

Village of Queen Charlotte

March 8, 2010

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, March 8th, 2010 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

Mayor C. Kulesha
Councillor L. Johnson
Councillor G. Noddin

Staff:

B. Beamish, Chief Administrator Officer
D. Uliana, Chief Financial Officer
B. Greenough, Public Works Superintendent

Regrets: Councillor G. Martin

Absent: Councillor K. Olsen

Public: T. Morton, M. Boyd, S. Tarola plus 1

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Kulesha called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m

Agenda:

R2010/13/02 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2.1 Budget Planning:

Debra Uliana, CFO, reviewed changes to the general Operating Budget with the committee:

- i. Show GAS Tax as a revenue and as a transfer to reserve
- ii. Add \$3000 to council travel for FCM or other travel needs
- iii. No change to Council remuneration for 2010; consider amendment to bylaw for cost of living increases in the future;
- iv. Policy needed for Grants of Assistance
- v. OCP Bylaw – we will know more about the cost to complete this bylaw after quotes are received on March 12th; can use Gas Tax for Community Plans; some money in Tsunami Planning grant may also be available; Seniors Grant application to be submitted on March 12th included some funds for OCP;
- vi. Cemetery: council needs information about how to proceed with acquiring licence for cemetery operation;
- vii. Public Works truck - \$25,000: budget from equipment reserve

2010 – UBCM Age Friendly Planning and Project Grant Application:

R2010/13/03 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin “That the Committee of the Whole recommend to council that the 2010 – Age Friendly Planning and Project Grant for OCP Planning, Memorial Benches and Policy Development, in the amount of \$16,850, be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities for consideration and that the Village of Queen Charlotte will provide overall grant and fiscal management for this project.”

CARRIED

2.2 Spirit Square Project:

The committee received and reviewed new concept drawings for Spirit Square that were received on March 8, 2010, from Tohmm Cobban, Architect. Suggestions for changes will be conveyed to Mr. Cobban; The Committee also confirmed their request that an extension of the grant program be applied for. CAO to follow up.

2.3 Robertson Island:

R2010/13/04 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin that the report from the CAO dated March 8, 2010, Robertson Island Water and Fire Services be received.

CARRIED

At 5:00 pm four (4) residents from Robertson Island joined the meeting. Bill Beamish, CAO, reviewed the Report to Council on the background, options, budget and action items that need to be dealt with in order for an extension to be constructed.

Next steps:

The following actions are recommended:

1. Robertson Island residents need to determine if they want to proceed with a petition pursuant to section 212 of the Community Charter for an extension of the community water service as a Local Area Service;
2. The Village needs to further amend Schedule ‘B’ to the Water Service Bylaw 21-2008 to reflect the legal description in Schedule ‘A’ and the SQCRD Bylaw 90-1980;
3. The Village of Queen Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department will continue to work with island residents and to develop a protocol for responding to fires on islands;
4. Residents of Robertson Island need to ensure that the water lines and connection to the VQC community water system at Spruce Point meet federal and provincial requirements for service and access over crown lands --- this was done and a LOC approved by the province.
5. Council to review the special rate charged to island residents to ensure that it is consistent with the cost of water service and charges to residents within the water service area.

Adjournment:

R 2010/13/05 MOVED by Councillor Noddin to adjourn.

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 6:08 pm
Next meeting Monday March 15, 2010

Mayor C. Kulesha, Chair

D. Uliana, Recording