DISTRICT OF UCLUELET MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD IN ACTIVITY ROOM ONE, 500 MATTERSON DRIVE MARCH 17, 2015 AT 7:30 PM

Present:

Chair:

Mayor St. Jacques

Council:

Councillors Oliwa, McEwen, Mole, and Noel

Staff:

Jeanette O'Connor, Chief Financial Officer; Morgan

Dosdall, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor St. Jacques called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor St. Jacques removed report items 5.1 and 5.2 from the agenda

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

N/A

4. PUBLIC INPUT, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS:

4.1 Updates on Pacific Rim National Park

Jim Morgan, Parks Canada

- Mayor St. Jacques welcomed Jim Morgan
- Jim Morgan provided updates on Green Point Campground, which include:
 - o General improvements to electrical and shower facilities
 - o Longer season (aiming to stay open until November 10 this year)
 - o No changes to campsite rates this year
- Jim Morgan noted that entire 22km of road through park will be paved this year, anticipating completion in June
 - o Road will remain open with one-lane during paving (no full closures)
 - Work will be Mondays-Fridays; no weekends or statutory holidays
- Jim Morgan responded to public inquiry about inclusion of separate bike path along road; Parks Canada is aware of communities' interest and is in discussion on this topic, which is still in early days
 - Mayor St. Jacques noted that Council is very keen on pursuing a bike path, and would work with Parks Canada in any way that would move this topic forward
- Jim Morgan responded to public inquiry regarding dilapidated park signage; PRNP has identified signs in need of repair
- Jim Morgan passed around copies of new pamphlet created in partnership with Parks Canada, Tofino, and Ucluelet

- Jim Morgan responded to Council inquiry regarding visitation statistics, which are up slightly (2-4%) from previous year
- Jim Morgan responded to Council inquiry regarding collection of park fees, which are still used entirely by the park for their own projects and maintenance
- Jim Morgan responded to public inquiry regarding allowance of free parking to locals; Parks Canada offers discounts on annual passes, and a 15% discount for seniors, but cannot offer free passes
- Jim Morgan responded to public inquiry regarding improvements to boardwalk for bog trail; all trails are included on a maintenance schedule that is taken care of by a dedicated trail repair crew
- Jim Morgan responded to Council inquiry regarding signage at the junction for Broken Group islands; signs are ready to go, and PRNP is working with Chamber of Commerce to proceed
 - Councillor Mole noted that discussion on the distribution of permits is currently being completed
 - Councillor Noel inquired if the signage is to continue down to the boat launch
- Mayor St. Jacques congratulated Jim Morgan on his upcoming retirement in the fall

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF:

Removed by Council approval

6. LATE ITEMS:

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

None

9. CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor St. Jacques suspended the Committee of the Whole meeting and moved incamera pursuant to section 90(1), subsection (e), of the *Community Charter* at 8:01 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor St. Jacques adjourned the in-camera meeting at 9:35 pm and resumed the open committee of the whole meeting at 9:36 pm.

Mayor St. Jacques adjourned the committee of the whole meeting at 9:37 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:30 pm in Activity Room One, 500 Matterson Road, Ucluelet, BC.

Dianne St. Jacques

Mayor

Jeanette O'Connor

Acting CAO