

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**
Held via Teleconference
On Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA (additions/deletions)

3. BOARD MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.	---
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4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING

None.	---
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5. DELEGATIONS

None.	---
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6. FINANCE

None.	---
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.	---
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8. REPORTS / RESOLUTIONS

8.1	D. Chapman, CAO & D. Fish, Corporate Officer – February 22, 2017 Meeting with the Province of B.C. – North Coast Regional District OCP Next Steps	Pg 1-3
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9. BYLAWS

None.	---
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10. LAND REFERRALS / PLANNING *(Voting restricted to Electoral Area Directors)*

None.	---
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11. NEW BUSINESS

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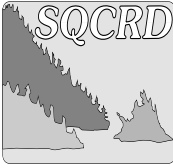
12. OLD BUSINESS

None.	---
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13. PUBLIC INPUT**14. IN-CAMERA**

None.	---
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15. ADJOURNMENT



STAFF MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2017

TO: Board of the North Coast Regional District

FROM: D. Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Fish, Corporate Officer

SUBJECT: February 22, 2017 Meeting with the Province of B.C.
North Coast Regional District OCP Next Steps

Recommendation:

THAT the Board receives the memorandum from staff entitled “February 22, 2017 Meeting with the Province of B.C. - North Coast Regional District OCP Next Steps”;

AND THAT the Board of the North Coast Regional District direct staff to continue to work out the following concerns with respect to the consultation process on the North Coast Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 608, 2017:

- **The Province’s desired framework for additional consultation with the NCRD;**
- **What sections of the OCP document are of concern to the Province;**
- **What timelines are the ministries looking at with respect to consultation;**
- **How the additional consultation process will be funded;**

AND THAT Staff be authorized to travel to Vancouver or Victoria to meet with the ministries concerned so a detailed consultation process can be developed and explained to NCRD Staff;

AND THAT Staff continue to work with the Province to understand the concerns raised by the ministries and to mitigate the issues where possible.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a summary of discussion between Staff and the Province of B.C. with respect to its February 22, 2017 meeting to discuss the North Coast Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 608, 2017 (Bylaw No. 608) and a proposed framework for consultation with the Province.

BACKGROUND:

On February 1, 2017, Staff participated in a teleconference meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO), the Ministry of Natural Gas Development (NGD), the BC Oil and Gas Commission (BCOGC) and the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (MCSCD) to hear that their interests would be affected by the adoption of the Bylaw No. 608. Additionally, provincial representatives indicated that they felt the consultation process undertaken by the NCRD felt rushed.

On February 15, 2017, the Board of the NCRD received correspondence from FLNRO and NGD, requesting that the NCRD Board defer its adoption of Bylaw No. 608 until adequate consultation with the Province had occurred and the Province had completed its assessment and decision making processes on the Aurora LNG project.

On February 17, 2017, the Board of the NCRD received correspondence from the MCSCD with a Ministerial Order, pursuant to s. 585 of the *Local Government Act*, by the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development ordering that the Bylaw No. 608 obtain approval from the Minister before it is adopted.

At the time the Board received the Ministerial Order, a meeting between Staff and representatives from FLNRO, NGD and the MCSCD had been scheduled to take place on February 22, 2017 to further discuss a consultation framework with the Province.

DISCUSSION:

It should be noted that, originally, the NCRD, NGD, FLNRO and the MCSCD were anticipated to attend this meeting via teleconference, however, representatives from FLNRO and NGD did not attend, which limited discussion surrounding specific concerns from those two ministries.

During the meeting with MCSCD staff, NCRD Staff stated that the NCRD:

- Insists that the Province propose a consultation framework with finite timelines for consideration by the NCRD Board;
- Will not entertain delaying the consultation and bylaw adoption process to better serve the timelines of the Province and Aurora LNG with respect to project development;
- Requests specific timelines and financial assistance with respect to any additional consultation to take place with the Province, above and beyond what has already been undertaken;
- Requests that FLNRO and NGD put in writing their specific concerns with respect to Bylaw No. 608, so that the NCRD is in a better position to address these concerns; and
- Is concerned with the incursion of the proposed Aurora LNG project footprint into the existing Dodge Cove OCP that would need further discussion with FLNRO and NGD.

Given that representatives from FLNRO and NGD did not attend the meeting, discussion was limited to preparing an agenda for an additional meeting with stakeholders in the following week to further develop a consultation plan.

COMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the Board of the NCRD receive this memorandum and that staff be directed to continue working with the Province to develop an additional consultation framework between the NCRD and Province with respect to Bylaw No. 608, 2017.