

Village of Queen Charlotte

March 21, 2011

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2011 at the EA Ross Room at the Community Hall, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Staff:

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Kulesha called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm

R2011/11/02 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin that the regular meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte be moved to the EA Ross Room at the Community Hall.

CARRIED

2. Agenda Addition and/or Deletions:

3. Approval of the Agenda:

R2011/11/03 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

7. Delegates and Petitions:

- 7.1** Kevin Richter, Assistant Deputy Minister of Infrastructure – Re: BC Ferries, accompanied by Kim Van Bruggen, Communications and Don Ramsay, District Manager Transportation

Kevin Richter gave a power point presentation with an overview of BC Ferries. Negotiations are continuing with BC Ferries and nothing has been decided at this time, looking for input only. Mr. Richter spoke on the Marine Port Infrastructure, the Role of the Province and the Northern Routes. Mr. Richter explained currently we are in Performance Term Price Cap 2 and these are 4 year cycles. Preliminary Price Cap decision for Performance Term 3 will be released the end of March 2012. The Province has 3 months to review with BC Ferries. The intention of this meeting at this time is to hear from the public their thoughts and concerns.

27 members of the public attended the meeting to listen to Mr. Richter and the following were some overall comments and concerns;

- with no airmail service to the Islands ferries are vital
- this is our highway
- there is only one night sailing in the summer – can there be more
- customer service is really bad
- if BC Ferries need to make money they need to be inventive and give incentive
- lack of promotion, advertising
- there should be more day sailings as not all people can afford the rooms
- people need to get on and off the island - if ferries are not affordable people will leave
- the food is bad and prices are high
- Tourism \$\$ are down from people who come to the Islands by ferry
- prices going up – ridership going down
- service and communication is very bad – website not updated
- why do you have to arrive 2 hours prior
- why is the Kwuna not free – the Revelstoke ferry is free – what is the difference
- when a ferry is bumped you are now on the waiting list and not always able to get on the next ferry because people have reservations so you are bumped to the end of the line
- the ferry never used to be cancelled, it always arrived so you were not forgotten
- look at flexibility with Air Canada and the Kwuna – no flexibility

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

4.1 Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes March 7, 2011
R2011/11/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin that the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes March 7, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

5.1 Visual Quality Impacts of Logging Activities
CAO reported that a letter was sent to MoF and their response suggested to contact Teal Cedar for more specific information.
action: CAO will follow up with Teal Cedar.

6. Proclamations:

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

- 11.1 Noise Bylaw – comment that the dry land sort starts at 6.30am
- this is exempt

**9. Correspondence:
For Information:**

- 9.1** Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Re: Application to secure ownership of a portion of Road R/W, Plan 6937, adjacent to Lot 1, Block F, Plan 1796
R2011/11/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Re: Application to secure ownership of a portion of Road R/W, Plan 6937, adjacent to Lot 1, Block F, Plan 1796 be received and filed.
CARRIED
- 9.2** City of Burnaby – Re: British Columbia’s Heritage Program
R2011/11/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that City of Burnaby – Re: British Columbia’s Heritage Program be received and filed.
CARRIED
- 9.3** City of Langley – Re: Medicinal Marijuana, a Significant Public Safety Issue
R2011/11/07 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin that City of Langley – Re: Medicinal marijuana, a significant public safety issue be received and filed.
CARRIED
- 9.4** Noise Bylaw – Re: Comments from the public
R2011/11/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Johnson that Noise Bylaw – Re: Comments from the public be received and filed.
CARRIED

For Action:

- 9.5** BC Hydro – Re: Earth Hour 2011
R2011/11/09 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that Council will participate in Earth Hour form 8.30 pm to 9.30 pm on Saturday March 26, 2011.
CARRIED
- 9.6** North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) – Re: Support tax credit for Volunteer Firefighters
R2011/11/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that a letter be sent to our MP and a copy to the MLA to support tax credit for Volunteer Fire Fighters.
CARRIED
- 9.7** Queen Charlotte Community Club – Re: Waiving fees associated with the service connection and meter installation to their building
R2011/11/11 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin that Queen Charlotte Community Club – Re: Waiving fees associated with the service connection and meter installation to their building be tabled to the next budget meeting.
CARRIED

10. Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

11. Bylaws:

- 11.1** Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 48-2011 – A Bylaw for Noise Regulation for 2nd reading on March 21, 2011
R2011/11/12 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to give 2nd reading to Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 48-2011 – A Bylaw for Noise Regulation, as amended.

CARRIED
Councillor Olsen Opposed

- 11.2** Cemetery Bylaw and Cemetery Operator Application
R2011/11/13 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin that the CAO's report of March 17, 2011, Cemetery Bylaw and Cemetery Operator Application be received.

CARRIED

- R2011/11/14 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to give 1st reading to Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 49-2011 – A Bylaw to Regulate the Operation and Maintenance of the Queen Charlotte Cemetery.

CARRIED

- R2011/11/15 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the CAO be directed to apply to the Consumer Protection BC for a Licence to Operate a Place of Interment.

CARRIED

12. Unfinished Business:

- 12.1** Agricultural Strategy for Haida Gwaii – Ratify and support plan (18 page document previously circulated to council)
R2011/11/16 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that a letter of support be sent to the Agricultural Strategy for Haida Gwaii to ratify their plan.

CARRIED

13. New Business:

14. Notice of Motion:

15. Reports of Mayor, Council Members and Staff:

Mayor Kulesha:

- Met with SQCRD – budget discussions continue.
Recycling boxes will be moved and can be approached off of 3rd Avenue
- Meeting with NWHRD and SQCRD end of this week
- Attended OCP meeting

- Emergency Preparedness event March 11, 2011. Had a review March 17, 2011 and issues to address – need to notify public quickly – siren
- Wrote to Minister Shirley Bond and Minister Ida Chong, hope to meet at NCLGA and invite Minister Chong to the WTP opening and Spirit Square

Councillor Martin:

- Attended OCP meeting March 14, 2011
- Attended meeting with Enbridge
- Met with Kevin Richter, ADM

R2011/11/17 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting be extended to 10.10pm.

CARRIED

Councillor Noddin:

- Attended OCP meeting March 14, 2011
- Attended meeting with Enbridge
- Met with Kevin Richter, ADM
- Attended PEP debrief March 17, 2011 – emergency social services

Councillor Olsen:

- Attended OCP meeting March 14, 2011
- Attended the round table discussion in Skidegate – Ocean Strategy plan
- Attended meeting with Enbridge
- Met with Kevin Richter, ADM

Councillor Johnson:

- Attended OCP meeting March 14, 2011
- Met with Kevin Richter, ADM

CAO:

- CAO's met in Port Clements March 15, 2011, Superintendent SD 50 joined the meeting and by telephone Joan Merrick, SQCRD
Masset is going to do a draft policy for Fire Inspections
Port Clements will do a draft policy for dangerous dogs
Joint training - Heather Nelson-Smith will be doing an election training workshop in May or June, 2011 and we are looking for a date for a work safe program
- CAO asked council to set a date for a Committee Of the Whole meeting for an update on Spirit Square and Stanley Lake, Brian Walker, Opus Dayton & Knight can join by telephone

R2011/11/18 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen to have a Committee of the Whole March 28, 2011 at 7.00pm.

CARRIED

- Met with Keith Alexander and Mark Salzl – discuss knotweed problem, cover with heavy weight black plastic and make an envelope 1- 2 feet, best option and no chemical treatment

R2011/11/19 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting be extended to 10.20pm.

16. Inquiries from the Public:

- Good job on the snow removal, will there be a public debrief?
- Will the Village be purchasing a sweeper
 - Gravel is an issue, a sweeper is approximately \$5000.00, we will find out the cost to contract out this work as an option for 2011.

19. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 pm

Next meeting Monday April 4, 2011

C. Kulesha, Chair

S. Brown, Recording