



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SOUTH DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
HELD FRIDAY MARCH 13th, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M. IN ROOM 105 OF THE CITY'S
SERVICE & RESOURCE CENTRE @ 411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, B.C.**

PRESENT: Mr. David Witty, Chair Mr. Douglas Hardie (SECA)
 Ms. Ann Kjerulf Mr. Sasha Angus
 Mr. Darren Moss Mr. Doug Kalcsics
 Daniel Pearce (RDN Transit) Mayor Bill McKay
 Mr. Chris Good (SFN)

ABSENT: Mr. Mike Davidson (NPA)

GUEST: Mr. Ken Cossey (SFN Executive Director)

STAFF: Mr. Bruce Anderson / Manager, Planning & Design Section
 Ms. Tamera Rogers, Planning Assistant

1. Call to Order (7:30 a.m.)

D.Witty welcomed Chris Good and Ken Cossey and acknowledged this meeting is being held on SFN traditional territory.

Ken Cossey thanked the committee and indicated he looks forward to working with the committee. Member introductions followed.

2. Minutes

Minutes 2015-FEB-06 Adopted.

3. Chair Report

D. Witty reported he has been working with SFN representatives to have the First Nation participate in the discussions with the committee. He has also been encouraging the NPA, and will be working with the NPA Board again.

D. Witty provided a background summary of the work of the SDWC to date. He has met with the Mayor, who is the designated City representative on the committee. He confirmed the need for a City representative to continue at the table; to continue to discuss the broader partnering opportunities, particularly with the SFN and the NPA.

D. Witty indicated the desire to have a broad discussion today with the committee on where we are at now. The challenge is to have the key partners to engage in the process. Dialogue is the key.

The committee members had a general discussion regarding the participation of the key partners, the opportunity to work together to realize the potential of the waterfront, and the importance of demonstrating the value of working together to address their issues.

K. Cossey noted a new land tenure system coming into effect for SFN; allows more autonomy over land use decisions.

C. Good gave an update regarding the 'Island Pallet' site; a First Nation village site.

7:55am Mayor Bill McKay joined the meeting. D. Witty introduced the Mayor to the members of the committee in attendance.

D. Witty spoke to the recent work of the committee; that on purpose they did not develop a plan (instead visioning work was done – Framing the Future documents). The committee recognizes this as a very complex site, and are sensitive to this. The cultural significance (SFN), ownership complexity, and the multiple jurisdictions; each are key issues. The Charter must not compromise these; need to find a commonality of opportunity.

B. McKay noted the City ownership of land and the desire to move initiatives forward, but this is not without its challenges.

C. Good noted they are working on Provincial acknowledgement of the village site. If we are moving forward, need to look at strategic partnerships for initiatives and opportunities.

D. Witty acknowledged the committee conversation today, and the opportunity to 'reset' the committee for the upcoming work to be done. Next is to have the Port Authority here for the next meeting. B. McKay agreed to assist with this effort.

4. Next Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for 2015-MAY-01 at 8:30 a.m.; or at the Call of the Chair.

5. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned – 8:03 a.m.