

Village of Queen Charlotte

January 19, 2009

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, January 19, 2009 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Regrets:

Councillor K. Olsen

Staff:

E. Ludlow, Chief Administrator Officer
D. Uliana, Chief Financial Officer

Public:

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Agenda:

R2009/05/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

Public Participation:

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, January 5th, 2009

R2009/05/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, January 5th, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate:

Gwaii Haanas Project Team Re: Present overview of the proposed Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve project

Terrie Dionne presented an overview of the work done to date on the Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve Project. The protection of the area is being planned with sustainable use allowed. The area will extend 10 km off shore in the Gwaii Haanas Park Reserve. Parks Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Council of the Haida Nation are working together as partners. The Interim Management Plan is the first goal with representative areas being identified and included in the mapping. There will be a public process once the Interim Management Plan is complete. Ms. Dionne left information packages for the Council and public.

Correspondence:

For Information:

a) HealthLink BC – Re: Internet button, January 9, 2009

R2009/05/04 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive and file a) HealthLink BC – Re: Internet button, January 9, 2009.
CARRIED

b) City of Prince George – Re: Congratulations and working together, December 19, 2008

c) City of Terrace – Re: Congratulations and working together, January 12, 2009
R2009/05/05 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file b) City of Prince George – Re: Congratulations and working together, December 19, 2008 and c) City of Terrace – Re: Congratulations and working together, January 12, 2009.

CARRIED

d) Order of British Columbia – Re: Nominations to the Order, January 12th, 2009
R2009/05/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive and file c) Order of British Columbia – Re: Nominations to the Order, January 12th, 2009.

CARRIED

For Action:

a) Skidegate Band Council – Re: Gwaii Trust January 30th, 2009 – Culture as it Relates to Tourism program, to carve a pole in recognition of the late Chief Dempsey Collinson, request letter of support, January 6th, 2009

R2009/05/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to Skidegate Band Council – Re: Gwaii Trust January 30th, 2009 – Culture as it Relates to Tourism program, to carve a pole in recognition of the late Chief Dempsey Collinson.

CARRIED

b) Friends of the Queen Charlotte Visitor Centre – Re: Gwaii Trust Travel Assistance program, to attend the 2009 Tourism BC Conference in Vancouver, request letter of support, December 22, 2009

R2009/05/08 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to Friends of the Queen Charlotte Visitor Centre – Re: Gwaii Trust Travel Assistance program, to attend the 2009 Tourism BC Conference in Vancouver.

CARRIED

c) Queen Charlotte Community Club – Re: Coast Sustainability Trust, to upgrade the roof and exterior siding and gutters, outside electrical and a replacement door at the main entrance, \$20,000.00, request letter of support, January 13th, 2009

R2009/05/09 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to send a letter of support to Queen Charlotte Community Club – Re: Coast Sustainability Trust, to upgrade the roof and exterior siding and gutters, outside electrical and a replacement door at the main entrance, \$20,000.00.

CARRIED

Resolutions:

- a) In view of the fact that Mayor Carol Kulesha was appointed by the Provincial Government to chair the Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte Spirit of BC Communities Committee and that the Village of Queen Charlotte has been chosen as a site of remote community celebration of the Olympic Torch Relay, be it now resolved by Council of the Village of Queen Charlotte that a “Standing Committee for the Torch Relay” be appointed herewith to organise the ceremonies around the torch relay
- R2009/05/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin the in view of the fact that Mayor Carol Kulesha was appointed by the Provincial Government to chair the Haida Gwaii Queen Charlotte Spirit of BC Communities Committee and that the Village of Queen Charlotte has been chosen as a site of remote community celebration of the Olympic Torch Relay, be it now resolved by Council of the Village of Queen Charlotte that a “Standing Committee for the Torch Relay” be appointed herewith to organise the ceremonies around the torch relay.
- CARRIED

Reports:

- a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole – Re: Minutes January 12, 2009
- R2009/05/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole – Re: Minutes January 12, 2009 as circulated.
- CARRIED
- b) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Re: Minutes November 21, 2008
- c) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Re: Minutes December 19, 2008
- R2009/05/12 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file b) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Re: Minutes November 21, 2008 and c) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Re: Minutes December 19, 2008.
- CARRIED

New Business

- a) Hippy Hill Lane – Re: Formalising of the name by which it has traditionally been known
- R2009/05/13 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin to formalise of the name of Hippy Hill Lane for the lane known that that name between 7th Street and 8th Street off 2nd Ave.
- CARRIED
- b) Village of Queen Charlotte Logo Policy
- Action:** Refer to Staff: Draft a Logo Policy with Administrative authority to use the Logo for routine issues and to bring request to use the Logo to Council for more specific requests.

Council Reports:

MAYORS REPORT JANUARY 19, 2009

HAIDA GWAII HIGHER EDUCATION SOCIETY

The society continues to move forward with its pilot project which will bring SFU students to the island in the spring. Planning for courses in 2010 also continues.

CANADA POST CORPORATION

Mail was brought to the islands on January 9th by seaplane - 3 bags into QC and more into Masset. Letters have been sent to the British Columbian Senators, Members of Parliament, Speaker of the House asking for their assistance in regaining our basic service. MP Nathan Cullen has been collecting stories of the impacts of our lack of service. We need to continue to pressure our government and Canada Post to inform them and demand adequate service.

BC FERRIES

The Hawk Air flight was smooth and a pleasure but the wait time for security and ferries makes the journey 5 ½ hours. At the end of the week the project was moving ahead of schedule but was still very much dependent on weather and tides.

No further word on the Kwuna.

TORCH RELAY COMMITTEE

With membership from around the islands, we are moving forward on planning the event and a celebration surrounding the lighting of the torch. Our aim is to involve our youth, encourage “physicality” and have a great island party.

NWREGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Elections for the executive of the board resulted in Mayor Cress Farrow (Smithers) as chair and the 2 vice chairs are Harry Nyce, Nishga representative and myself. This meeting was an introduction of the protocol, procedures and regulations governing the hospital district and a discussion of the issues of each area and community. There are many commonalities – distances to travel for medical care, need for drug and alcohol and mental health treatment and programs, aging infrastructure, seniors care, recruitment and retention of health personnel to name a few. With many infrastructure projects needed and the funding formulae of 40% contribution from the hospital district, there are some major challenges ahead of us.

ISLAND DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Directors discussed and recommended support for the Sandspit Community Hall upgrade, letter to the province to support added funds to Coast Sustainability Trust, and forest workers funding. Support for returning a MOT employee to the islands and a planning grant for feasibility study of bike paths on the islands were also recommended and approved later at the SQCRD meeting. We also heard from CUPE representative on the benefits of not contracting out the landfill and transfer stations.

SQCRD

CUPE had a presence at the meeting with pickets, and media. We had explained the night before that we were not making a decision but still gathering information. To note the SQCRD contracts for garbage pick up now and while having 3 employees at the landfill and recycling. We are exploring if there are efficiencies in service and/or expenses with a different arrangement. It is important to understand that the regional district cannot devolve itself of the responsibility of the land fill no matter how they administer and manage it and that none of the directors have any intention of eliminating recycling.

CUPE agrees that the status quo is not working. SQCRD directors would be remiss not to explore all options available to us as our costs are increasing and we need improvements to the system.

The Superintendent of Waste Management reported on notification of future recycling regulations which will increase our island need for storage space.

Requests for funding were approved for the Dodge Cove Recreation Society, PR youth Soccer Association and sponsorship of the 50th All Native Basketball annual tournament. We also agreed to a strategic planning session in the spring.

Councillor Johnson: Attended the Planning Meeting on Jan. 8th, the Brown Bag Lunch on Jan. 9th, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Jan. 12th. Have brought the Men's Shelter issue to the Mental Health & Addiction Advisory Committee to request a letter of support for programming for such a facility. Will be attending the newly elected training on Wednesday.

Councillor Noddin:

On behalf of the council and the village, this week has been quite uneventful for me. Our strategic planning meeting on January 8th evoked a lot of discussion. It was just the first of such meetings until everyone becomes comfortable with the projects that have been started and the direction that the present council wishes them to go into the future. Monday, January 9th's brown bag lunch had one member of the public to talk over the lunch hour with Councillor Johnson and myself. We received yet another Canada Post complaint, in writing, to add to our pile.

On Monday, January 12th, we all met again at a CoW meeting. It was good to hear from Anneli Rostenski, MIEDS' managing director. She gave us an overview of what has happened since the creation of MEIDS, what is happening now and what is proposed for the future within that all-island organization.

Councillor Martin: Attended the three meetings for Council as well as a meeting called to discuss a swimming pool for the south end of the Islands. I have provided copies of budgets from other communities for their swimming pools. Also attended the Access to Produce workshop at the Qay'llnagaay Centre. I will be preparing the final report for the CAEE grant.

Adjournment

R2008/05/14 MOVED by Councillor Martin to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting Monday, February 2, 2009

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording