

Village of Queen Charlotte

January 5, 2009

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Staff:

D. Uliana, Chief Financial Officer
S. Brown, , Legislative/Financial Clerk
E. Ludlow, Chief Administrator Officer

Public:

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Agenda:

R2009/01/02 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as circulated.

MOVED

Public Participation:

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, December 1st, 2008
R2009/01/03 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, December 1st, 2008 as amended.

MOVED

Correspondence:

For Information:

a) Mining Association of British Columbia (MABC) – Re: Congratulations, November 28, 2008
b) Northwest Community College (NWCC) – Re: Congratulations and Working Together, November 24, 2008
c) Office of the Premier, Gordon Campbell – Re: Congratulations, November 17, 2008
d) Local Government Program Service – Re: 2008 School Community Connections Grant funding application Community Action Plan, December 3, 2008
R2009/01/04 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive and file a) Mining Association of British Columbia (MABC) – Re: Congratulations, November 28, 2008, b) Northwest Community College

(NWCC) – Re: Congratulations and Working Together, November 24, 2008, c) Office of the Premier, Gordon Campbell – Re: Congratulations, November 17, 2008 and d) Local Government Program Service – Re: 2008 School Community Connections Grant funding application Community Action Plan, December 3, 2008.

CARRIED

- e) Ministry of Health Services, Minister George Abbott – Re: annual convention of Union of BC Municipalities meeting, December 3, 2008

R2009/01/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin for Councillor Johnson to follow up with Haida Gwaii Mental Health Committee to support the men's shelter project.

CARRIED

- f) Skidegate Band Council – Re: Queen Charlotte General Hospital, November 21, 2008
g) Municipal Finance Authority of BC – Re: Fall Update, December 1, 2008
h) Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) – Re: ILMB initiatives, December 10, 2008
i) Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Minister Rich Coleman – Re: Housing programs, December 8, 2008
j) Ministry of Community Development, Minister Blair Lekstrom – Re: Congratulations, December 11, 2008
k) Ministry of Community Development, Minister Blair Lekstrom – Re: Trees for Tomorrow, December 11, 2008
l) Office of the Premier, Gordon Campbell – Re: available Government programs in the months ahead, December 11, 2008

R2009/01/06 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive and file f) Skidegate Band Council – Re: Queen Charlotte General Hospital, November 21, 2008, g) Municipal Finance Authority of BC – Re: Fall Update, December 1, 2008, h) Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) – Re: ILMB initiatives, December 10, 2008, i) Ministry of Housing and Social Development, Minister Rich Coleman – Re: Housing programs, December 8, 2008, j) Ministry of Community Development, Minister Blair Lekstrom – Re: Congratulations, December 11, 2008, k) Ministry of Community Development, Minister Blair Lekstrom – Re: Trees for Tomorrow, December 11, 2008 and l) Office of the Premier, Gordon Campbell – Re: available Government programs in the months ahead, December 11, 2008.

CARRIED

Action:

- a) Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) – Re: Board Members for 2009, December 3, 2008

R2009/01/07 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Johnson to appoint Councillor Noddin as Representative and Councillor Martin as the Alternate Representative to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board for 2009.

CARRIED

- b) Ministry of Forests and Range – Re: Working together to reduce garbage dumping and improve water quality within the Honna Community Watershed

R2009/01/08 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Johnson to set up a meeting with Ministry of Forest and Range concerning dumping of waste in the watershed.

CARRIED

- c) Canadian Cancer Society – Re: Discussion on cancer prevention in your community, December 11, 2008

R2009/01/09 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin to forward this Canadian Cancer Society letter to the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

- d) MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley, Nathan Cullen – Re: schedule a meeting date, December 11, 2008

R2009/01/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to confirm Nathan Cullen's meeting schedule.

CARRIED

Resolutions:

- a) Appointment of Mayor Carol Kulesha as the representative for the North West Regional Hospital District (NWRHD)

R2009/01/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to appoint Mayor Carol Kulesha as Representative and Councillor Noddin as the Alternate Representative to the North West Regional Hospital District.

CARRIED

- b) Appointment of Mayor Carol Kulesha as the representative for the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)

R2009/01/12 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to appoint Mayor Carol Kulesha as Representative and Councillor Noddin as the Alternate Representative to the Northern Development Initiative Trust.

CARRIED

- c) Appointment of Village of Queen Charlotte Advisory Planning Commission for 2009

R2009/01/13 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin to re-appoint the existing members of the Advisory Planning Commission for 2009.

CARRIED

- d) Appointment of Donald Lidstone of Ratcliff & Company as the Solicitor for the Village of Queen Charlotte

R2009/01/14 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to appoint Donald Lidstone of Ratcliff & Company as the Solicitor for the Village of Queen Charlotte.

CARRIED

- e) Renewal of memberships - Re: Government Financial Officers Association of BC (GFOABC), Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), Local Government Management Association (LGMA), BC Waste Water Association (BCWWA), North Central Municipal Association (NCMA), Environmental Operators Certification Program (EOCP), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and new membership – Re: International Institute Municipal Clerks (IIMC)

R2009/01/15 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to renew memberships Government Financial Officers Association of BC (GFOABC), Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), Local Government Management Association (LGMA), BC Waste Water Association (BCWWA), North Central Municipal Association (NCMA), Environmental Operators Certification Program (EOCP), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and join International Institute Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

CARRIED

Reports

- a) QCI Recreation – Re: Coordinator’s Report November 2008

R2009/01/16 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive and file a) QCI Recreation – Re: Coordinator’s Report November 2008.

CARRIED

- b) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Re: Minutes October 18, 2008

R2009/01/17 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file b) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Re: Minutes October 18, 2008.

CARRIED

MAYOR'S REPORT JANUARY 5, 2009.

HOLIDAY SEASON ON ISLAND

It was a pleasure to be able to stay here through the holiday season. The community club did a great job including the Christmas pot luck – a big thank you to our volunteers who served meals to seniors, entertained our youth and even had me singing Christmas Carols!

ISLAND DIRECTORS MEETING

We met before the holidays to review a variety of contract possibilities and John Holland is gathering more information before we can make a decision.

SQCRD

The December meeting introduced the new members Mayor of PR Jack Mussallem, PR councillor Nelson Kinney , Area D director Brad Setso and Pt. Edward Councillor Murray Kristoff (standing in for their Mayor) . The RD Board will have MLA Gary Coons as a delegate for the January 16th meeting, Board appointments sees Gladys Noddin returned to represent us at the HG Museum, Mayor Delves for Regional Recreation. QC has our own representatives to the VIRL, ISWAC and BC Ferries. A letter is to be sent to BCF requesting all island communities be part of the Ferries Advisory Committee. Right now it is QC, Skidegate, SQCRD and PR for this end of the coast.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING TERRACE

Board development forum with some very prominent speakers. It was a good session with lots of food for thought.

COAST SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

CST grants have worked well on island and I was asked to write a letter by the other board members to request more funding in order to continue into the future.

BC HYDRO – POWER INTERRUPTIONS

High level of power brown outs, black outs and a few hours of no power at important times such as early Xmas morning appear to be due to salt build up and rain water on the lines, heavy snow conditions.

Please report for the record and so it can be corrected by phoning 1 888 power on

CANADA POST CONTINUED

OAS and CPP checks did not arrive on the 22nd of December as elsewhere and our people had to wait until December 30th. That put a pall on the Christmas season for those who were dependent on that cheque. Letters are taking anywhere from 5 to 15 days to arrive, 9 days for one from PR and a notice for Venture One customers was reported by councillor Johnson arrived 2 days **after** the special discount day had passed!

MP NATHAN CULLEN

Meeting on Haida Gwaii “Create your Budget” community forum Saturday January 24th time and location TBA. He has also circulated Take Action on Canada Post circular which I hope people return to him.

Councillor's Report for Leslie Johnson January 5, 2009

I was sworn in on December 1st. As the only new member of council, I met with Mayor Kulesha on December 4th and 10th to be briefed about some of the on-going issues such as roads and water. I was late, but I did stop by the Village's Birthday and Volunteer Recognition Day on December 5th.

I went to the coffee shop meeting with Gary Coons on December 9th and participated in a discussion of issues with local residents and Gary.

I enjoyed the staff and council luncheon on December 12th at the Oceanview Restaurant. I was sorry that Councillor Olsen's work schedule wouldn't allow him to attend.

I attended the two-day training session in Terrace December 15-17th, learning about such things as how councils work, conflict of interest, media relations. We also had short presentations by some of the corporate sponsors of the event: Rio Tinto Alcan, BC Mining Association and GeoScience BC.

There were two events that I attended on my own behalf that I think relate to the community and my work as a councillor.

I attended a skills development workshop called Heart-Based Communication December 6th and 7th. It was mostly about conflict resolution and making agreements—with one's self and others. I'm hoping that what I learned there will help me as a councillor.

I also attended the flagpole ceremony in honour of Ada Yovanovich at the SHIP building in Skidegate on December 5th (that's why I was late for the Village Birthday party). Ada and her family were long-time residents of Queen Charlotte, living beside the Sea Raven Motel for decades. Ada worked tirelessly for the rights of Native people like her who had lost their federal government "status" through various bureaucratic means associated with the Indian Act; the main one being the policy that Native women lost their "status" if they married a "non-status" man. For that reason many Haida women had to leave their community and extended family and live elsewhere. Many, like Ada, moved to Queen Charlotte and Skidegate Landing. Thanks to the hard work of Ada and many others, that national policy was changed in the 1980's and gradually, almost all the families from Charlotte that were affected have moved back to Skidegate. That's our shared history and an example of the complex social, political and cultural milieu in which we live here on Haida Gwaii. I think that one action has dramatically changed the demographic of our village and has had a profound effect on our community. I believe it also means that we have to work all the harder now to stay connected to our neighbours in Skidegate, both individually and as a community.

Thank you. That concludes my report.

Councillor Gladys Noddin, Report for Council, January 5, 2009

1. To begin, I would like the administrator to convey my appreciation to Ben and Eric for the snow removal work that they have so enthusiastically been learning “on-the-fly” during the holiday season. “Thank you, guys.”
2. On December 9th I attended BC Hydro’s *call for proposals* meeting in the QC Community Hall (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.). There were several out-of-town interested parties as well as one long-time QCI resident and, of course, Naikun Wind Farm representatives. They all asked questions and were given answers that satisfied them to varying degrees. I found it hard to determine what the success of the meeting was.
3. The conference for Local Governance Workshop in Terrace went well. (Dec. 15 – Dec 17, 2009)
George Cuff did an excellent presentation. “George Cuff has a Canada-wide reputation amongst municipalities as an advisor, consultant, author, student and teacher on the art and principles of governance and the elements of effective organizations.”
George Paul’s presentation made him appear to be new to the lecture podium although “He has lectured at the UNBC on Municipal Service Delivery and Administration.”
Lisa Zwarn gave a very interesting presentation about *Basics about meetings and the mechanics of a meeting*. She also pointed out the differences between the legislation for municipalities and regional districts.
Bull, Houser and Tupper (Sandra Carter, Brian E. Taylor and Pamela Jefcoat) fielded many legal questions from the audience. It was a very interactive presentation and many people took advantage of the open opportunity to clarify questions concerning by-law writing and enforcement, pecuniary interests and conflict exceptions.
Carol Boothroyd gave us a great ending to the conference. Her focus was on ‘working and communicating with others’. Her background includes elementary school teacher, CBC TV news broadcaster/reporter, media liaison officer, corporate trainer and keynote speaker. Carol weaves humour into all of her workshops. She gave out practical tips on how to speak with the media and how to disclose what.
4. We have noted the late arrival of the first barge which is replacing the BC Ferry for the month of January 5 to February 7, 2009. It is in our interests to record all of the pros and/or cons about this service in the light of the Canada Post situation that is running concurrently with this ferry service interruption.

Report prepared by Councillor Gladys Noddin

Councillor Martin: I noted that our Public Works department was making use of the new truck to remove snow from the heli pad and other locations. Attended the BC Hydro proposal meeting and the Senior holiday dinner. I have been asked to attend a meeting of those interested in exploring the idea of a local swimming pool. I will provide operating budgets from other pools in the north. I was asked to talk to the BC Cancer Organization re. funding for trails.

Councillor Olsen: Heard of the Healthy Youth Program of up to \$20,000 per community – forward to Health & Wellness Advisory Committee (HWAC). Talked with Gary Coons Dec. 9th on issues including sports fishing lodges and logging on private land. I am now a Commissioner for the Queen Charlotte Island Recreation Committee and I would be interested in ideas from the community about recreation programs as would Sandra Beggs. I attended the Training for Councillors in Terrace.

Public Participation

Adjournment

R2008/01/18 MOVED by Councillor Johnson to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm
Next meeting Monday, January 19, 2009

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording