

Village of Queen Charlotte

October 20, 2008

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, October 20, 2008 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Staff:

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

Public:

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor C. Kulesha called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda:

R2008/43/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Public Participation:

None

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, October 6, 2008

R2008/43/03 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, October 6, 2008 as circulated.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information:

- a) Ministry of Community Development – Invitation to apply for an Infrastructure Planning Grant for the watershed, Oct. 3, 2008.
- b) Ministry of Children & Family Development – Thanking Council for recognition of foster families in our community, Sept. 16, 2008

R2008/43/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file a) Ministry of Community Development – Invitation to apply for an Infrastructure Planning Grant for the watershed, Oct. 3, 2008 and b) Ministry of Children & Family Development – Thanking Council for recognition of foster families in our community, Sept. 16, 2008.

CARRIED

For Action:

- a) Ministry of Children and Family Development – Autism Awareness Month, request for recognition of Autism Awareness Month, Oct. 2, 2008.

R2008/43/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to recognise October as Autism Awareness month.

CARRIED

- b) Skidegate Band Council, request for Letter of Support for Gwaii Trust Major Infrastructure Program for floor of George Brown Recreation Centre, Oct. 6, 2008.

R2008/43/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to Skidegate Band Council, for Gwaii Trust Major Infrastructure Program for floor of George Brown Recreation Centre.

CARRIED

- c) Village of Port Clements, request for letters of support for Gwaii Trust Major Contributions to redeck wharf, Legacy for training and Legacy for furniture for multi-plex building, Oct. 10, 2008.

R2008/43/07 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter of support to Village of Port Clements, for Gwaii Trust Major Contributions to redeck wharf, Legacy for training and Legacy for furniture for multi-plex building.

CARRIED

- d) Misty Isles Economic Development Society request for Letter of Support for Gwaii Trust Culture as it relates to Tourism grant application, Oct. 10, 2008.

R2008/43/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to Misty Isles Economic Development Society for Gwaii Trust Culture as it relates to Tourism grant application.

CARRIED

- e) Misty Isles Economic Development Society request for Letter of Support for Coast Sustainability Trust (CST) re: to develop a regional economic development plan, Oct. 17, 2008.

R2008/43/09 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to Misty Isles Economic Development Society for Coast Sustainability Trust (CST) re: to develop a regional economic development plan.

CARRIED

Resolution:

- a) Authorization to go forward with a funding application to Coast Sustainability Trust for funding for the Spirit Square project.

R2008/43/10 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to authorize moving forward with a funding application to Coast Sustainability Trust for the Spirit Square Project.

CARRIED

Bylaws:

A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted from Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter, Bylaw No.29-2008 for adoption.

R2008/43/11 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt Bylaw No.29-2008, A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted from Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

- a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes Oct. 9, 2008

R2008/43/12 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes Oct. 9, 2008 as circulated.

CARRIED

Reports of Council Members and Staff:

- a) Mayor & Council

Mayors Report October 20, 2008

December Elected Officials meeting

December 15,16,17 in Terrace

Elected Officials Meeting with CHN

To discuss options for the Gwaii Forest account. Those present agreed to move forward to look at using the GF account for other purposes such purchasing a TFL, energy production for islands or other such island wide projects after analysis of a business plan for the ideas.

A joint letter to the CEO of Canada Post was also agreed to.

Gwaii Forest/Gwaii Trust meeting

Was held in Tlell where the above was discussed. GF will officially be in breach of its guidelines in the new year. In order to correct this a plan needs to be adopted that demonstrates how they can move towards regaining lost funds. For the short term it appears that the proven GT model will continue but at the same time the administrators will research using the funds for all island ownership of timber licenses and/or energy production. The communities were asked to contribute their ideas.

MIEDS

See news release

Short list CAO possibilities

We had a great deal of interest in the position and will start interviewing a short list of candidates end of next week.

SQCRD meeting

Supported the Society of Higher Education initiative with \$3225 worth of funding and their best wishes. Will write a strong letter regarding Canada Post to the CEO.

Canada Post

See letter

Councillor Noddin:

Council Report

October 20, 2008

Councillor Gladys Noddin

1. Prior to leaving the province for a family get together in south western Ontario, I attended a board meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional Library in Nanaimo. As with all organizations and boards, VIRL has been hit with the economic downturn in our global economy. Even before this current financial crisis the *strategic replacement and refurbishment plan* was under review. Since the hiring of a new executive administrator and the election of a new chairman of the board, current operational polices and procedures have been under scrutiny. The budget and budget statements have been thoroughly examined with the result being that a reporting system which is more easily read and understood by the board members has been instituted. All these things were discussed and explained to the members present.

The planning committee, of which I am a member, meets at least 3-4 weeks prior to the regular board meeting. Because of the expense to fly me to and from Nanaimo, I attend these meetings via telephone. It is not ideal. But, it is better than nothing.

The regular board meetings happen every 2 months.

2. Sandwiched between the VIRL board meeting and my travelling to Windsor to bury my brother, I attended the UBCM in Penticton with Mayor Kulesha and Councillor Martin. The UBCM is a vital way to network with our provincial counterparts and to take our community concerns to the provincial ministers and/or their aides. Lobbying for our share of health care dollars, communication infrastructure, clean drinking water and reliable transportation alternatives were some of the things that we discussed with the bureaucrats from Victoria.

3. Immediately upon returning home, I was involved with the exit interview process of our current CAO. Andrew, his wife and family will be missed when they leave us. I hope that they know that we all wish them good fortune for their future.

4. The Village of QC has been working closely together with our neighbours, the Skidegate Band council and the CHN on issues of mutual concern. Mayor Kulesha and I attended a meeting called by the CHN last Tuesday where elected officials from all of the communities and the directors from all of the District areas were in attendance.

5. On Thursday, we had a Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. And, finally, today there was a meeting of all elected officials at the Tlell Fire hall to listen to a presentation from the trustees and board of the Gwaii Forest Charitable Trust. After the presentation, there was dialogue to make sure that everyone understood the message that they wanted to convey.

Councillor Olsen:

Attended COW and Haida House of Assembly. Thank you to Village of Queen Charlotte for Letter of Support to the School Board for a Planning 10 Grant.

Councillor Martin:

Attended Run of River meeting – looking for site.

Health and Wellness Advisory Committee (HWAC) - report

R2008/43/13 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file HWAC report.

CARRIED

CAO:

Work for the election work going ahead. Year end projects are being started. A staff review process is in progress. Stanley Lake – some work is being done on the Run of River portion. The intake is mostly done. Forestry road issues are being dealt with. The tender for water treatment plant will be going out shortly with preliminary drawings expected in the near future. Still waiting for offers for the wood from the access road to the intake site.

Adjournment:

R2008/43/ 14 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Next meeting Monday, November 3, 2008

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording