

**CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST  
Community Development Committee**

**Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
6:00 – 9:00 pm  
Café Vincente, Tofino**

**Meeting Summary and Next Steps**

**Present:** Jason Bertin, Kim Hoag, Doug Wright, Brenda Kuecks, Dianne St. Jacques, Francine Frank

**Staff:** David Fraser, Rebecca Vines and Jean Wylie

**Regrets:** Tony Bennett, Norma Dryden, Norine Messer, Alex Nikolic, Kim Mack, Dan Edwards

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

Agenda and recent minutes were reviewed and approved.

**3. CBT Update**

Staff has been concentrating on Call for Projects, as the response has been very good. David provided an overview of 2006 Project Funding. Most of the final reports have been received and there are a lot of impressive results. David will bring the reports to an upcoming committee meeting for folks to review. Multi-year reports not available at this time, but those projects are also on track.

Discretionary Funding -- Each committee has an allotment of \$10,000 each year. The Community Development Committee supported the Ucluelet First Nation Celebration of Health with \$1000, so \$9000 is remaining. Please consider funding projects in part or full from that money.

The CBT Board is in process of updating priorities and looking for input to the desired outcomes that the organization should be working towards. Feel free to submit your ideas to staff to bring forward to that process. The results of this process will be shared with the committee, possibly through an all committee meeting.

**4. 2007 Call for Projects**

The main focus of the evening was to provide an opportunity for project proponents to present their applications to the committee and answer any questions the group may have.

Proponents were each allowed 10 minutes to make an informal presentation and five minutes to answer questions from the group. Funding recommendations need to be made to the Board by December giving approximately 6 weeks for the committee to make decisions. A few projects are being reviewed by more than one committee and both will have an opportunity to provide input to the Board.

**First Street Dock Revitalization** -- Gary Johnsen presented this request on behalf of the Central Region Management Board. The dock is vital to the communities, especially the First Nations, and since it has been divested to the District of Tofino they are not sure what to do with it. Have the Tofino Business Association and Chamber of Commerce been approached? Not yet, if approved they would invite other stakeholders as a part of the project. The CBT is the first place the CRMB has submitted this proposal. Do they have a fore shore lease? No, it was not required when the dock was owned by the Government, but an application would be made as a part of this project. The planning could include commercial businesses as the dock needs to be economically sustainable. EcoTrust submitted a similar proposal last year, but withdrew the application because they did not have adequate time to build partnerships. EcoTrust feels this project is in the right hands at this moment.

KH did Eco Trust put forward a similar proposal in the past. Rebecca noted that a letter of support is in process from the District of Tofino. Tofino may have a part in the contracting because they are working with suitable people. The \$4500 identified as contributions would come from the CRMB, more than likely an in kind contribution.

**Westcoast Community Resources Society Engaging Community** – Candice MacDonald, Executive Director presented this request along with their contractor Elizabeth Hume. Candace noted that the organization currently has no core fundraising activities and needs to increase their profile amongst service providers, as well as possible donors. The WCRS is a key social service provider in the region and would benefit from comprehensive print materials aimed at public education. These materials would be displayed in gathering places in our communities (doctor's offices, coffee shops, bars throughout the region) and would be distributed to referral agencies such as the RCMP. The WCRS has a distribution strategy and has an experienced trainer to help them develop the materials. The only volunteers at the organization are the Board and the WCRS hope to expand volunteer opportunities once they have raised their profile, as it would not be possible to do in the reverse. Funding is currently through government contracts and gaming funds. The printed materials are just a piece of their awareness building strategy.

**The Truth about Fundraising Seminar** – Candice MacDonald, ED, also presented this proposal. Candace has been hearing about the need to have board development training in the region. The WCRS is stepping forward to facilitate a 4 session training program in fundraising, which will be available to all organizations in the region free of charge. Seven organizations have already expressed an interest in participating. The trainer lives on Vancouver Island and there would be a huge cost savings compared to sending people out of the region for training. The training is available to all organizations in the region and each session could be hosted in a different community by a different organization.

The four sessions would help people gain the basic skills and apply them to their organization. The relationship building between organizations in the region is another benefit.

**Westcoast Recreation Center Business Plan** – The proponents were unable to attend this meeting. We will extend an invitation to the group to attend the next meeting, as the group has specific questions about the economic feasibility of the project, as well as the source of the other funds for the business planning.

**Reviewing the social, cultural and economic impacts of fish farming within**

**Ahousaht Haloulthee** – Katie Beach presented this proposal as a representative of NTC Fisheries, although it is also being proposed by the Ahousaht Fisheries and Ahousaht Fish Farm Committee. Mainstream and Ahousaht FN have a protocol agreement in place that guides their work together. One of the goals within the agreement is to research the social cultural and economic impacts of fish farming on the community of Ahousaht. While there has been study into the biological impacts, this other research has not moved forward. The intent is to provide recommendations for working together that will be implemented. Is Mainstream supporting this research? Mainstream is aware of the proposal and supportive in principle, but have not been able to provide a letter of support or a confirmed financial contribution because of recent staff changes. Katie has budgeted for Mainstream to fund the research liaison/assistant position. The primary researcher would be an unbiased individual who does not work for Mainstream and is not from Ahousaht. Katie will be going back to Mainstream and believes that because of their necessary adherence to the protocol agreement the support will be there. How many people work for Mainstream? Approximately 80 which is very significant in the small community. The research would be conducted in January and a written report provided in the spring.

Following Katie's presentation the group discussed the precedent of funding a project that is being proposed by a First Nation in conjunction with a multinational corporation, suggesting that the work should be funded by those two groups as they have agreed through the protocol agreement. David will follow up with Katie and ask her to continue to pursue a letter of support from Mainstream and confirmation on their funding contribution. This proposal is also being reviewed by the Marine & Aquatic Committee.

**Reaching In and Reaching Out Workshop** -- Fiona McCallum presented this request for financial support for a professional development workshop, which is in progress in the region. The training teaches early childhood workers about how to foster resiliency in children and is based on research. The resiliency skills help with suicide and depression prevention. The request is to cover the workshop fees for the presenter. Seven participants have already completed the first workshop from Tofino, Ahousaht and Port Alberni. The class was well advertised and unfortunately a few people could not attend at the last minute. These seven people will have interactions with many children through the course of their work and Fiona will write an article to raise awareness amongst others. The Children's Center could use other government funding, but would

prefer to target that towards playground upgrades. It was noted that there is value in bringing the trainer to the region, rather than sending people out of town.

Following Fiona's presentation the group decided to fund the request from the discretionary budget, as suggested by Kim Mack via email. The group is interested in supporting future professional development requests of this kind and wanted to encourage Fiona to offer the course again in the region if she felt it was appropriate. It was also suggested that holding the workshop during the week may bring more participants.

**Women's Food and Water Initiative** – The proponent was not able to attend the meeting due to family obligations. The committee reviewed the proposal and declined fund the project because many of the activities are planned for outside our geographic region. With such a strong response to the Call for Projects the funding priority is our Biosphere region. The project was also considered to be very ambitious and there was a question of who is providing the expertise.

**Westcoast Trades and Apprenticeship Training Program** – The proponent was not able to attend this meeting. The committee did discuss the proposal in light of what they had heard from Tony Bennet at the previous meeting. The group has a number of questions and would like to make every effort to schedule the presentation for the next meeting. The proposal is also being reviewed by the Education Committee. There may be an opportunity to fund the project partly through either committee's discretionary budget and challenge the Board to fund the remainder.

**Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Early Child Development Awareness Building Project** – The proponent was not able to attend this meeting. The committee would like to invite the proponent to present at their next meeting. The proposal has confirmed financial support from the Coalition of Service Providers. The group would like to recommend that the proponent do further research on the pricing of posters and magnets before the next meeting as it was thought to be high, based on experience at the table. Essentially they want to produce healthy lifestyle messages that are culturally relevant. This has been very beneficial in the past as seen with the Nuu-chah-nulth babies poster and the FASD poster. It was also hoped that the posters would be in both Nuu-chah-nulth and English.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> in Ucluelet at North Island College from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.