of Ucluelet operates.

3. NOTICE OF VIDEO RECORDING

Audience members and delegates were advised that the proceeding was being broadcast on YouTube and Zoom, which may store data on foreign servers.

4. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5.1 June 22, 2021, Committee of the Whole

2021.2021.COW **It was moved by Councillor McEwen and seconded by Councillor Cole**
 THAT Council approve the June 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Agenda as
 presented.

CARRIED.

6. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. PUBLIC INPUT AND DELEGATIONS

7.1 Delegations - Community Group Presentations

A representative from each community group was invited to provide an update on group activities.

Laurie Filgiano - Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce

- Common Ground Market Launched in March, 2021.
- The Chamber will host night markets in July, August and September 2021.
- Edge to Edge Marathon will occur on October 17, 2021 with virtual options.
- The Chamber is investigating implementing the Junior Achiever programming.

Laurie Filgiano - Ucluelet Mountain Biking Association (UMBA)

- UMBA received a Tourism Association Vancouver Island grant in 2020, which allowed UMBA to hire three youth from Hitatsu to build trails on Ucluelet First Nations lands. The trail should be open in July.
- New trails on the South Side of Mount Ozzard in the Barkley Community Forest are subject to provincial approval.
- UMBA hosts trail building events on the first Sunday of each month.
- Group rides will start in late June, and will continue on Thursday evenings.

Nicole Holman - Surfrider Pacific Rim - Chapter Coordinator

- Surfrider recently wrapped up the Hold Onto Your Butt campaign. A surfboard will be constructed out of collected butts.
- The Wetsuit Reincarnation Program is ongoing. Wetsuits are being repurposed to create neoprene products, such as surf change mats.
- The Rise Above Plastics Program will wrap up in the fall of 2021.
- The Take Back the Tap program is ongoing. Over 70 businesses have signed-on and agreed to stop selling plastic water bottles.

Council encouraged Surfrider to coordinate with local volunteers to do beach cleanups in Ucluelet.

Wild Pacific Trail Society - Don Ferris - President

- Pedestrian traffic on the trails was down over the weekend.
- The Society has enjoyed great cooperation with the District of Ucluelet Staff and District maintenance on the trail is excellent.
- Noted concerns with vandalism and property security on the trail.
- The Society hopes to hold an in-person event to celebrate the opening of the Spring Cove Trail.
- The Society has hired a new interpreter for the summer season.

Julie Beeley - Toast Masters

- Toast Masters is looking forward to hosting hybrid meetings, with some members attending in-person.

Cathy Whitcomb - Seaview Seniors Housing Society

- Residents and staff at Forest Glen have come together socially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Many new volunteers have been contributing to the well-being of the residents in COVID-19 safe ways.
- The Society received grant funding through CBT to establish the Forest Glen Warming Centre project. They have now completed the project and are ready to provide warming services.
- Looking forward to getting back to the luncheons.

Kathy de Vries - Ucluelet and Area Childcare Society

- 75 children are enrolled in Ucluelet Children Centre programs.
- Daycare hours had to be reduced to maintain staffing levels.
- The Daycare is seeking additional staff, to provide additional programming.
- The Society were not awarded the Co-op grant they had hoped to use, to update their outdoor facility by replacing the pea gravel and building a covered area.
- They are currently fundraising to replace the pea gravel and will be seeking matching grant funds in January.

Pacific Rim Hospice Society - Tarni Jacobsen

- The Society offers clinical, family, and young adult counselling. It also offers a peer education program for youth.

West Coast Multiplex Society - Mishele Gagne

- The Society has been focusing on education campaigns, to provide information about the reasoning behind constructing an ice rink before a pool, and about the tax consequences associated with operating a pool and an ice rink.
- The Society is waiting to hear if they were awarded the capital funding grant that they applied for.

Girl Guides - Heather Riddick

- Noted synergies with other local community group activities.

Ucluelet and Area Historical Society- Barb Gudbranson

- The Society continues to work towards cataloging materials and will be republishing a book about Will Sutton, an settler to the area.

Cristine Martin - Food Bank on the Edge - President

- The Society has an ongoing capital project to construct a new building for the Food Bank. A location at Tugwell Field has been secured.
- The Society is seeking grant funding for construction of this facility.
- There have been increases in demand for food products and the Society is improving its freezer storage area.
- The Society's AGM is scheduled for June 23rd, 2021.

Westcoast Community Resource Society - Margaret Morrison

- The Society has launched its updated website.
- The 2020 Tax Program was a success. Tax assistance is still available.
- The Society adopted a new mission, vision and value statement.
- The Weekly Soup Lunch program is ongoing. Soup is being delivered to participants for now.
- Received a overdose prevention grant which provides funding to address stigma.
- The Society conducted a seniors forum on June 8th. It was a virtual forum.
- The Society is working towards bringing the Better at Home Program to the region.

Central Westcoast Forest Society - Sarita Mielke

- The Society has a number of restoration and environmental projects ongoing.
- It currently employees 25 people.

Tourism Ucluelet - Denise Stys-Norman

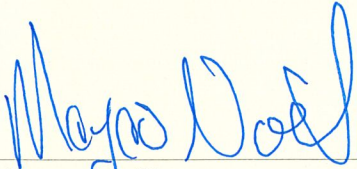
- TU is working with the District to develop a Tourism Master Plan.
- TU is seeking a new Visitor Services Manager. The Visitor Centre is now open seven days a week.
- TU's new website is live and includes a history of Ucluelet page.
- TU's paid promotions will be focused on Responsible Tourism/Travel to the area this summer.
- TU is positioned to provide sponsorship to charitable and society events.

Council noted that the BC Emergency Health Services Community Paramedics program has been expanded from 20 hours a week to 56 hours a week.

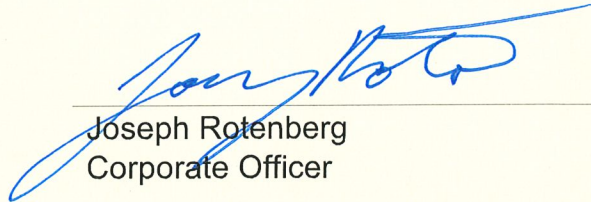
8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
Meeting held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 3:30 pm in the
George Fraser Room, Ucluelet Community Centre, 500
Matterson Road, Ucluelet, BC.



Mayco Noël
Mayor



Joseph Rotenberg
Corporate Officer

