

Village of Queen Charlotte

November 17, 2008

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

Mayor C. Kulesha
Councillor G. Martin
Councillor E. Ross
Councillor G. Noddin
Councillor K. Olsen

Staff:

D. Uliana, Chief Financial Officer
S. Brown, , Legislative/Financial Clerk
A. Yeates, Chief Administrator Officer

Public:

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Agenda:

R2008/46/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Public Participation:

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, November 3, 2008

R2008/46/03 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, November 3, 2008 as circulated.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information:

a) QCI Recreation Reports

R2008/46/04 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file a) QCI Recreation Reports.

CARRIED

b) Northern Savings Credit Union, Michael J. Tarr, President and Chief Executive Officer – Re: letter to Canada Post, November 4, 2008

R2008/46/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file b) Northern Savings Credit Union, Michael J. Tarr, President and Chief Executive Officer – Re: letter to Canada Post, November 4, 2008.

CARRIED

c) Budget Reports

R2008/46/06 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file the budget reports.

CARRIED

For Action:

- a) Naikun Wind Development Inc. – Re: Naikun Offshore Wind Energy Project, request letter of support, November 4, 2008

R2008/46/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to Naikun Wind Development Inc .as to their communication with the community.

Note: Letter of support is specific only to community relations efforts.

CARRIED

- b) Declaration of Official Election Results:

R2008/46/08 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to accept the Declaration of Official Election Results as circulated.

CARRIED

Reports of Council Members and Staff:

- a) Mayor & Council

Mayors Report November 17, 2008

Information Session with Stan Schiller and Wally Cheer

Councillors Noddin, Olsen and myself spoke with Mr. Schiller regarding his concerns for the forest industry on island. Those concerns were noted in his letter to council.

Continuity of the cut despite market conditions would allow him to keep employed a skilled resident employee population and decrease the highs and lows of logging both in expenses and employees.

MIEDS

MIEDS was formed after the initialing of the Land Use Plan in order to have a body that can become business partners with the Haida Nation and the band councils as well as work towards economic initiatives for our communities. On behalf of MIEDS Cory Delves, Chair and myself as Vice Chair met with Jim Green our CEO and:

Telus- asking for demonstration of support for the now halted cell phone tower. Brock Enderton states that this project is to continue but in the spring when a new less expensive design and/or tender can be implemented. Unfortunately this does not answer the needs of our health care and social service workers some who remain on call 24/7 without satisfactory communication options or in potential conflict situations without emergency phone service. Nor does it answer the needs for expanded service for business, pleasure or family. Nor has this come in writing as a letter from Telus as to their intentions.

Minister of Forests – the Honourable Pat Bell and Minister of Finance Colin Hansen – though we need to report to our board for further instruction, our meetings were positive. We spoke of MIEDS activities to date and followed up on the hotel/sports fishing tax for continuing funding towards economic development as well as the community forest, forest roads improvements and local agriculture initiatives. These were all part of our letter of understanding in the development of MIEDS. MIEDS will be developing a newsletter and formalizing its committee structure and public meetings in the new year.

Remembrance Day Activities

Monday was the celebration at our secondary school and it was both lovely and moving. Tuesday I was speaker while Chief Wilson read the remembrance poem. It was a proper grey day that followed us to the cemetery where Masset station and retired forces Ian Hetman placed a wreath.

Society of Higher Education

The support that QC has given to this society is helping it continue to move forward. Proposals are going forth for pilot study funding and interest remains high at the universities we met with earlier this fall. There are still many details to work out but I am very hopeful we will see university students working on island.

QCI Women's Society

Attended their AGM and I am impressed with the work the society is accomplishing – counselling, protection and information. Eliminating violence against women remains a goal and not yet a reality but their work and the publicity around it will assist.

Elections

Thank you to our staff that ran the elections without problem and I had nothing to do but hear the results. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.

Councillor Martin: Attended the Remembrance Day functions. Also attended a Misty Isles Economic Development Society (MIEDS) meeting and the Brown Bag lunch.

Councillor Olsen: Attended the Remembrance Day functions and also attended the logging meeting with Stan Schiller and Wally Cheer.

Councillor Noddin:

Report to council

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Councillor Gladys Noddin

I want to thank all of the people who spent their valuable time working as election officers for this year's municipal elections and all of the people who exercised their democratic rights to get out and vote.

1 November 5/08

Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.)

The meeting started with a “meet & greet” at the Kaay centre.

I counted 45 people in the audience during the general meeting in the Performing House area; commercial fishermen, Haida elders, biologists, lay-people

This group was created by the federal Ministry of Fisheries in 1998 and has evolved into a strategic planning committee for specific species and are answerable to both the federal and the provincial ministries. They have hosted similar meetings all over the BC coast and will be issuing a report when they are done.

1. There were 4 pre-circulated questions; a) How are wild salmon stocks doing in your area relative to other parts of BC? b) How are changes in the freshwater environments affecting salmon stocks in your area? c) What changes or activities are needed to make positive improvements to freshwater environments to help salmon? d) What is the major salmon management challenge in your community?

2. Comments from the participants:

Seal populations are eating the fish open pen fish farm activity needs to be banned open sea drift boat activity needs to be banned fisheries act enforcement officers and boats need to be expanded because of decreased enhancement funding in Canada along with increased enhancement funding in Alaska coupled with a finite amount of available feed in the open sea, has led to decreased populations of BC wild salmon not enough high sea research being done poor DFO quota and season regulations spawning water temperature increases poor monitoring of streams and enhancements forestry practices polluting the spawning streams forestry practices contributing to the warming of the

streambeds beaver (introduced mammal species) polluting the streams introduced fish species competing with natural food sources in the high seas mechanical disruption of the normal breeding and/or feeding grounds of certain fish species (wind farms, power dams)

They did mention a provincial programme, Ministry of the Environment, "*Living water smart*" that may have funding available for watershed management projects.

The last comment that I overheard from several participants as they left the area was "Well, that was an exercise in futility. Wasn't it?" So, we will have to wait for the report to be released to see if anything becomes of the comments and concerns that were taken forward that evening.

2. Thursday, November 6, 2008 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

All candidate's meeting (debate) at the QC Community Hall

What can I say? It is always a nerve-racking experience to have to do any public speaking!

3. Monday, November 10, 2008 (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Queen Charlotte Secondary School – Remembrance Day ceremony

A well attended event for the entire community

4. Tuesday, November 11, 2008 (10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

With over 200 other people, I attended the Legion Remembrance Day at the centataphe. After the outdoor ceremony, many of us went to the legion building for lunch. In the evening, I attended the pot luck supper at the legion building.

Councillor Ross: Would like to see a letter sent to the Misty Isles TV Society regarding getting channel 10 back on the air. Attended Remembrance Day ceremonies.

CAO: Election preparation and election day, staff did a good job. Scrutineer procedure went well. Reminder – candidates to get financial reports in. New CAO is arriving today and the transfer process is tomorrow.

Adjournment:

R2008/46/09 MOVED by Councillor Martin to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Next meeting Monday, December 1, 2008

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording