

DEEP BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2022

Trustees: Tony Botica, Chair
Diane Koch
Susan Mielke
Colin Thompson (phoned in)

Claire Hilscher
Robert Hale
Bob Leggett

Staff: Leslie Carter, Administrator

Guest: Stuart McLean, Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Area H Director

Call to Order: 5:00 pm

The chair acknowledged the Qualicum First Nation on whose traditional territory the meeting took place.

Motion: to approve agenda for current meeting

Susan Mielke Seconded: Claire Hilscher Vote: Carried

Correspondence In

May 3, 2022 – Stuart McLean, RDN Area H Director, regarding relocation of right of way and public trail at the end of Thompson Clarke Dr. West

It was noted by Colin (phoning in) that he was having difficulty hearing the in-person attendees.

Discussion of relocation of right of way and public trail at the end of Thompson Clarke Dr. West:

The proposal to relocate the public trail is supported by the RDN Parks department and Director of Transportation. Offer from property owner is conditional on the moving of the water line. This offer could be the solution to fix the current issues with regards to this property.

Funds may be available from the Community Works Funds but the amount available is still to be determined. The Community Works Fund is funded from federal gas tax revenues and can be accessed anytime. RDN would not be able to fund all of the costs for moving the watermain but they could fund a substantial portion.

The DBID received Community Works Funds for a recent watermain replacement project. The project cost was about \$450,000 and DBID received \$150,000. Would a similar percentage be received for this project? Amount to be provided from the fund cannot be determined until the cost of the project is known.

RDN Parks has budget for geotechnical report that has been requested by owner for relocation of trail. It will need to be determined if this is just for the trail or trail and water line.

If there a Hazards Lands Report for this area and will a development permit be required for the work? Could engineering towards a development permit be done for both with and without a pipeline? These questions still need to be determined. This work will require significant disturbance to the land.

Are any other routes being considered for trails, for example, working with Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) for a trail on the E & N tracks? The ICF is focused on restoring rail service

and is not interested in looking at other uses. This is a provincial and federal issue with 8-9 months left before a decision by government is required with regards to the tracks.

At some point this water main will require replacement, at that time where is it going to go? It would be good to move forward with this and work with the property owners and RDN.

This offer has come up quite last minute and the board cannot make any commitment without knowing costs. At this time the RDN needs to know whether the board is interested in working together or not. RDN would undertake building pathway and provide some funds for the water works.

It was noted again at this point that Colin was having difficulty hearing the meeting.

DBID has a poor right of way for the existing watermain. Having the watermain about the E & N corridor would move watermain away from streams and would be an improvement. Trustees were encouraged to attend the property with the owner. This location would be a better solution for the DBID and would suit the property owner better.

Stuart was thanked for bringing this matter before the board.

Motion: to adjourn to in-camera meeting

Susan Mielke

Seconded: Claire Hilscher

Vote: Carried

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to move in-camera at 5:38 pm.

The above minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees on __, 2022.

By: _____
Chair of the Trustees

Officer