

Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

10:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Special Meeting

PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: B. Desjardins (Chair), R. Atwell, L. Szpak (for D. Blackwell), S. Brice, J. Brownoff, A. Finall, C. Hamilton, L. Helps, M. Hicks, B. Isitt, K. Murdoch (for N. Jensen), F. Haynes (for C. Plant), S. Price, B. Gramigna (for J. Ranns), D. Screech, R. Kasper (for M. Tait), K. Williams, R. Windsor, G. Young

STAFF: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Neilson, Senior Manager Human Resources; L. Hutcheson, Manager Environmental Sustainability; T. Robbins, General Manager; Kevin Lorette, Manager Planning and Protective Services; Sue Hallat, Manager Aboriginal Initiatives; E. Gorman, Deputy Corporate Officer (Recorder); and J. Cuthbert, Committee Clerk (Recorder).

ALSO PRESENT: Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard; Ashraf Amlani, Special Assistant - Pacific and West Coast; and Rob Underwood, Pauquachin First Nations.

REGRETS: Directors Alto, Howe, McIntyre, Murdock, and Seaton.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lorne Underwood on behalf of Pauquachin First Nation and Mr. Michael Simmons were added as delegations.

**MOVED by Director Windsor, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of two delegates.
CARRIED**

2. Chairs Remarks

Chair Desjardins introduced Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and Liberal MP for the new riding of Burnaby - North Seymour. She stated that Mr. Beech had joined the meeting to engage in a discussion regarding abandoned vessels.

3. Presentations/Delegations

2.1. [17-568](#) Presentation by Mr. Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of

Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, on Abandoned Vessels

Mr. Beech introduced himself to committee members and gave an overview of the program, including two background documents given to committee members that are on file at Legislative Services. He then welcomed comments and questions from Directors relating to their highest priority issues in specific municipalities. A discussion ensued regarding the following:

- The 5 year term of the program and whether or not there were plans in the future for other programs.
- The responsibilities of the Coast Guard and the Receiver of Wrecks and what funding source there will be available.
- Issues around licensing of vessels and connecting them to their owners
- Having more consequences for owners of vessels to hold them accountable for dealing with a vessel at the end of it's life cycle.
- Jurisdictional issues relating to how each municipality can work together and work in collaboration with the Provincial and Federal Government.
- Issues surrounding regulatory burden and eliminating the two year timeframe currently in place for an abandoned vessel to be dealt with.

3.2 Delegations

3.2.1 Delegation: Rob Underwood, Pauquachin First Nations

Mr. Underwood discussed his gratitude for each municipality working together on these issues. He spoke to bioaccumulation in the waters and stressed strong concerns regarding LNG on the Saanich inlet. He also stated how First Nations are very strong on being cooperative working on nationhood and working collaboratively and cooperatively with municipal and provincial governments.

3.2.2 Delegation: Michael Simmons, Saanich Inlet Protection Society

Mr. Simmons introduced himself and spoke to his involvement with the Saanich Inlet Protection society. He stated the concern surrounding the question of who owns the vessels on the water, the funds it costs to remove these vessels, and the licensing regime that should be re-activated.

4. Special Meeting Matters

There were none.

5. Motion to Close the Meeting

There was none.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Haynes, **SECONDED** by Director Helps,
That the meeting be adjourned at 11:38 a.m.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder