For March 2010 Pender Post

The North Pender Local Trust Committee (LTC) met on Thursday February 25th at the Community Hall for a regular business meeting. Chair Peter Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM with Local Trustees Gary Steeves and Derek Masselink, Recording Secretary Zorah Staar and planning staff Andrea Pickard and Robert Kojima in attendance.

Minutes and Business Arising From the Minutes

Following the adoption of the minutes of the January 28th, 2010 regular business meeting, Planner Pickard summarized the Follow-up Action Report (FAUL). Discussion took place on a number of items in the report.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Pender Community Resilience Initiative seeking funding assistance for their work. The Initiative is a co-operative planning and action network to help the Pender Community deal with events brought on by climate change, the oil economy and other changing global conditions. The LTC resolved to pay for the room rental and educational resource material for the planned events.

Applications

Two applications were on the agenda. The first was for a variance for a structure within the 50 foot setback from the natural area boundary of the sea. The LTC deferred a decision on the application pending the applicant providing further information to the Committee.

The second application was for a variance from the natural area boundary of the sea and the rear lot line setback to permit the construction of an addition on an existing single family dwelling. The application was approved and the variance granted.

Local Trust Committee Projects

The LTC gave first reading to draft By-law 182 cited as "North Pender Official Community Plan By-law No. 171, 2007 Amendment No.1, 2010". The draft by-law would, if adopted, put policy options in the Official Community Plan (OCP) with the intention of reducing green house gas emissions. Staff was directed to schedule a Public Hearing at a future date (as yet undetermined). They will seek feedback from other government agencies and bodies through the referral process and report back to the LTC prior to the Public Hearing.

Regular Reports

A number of regular reports were received and discussed by the Committee including the Work Program Report, the Applications Report, the Expense & Budget Report and the Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions Report. No changes were made to the Work Program as Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction policies remains the top priority followed by technical amendments to the Land Use By-law (not related to draft by-law 182) and a number of OCP implementation projects related to the comprehensive OCP review completed in 2007.

The Application Report remains largely unchanged and the Budget Reports showed that the LTC was within budget in all three major budget areas including Local Trustee expenses, LTC expenses and OCP/LUB expenses.

North Pender Webpage

Trustees review the North Pender webpage at each regular LTC meeting. Information regarding meetings, by-law processes and reports can be found on the webpage by going to www.islandstrust.bc.ca and clicking on North Pender Island.

New Business

The notion of a Bike Shelter at the Otter Bay Ferry Terminal was discuss. Lisa Baile and Don Harrison from the group Moving Around Pender, North Pender Ferry Advisory Committee member Jill Justice and Local Trustee Gary Steeves have all been in contact with BC Ferries. A response from BC Ferries is needed before next steps can be determined.

Town Hall Session

A Town Hall session was held so that any member of the public may pose questions, make suggestions or otherwise make their opinions known to the LTC. These sessions are a standing agenda item at all LTC meetings.

In Camera Meeting

A brief in-camera session was held before the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meetings

The next meetings of the North Pender LTC are set for March 18th and April 29th 2010. All meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted

Derek Masselink & Gary Steeves
Local Trustees