

Village of Queen Charlotte

June 7, 2010

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Staff:

B. Beamish, Chief Administrator Officer
S. Brown, Legislative/Financial Clerk

Regrets:

Councillor G. Noddin

Media -1

Public - 6

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda Addition and/or Deletions:

9.7 (a) MIEDS – Annual Report

10.2 Policy 15.0 – Annual Student Bursary

14.0 Notice of Motion Re: Enbridge

Agenda:

R2010/30/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Adoption of the Minutes:

4.1

R2010/30/03 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Special Council Minutes May 13, 2010 as circulated.

CARRIED

4.2

R2010/30/04 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes May 17, 2010 as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

6. Proclamations:

7. Delegates

7.1 Keith Alexander gave a power point presentation on Knotweed. The purpose of his presentation was to enhance public awareness of the serious impact this plant has on Haida Gwaii. Key points noted:

- One of the top ten invasive plants in the world
- Hardest to get rid off
- Himalayan knotweed mostly in Skidegate and Old Massett
- Japanese knotweed in the central and western part of town
- Only takes one root to spread

They are treating specific areas with a Salt Water process but limited by the need to work with high tides and areas accessible to the water. Mr Alexander is open to any suggestions. Knotweed by the skate park is the largest infestation and he doubts it would respond to salt water treatment. Recommends treatment by stem injection or foliar spray.

Council thanked Mr Alexander for his presentation and suggested contacting the Fire Department who may have a pumper truck available and staff would investigate the Village's spare tank. This topic will also be added to the Protocol meeting agenda on June 24, 2010.

8. Inquiries from the Public Regarding the Approved Agenda Items:

- A comment regarding do we really need regulatory bylaws

9. Correspondence:

For Information:

9.1 Ministry of Community Rural Development
R2010/30/05 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file Ministry of Community and Rural Development – Canada – US agreement to address “Buy American” provisions and to enhance reciprocal access to sub-national (provincial and state) procurement.

CARRIED

9.2 British Columbia's Water Act Modernization Discussion Paper
R2010/30/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive and file District of Maple Ridge – Re: British Columbia's Water Act Modernization Discussion Paper.

CARRIED

9.3 Community Energy Plan
R2010/30/07 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file Local Government Infrastructure and Engineering - Re: Local Governments Grants Program – Study Grant P093437 –“Community Energy Plan”.

CARRIED

9.4 BC Ferries proposed changes to Route 10
R2010/30/08 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file City of Prince Rupert – Re: Supporting Prince Rupert's position regarding BC Ferries proposed changes to Route 10.

CARRIED

9.5 Multicultural event on June 23, 2010
R2010/30/09 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive and file Islands Women Society – Re: Multicultural event on June 23, 2010.

CARRIED

9.6 2010 Grant Writer Funding
R2010/30/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, second by Councillor Johnson to receive and file Northern Development Initiative Trust - Re: 2010 Grant Writer Funding.

CARRIED

9.7 (a) MIEDS Annual Report
R2010/30/11 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file MIEDS Annual Report.

CARRIED

For Action:

9.7(b) UNBC/Canada West Athletics Association
R2010/30/12 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter to North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Re: UNBC/Canada West Athletics Association.

CARRIED

Action: Staff to contact the City of Prince George to inquire if their resolution is going to UBCM.

9.8 Northern Health – Re: Medical Stay Program – Prince Rupert
R2010/30/13 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to send a letter to Northern Health – Re: Medical Stay Program in Prince Rupert outlining our concerns.

CARRIED

action: Add this item to the Protocol meeting agenda for June 24, 2010

9.9 Canada Post
R2010/30/14 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter to Tom Froggatt, Canada Post in response to his letter dated May 4, 2010.

CARRIED

9.10 Old Massett Village Council – Re: Letter of support
R2010/30/15 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter of support to Old Massett Village Council in their process of acquiring a parcel of land know as Parcel 'C' located between the communities of Old Massett and Masset.

CARRIED

10. Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

10.1 – Official Community Plan – Michael Rosen, Planning Consultant

R2010/30/16 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen “That Michael Rosen be retained to work with the Advisory Planning Commission and the Council to develop the next draft of the Official Community Plan”.

CARRIED

10.2 Annual Student Bursary

R2010/30/17 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Johnson to adopt Council Policy 15.0 – Annual Student Bursary and to advertise the bursary in the QCI Observer, the Village website and the June Newsletter. Copy also to be sent to the high school guidance councillor as per the policy.

CARRIED

11. Bylaws:

12. Unfinished Business:

13. New Business:

13.1 Options for Responding to Noise Complaints

R2010/30/18 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive the report of CAO dated May 31, 2010, Options for Responding to Noise Complaints.

CARRIED

R2010/30/19 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to continue to not have a regulatory noise bylaw.

NOT SECONDED

R2010/30/20 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen not to consider a noise bylaw until the Official Community Plan is adopted.

DEFEATED

R2010/30/21 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to table the decision to look at a sample noise bylaw until July 4, 2010 Council meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Olsen opposed

13.2 Project Management and Construction Oversight

R2010/30/22 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to receive the report of CAO dated May 31, 2010, Project Management and Construction Oversight.

CARRIED

R2010/30/23 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson “That Bearskin Bay Contracting be awarded a contract to provide project management and construction oversight services for development of Spirit Square and the Community Park at a rate of \$27.00/hour plus applicable taxes, not to exceed \$10,000.00 plus applicable taxes”.

CARRIED

13.3 VQC Paving 2010 Plan

R2010/30/24 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin “That the 2010 Paving Plan for Village roads be approved by Council at a net cost of \$11,561.00 plus taxes to be paid for from the 2010 Public works Budget for road repairs and maintenance”.

CARRIED

13.4 Licence of Occupation 6406940 – Halibut Bight

R2010/30/24 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive the report of CAO dated June 2, 2010, Licence of Occupation 6046940 – Halibut Bight.

CARRIED

R2010/30/25 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen “That Council notify the Province Of BC and the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District that the Village of Queen Charlotte wishes to terminate the Licence of Occupation, 6406940, for That Part of District Lot 281 Queen Charlotte also known as Halibut Bight.”

CARRIED

14. Notice of Motion:

Councillor Olsen - Provided the following notice of motion concerning the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline and Crude Oil tankers on BC’S North Coast

Where As,

Citizens and communities have both the right and responsibility to make decisions that will affect their future.

Enbridge, backed by the international oil industry, is proposing to construct two pipelines carrying crude oil and industrial thinner between the Alberta Tar Sands and Kitimat BC.

The project would introduce over 200 crude oil tankers to BC’s North Coast annually. The geography of the North Coast is complex and the industry has not proven they can transport oil by tankers safely. A coastal spill would have tragic and lasting impacts on the culture, economy and environment of the region.

The proposed pipelines would cross 1000 streams and rivers in the Fraser, Skeena, Mackenzie and Kitimat watersheds. The Skeena and Fraser Rivers are globally significant wild salmon rivers. Oil pipelines inevitably fail and therefore put downstream communities and valuable wild salmon resources at risk.

Coastal First Nations, in upholding their ancestral laws, rights and responsibilities, have declared a ban on oil tankers carrying tar sands crude oil in BC's Northern Coastal Waters.

The majority of BC First Nations support this ban and seven out of ten of British Columbians support a ban on oil tankers in BC's inside coastal waters.

Be It Resolved That:

The undersigned opposes the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline Project and supports the ban on crude oil tankers in BC's Northern Coastal Waters.

The undersigned supports community economic development that contributes positively to the social, cultural, environmental and economic health of our communities.

**15. Reports of Mayor, Council Members and Staff:
CAO Conference Report**

***Reports available to view in village office and on website.**

- CAO reported on the Community Economic Benefit to the islands arising from the Honna River Water Treatment Project which was estimated to be slightly in excess of one million dollars. Copy of a letter from Dayton & Knight Ltd. was provided to council and to the public and media in attendance.
- Water Treatment Plant testing is underway and the estimated date for water distribution to the village is 14 June.
- Ministry of Environment is looking at Sturdy Creek and has recommendations, we have safety concerns but no jurisdiction as far as being responsible for the structure itself. The PEP Coordinator has been informed of the situation.
- Moving forward with the Cemetery change in ownership, a proposed agreement to transfer the property has been sent to the Legion.

R2010/30/26 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive the report of the CAO dated May 31, 2010, Approving Officer Training and LGMA (2010) Conference Report.

CARRIED

16. Inquiries from the Public:

- Comment was made that it was good to hear the participation and discussion on the noise bylaw
- The Media asked if the NDIT Grant Writing is done at the Village Office. Mayor Kulesha responded, yes.

- The Media asked if Michael Rosen was our only cost for the OCP. The CAO responded that yes this would be our main cost and probably the rental cost of the Community Hall at a future date for the Public meeting.
- The Media asked if the name of the Architect for the QC Hospital could be released. Mayor Kulesha said she could not release the name but she believed it was going to be released to the Observer at 3.00pm today.
- The Media asked if there were any comments on awarding Colin Greenough the contract to provide Project Management and Construction Oversight for development of Spirit Square and the Community Park. The CAO responded to say that all seven proposals were evaluated and that Bearskin Bay Contracting was the lowest qualified bidder and provided the best value to the Village.

17. Motion to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter: Section 90(1)(e)Land and (g)Legal

R2010/30/27 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to make the motion to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)Land and (g)Legal.

CARRIED

18. Adjournment:

R2010/30/28 MOVED by Councillor Johnson to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 10.40pm

Next meeting Monday June 21, 2010

C. Kulesha, Chair

S. Brown Recording