

**CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST  
Community Development Committee**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
6:00 – 9:00 pm  
North Island College, Ucluelet**

**Summary Notes and Next Steps**  
*Quorum was not achieved.*

Present: Diane St. Jacques, Tony Bennet, Alex Nikolic, Kim Mack  
Regrets: Jason Bertin, Norma Dryden, Francine Frank, Kim Hoag, Brenda Kuecks,  
Norine Messer, Doug Wright  
Staff: Rebecca Vines, David Fraser, Jean Wylie

- 1. Dinner was served from 6:00 – 6:30**
- 2. Review and approve agenda & recent minutes**

The agenda and recent minutes were approved.

**3. CBT Update**

CBT staff has mainly been focusing on the Call for Projects, as well supporting the Board in their Core Priorities exercise. The Board of Director's held a Core Priorities Retreat in late October, which is part of a process to identify long-term outcomes to focus the CBT Trust fund income towards for the next five to ten years. These core priorities will also help to identify the skills needed in the next Executive Director. The retreat was only the beginning of this conversation. The Board also took the opportunity to meet with representatives of Malaspina University College and the Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve. David will prepare a draft of the core priorities to bring forward at the next board meeting. The results will also be reviewed by the committees and communities of the Biosphere Reserve.

**4. 2007 Call for Projects**

The Committee took the opportunity to hear from three remaining project proponents.

**West Coast Trades and Apprenticeship Program** – Tony Bennet presented this request, as he has been advocating for this project for the past year. The request will fund a coordinator for the West Coast who will work with the business community, as well as youth, to create a unique program for our geographic region. This project presents opportunities for community development and economic growth within the Clayoquot

region. The group has also made requests to the Island Economic Trust to fund this coordinator position, which will begin in January for 10 months. This project does include Ahousaht, even though they have independent school status. SD 70 will be supporting this project through in kind means and through involvement of the Port Alberni coordinator. The students will receive credit for their participation, although the details will be worked out through the project.

**West Coast Recreation Center Business Plan** – Gord Johns presented this request on behalf of the Long Beach Recreation Society. This project will help with the overall health of our communities and the end result will have great economic spin offs. The request is for support to develop a business plan to take the project to the next level. The facility could include leasing and business opportunities, but the main focus is to create a recreation opportunity for the region. The need for the facility is quite obvious, which is why it has received great support from all of the communities in the region, including First Nations. The group is also pursuing funding from the Department of Indian Affairs and has a commitment from the likely contractor to contribute %15 at no cost. The group does not want to duplicate services that are already available in the region, such as conference hosting. The proponent also sees that this facility may help to make public transportation more viable for the region. The remote communities could be offered premium ice times in order to facilitate their usage. The project did not qualify for a NEDC loan because it will not be owned by 51% First Nations. Any funds received will help to leverage additional funds.

**Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Early Child Development Awareness Building Project** – Norine Messer presented this project via conference call. The funding would be used to produce posters and magnets that promote healthy parenting from a Nuu-Chah-Nulth perspective. The Committee asked about the production costs, which Norine has found to be quite consistent. A great deal of the cost is for the formatting. These items will be good quality and people will want to look at them and hopefully be encouraged by them to choose a healthier lifestyle. This project is not limited to on reserve and has partners in many communities. The products will be launched in the Nuu-chah-nulth communities, but will be offered throughout the region and displayed in many public places.

The remainder of the evening was focused on the review of project proposals in order to make recommendations for funding to the CBT Board. The group chose to discuss the projects one at a time, after which the group discussed which projects to recommend to the Board and which projects they would prefer to fund with the remainder of their discretionary funding (\$7,800). In a few cases, two committees are reviewing one project. Staff will take the recommendations of both committees to the CBT Board for their consideration. Any committee members that were connected to a submission excused themselves for that part of the discussion. Committee members that were unable to attend this meeting will be informed of the recommendations via email.

1. Revitalizing the First Street Dock (\$8,000)

The committee had difficulty recommending this project because there is little financial contribution from the District of Tofino, who are responsible for the dock and have

received funds to assist their planning. There was also concern that the Central Region Management Board is a for-profit group, as they are the business arm of the Central Region Chiefs. It was suggested that the proponent consider applying to the Island Coast Economic Trust for funding. The project did not fit closely with the Committee's criteria and will not be supported.

2. WCRS Engaging Community (\$4,375)

The committee strongly supports this proposal as the WCRS plays a vital role in our communities. The new communication materials will help the group to reach more clients in all of the communities and overcome the misconception that they are only a women's center. The group will support this project through the allocation of their discretionary funds.

3. Reviewing the social, cultural and economic impacts of fish farming within the Ahousaht Hahoulthee (\$5,656)

The committee did not feel comfortable supporting this project without some commitment from Mainstream Canada. The group felt strongly that this research should be funded by Mainstream. The committee also felt that the project was a better fit with the Marine & Aquatic Committee and/or the Culture Committee. There was also a concern that the benefits of the project would only be felt in one community at best, which does not fit with the committee's criteria.

4. Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Early Child Development Awareness Building Project (\$8,000)

The committee felt that this project should be funded by USMA and that it is not a close fit with the committee's criteria. The group could provide some support from the discretionary funding in the New Year. The group also asked staff to consider forwarding this request to the Culture Committee. Jean will provide information on other funding opportunities including Health Canada and the BC Aboriginal Nurses Association to the proponent.

5. West Coast Recreation Center Business Plan (\$8,000)

The committee was very supportive of this project because it will impact all of the communities in the Biosphere region. The CBT is able to support the business plan, while the capital costs of building will be out of our hands. The group recommends this project to the CBT Board and noted that any funds raised will help to leverage additional funding. The proponents already have \$25K raised.

6. Truth about Fundraising Seminars (\$5,000)

The committee recognizes that the WCRS is stepping up to facilitate an opportunity for all of the organizations in the region. The committee would like to take a lead role in offering this training and apply some of their logistics funding to hosting the workshops to a total of \$1,475, with funding for the facilitator supported by their discretionary budget for \$,3525. If additional funding is required perhaps a small entrance fee could be charged, or the group could support further with next years discretionary funds. David

will talk to Candace about how the seminars can be offered in partnership with the Committee, as many members would like to be involved.

7. West Coast Trades and Apprenticeship Program (\$8,000)

This project was reviewed favorably by the Committee because it will reach all of the youth in region to support skill development. The group also appreciated that there is a short term need for funding, while the long term program funding will be supported by SD 70. The group would like to challenge the Education Committee to match their funding of \$4,000, as they are also reviewing the project. If the Education Committee does not match their funding, they would like to increase their funding to \$6,000. (Please note: the Education Committee did not choose to match this committees funding).

In summary, the Committee will recommend the following projects to the CBT Board:

1. Westcoast Trades and Apprenticeship Program \$6,000
2. Westcoast Recreation Center Business Plan \$6,000

The Community Development Committee allocated their discretionary funding to the following projects:

1. WCRS Engaging Communities \$4,375
2. Truth about Fundraising Seminars \$3,525 (plus logistical & in-kind support)

**5. Next Meeting**

Staff will be in touch to arrange a meeting date for January 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.