

Village of Queen Charlotte

March 7, 2011

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, 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 p.m.

2. Agenda Addition and/or Deletions:

9.6 Noise Bylaw Re: Comments from the public, Vernal Bogren Swift
9.7 Live Telephone Town Hall meeting with MP Nathan Cullen
(correspondence for information)

3. Approval of the Agenda:

R2011/09/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

4.1 Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes February 21, 2011
R2011/09/03 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin that the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes February 21, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

6. Proclamations:

7. Delegates and Petitions:

7.1 Lynda Dixon gave a presentation on the Agricultural Strategy for Haida Gwaii— over the past year, MIEDS, the East Coast Graham Island Farmers Institute, Islands Food and interested individuals met to discuss food sovereignty and local food production and storage issues for Haida Gwaii. The need for a clear strategy to provide direction for future local food production and markets was identified as a priority. Research has

been conducted on the history of agriculture on Haida Gwaii, local food consumption, production and import data, freight analysis, agro-forestry, Agriculture Land Reserve on Haida Gwaii, forage and grains, mariculture, climate, local soil amendments and opportunities for accessing land for agriculture.

MIEDS is asking that council ratify and support the plan before the deadline date of March 31, 2011 for funding. Council will review the final document and discuss at the next council meeting of March 21, 2011.

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

11.1 Noise Bylaw – comments in support of the bylaw, different opinion regarding hours but comforted that there is a process to give structure.

Approval of the noise bylaw as currently there is no base for what is enough – problem with temporary population in summer, no respect for neighbours, parties, after work events until 2am.

9. Correspondence: For Information:

- 9.1** Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
R2011/09/04 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen that Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Re: Input of local governments/First Nations into the licensing process for new liquor primary and liquor primary club licence and relocation applications be received and filed.
CARRIED
- 9.2** City of Coquitlam – Re: Online Municipal Voting
R2011/09/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin that City of Coquitlam – Re: Online Municipal Voting be received and filed.
CARRIED
- 9.3** Office of the Prime Minister – Re: Response to Mail Service, Employment Benefits and Access to Health Services letter of November 4, 2010
- 9.4** Department of Finance Canada – Re: Response to Mail Service, Employment Benefits and Access to Health Services letter of November 4, 2010
- 9.5** Minister of Human Resource and Skills Development – Re: Response to Employment Insurance letter of December 1, 2010
R2011/09/06 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Johnson that 9.3 Office of the Prime Minister – Re: Response to Mail Service, Employment Benefits and Access to Health Services letter of November 4, 2010, 9.4 Department of Finance Canada – Re: Response to Mail Service, Employment Benefits and Access to Health Services letter of November 4, 2010 and 9.5 Minister of Human Resource and Skills Development – Re: Response to Employment Insurance letter of December 1, 2010 be received and filed.
CARRIED

- 9.6** Noise Bylaw – Re: Comments from the public
R2011/09/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin that
Noise Bylaw – Re: Comments from the public be received and filed.
CARRIED

Mayor Kulesha thanked the public for their comments.
CAO did respond to the emails from the public and reported that Mr. Howlett did speak
with Mr. Beamish to say that he does not request any changes to the Noise Bylaw.

- 9.7** Live Telephone Town Hall Meeting with MP Nathan Cullen
R2011/09/08 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen that
Live Telephone Town Hall meeting with MP Nathan Cullen be received
and filed.
CARRIED

For Action:

- 9.7** Enbridge – Re: Plan a joint meeting
R2011/09/09 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin that staff
contact Michele Perret to find out where the meeting is, what is the
agenda, who are they meeting with March 15, 2011 and can they travel to
Queen Charlotte.
CARRIED

- R2011/09/10 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin that a letter
be sent to Premier Designate of BC Christy Clark and Prime Minister
Stephen Harper referencing the Enbridge UBCM resolution.
CARRIED

- 9.8** District of Kitimat – Re: Allocation of Pacific Halibut to the Sport
Fishing Sector
R2011/09/11 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Johnson that
District of Kitimat – Re: Allocation of Pacific Halibut to the Sport
Fishing Sector be received and filed.
CARRIED

10. Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

From Committee of the Whole Feb 28, 2011

That a letter be sent to Sgt. Knapton for 2011 Annual performance Review,
Council offers the following suggestions for the Community Policing
Priorities:

1. Continue to liaise with students and youth at the local schools and the teen center
and to participate in community events;
2. Continue to focus enforcement activities on substance abuse issues with a view to
eliminating the sale and distribution of illicit drugs and keeping impaired drivers
off the roads;
3. Give priority to public information and education about crime prevention and
opportunities for more police-community interactions.

R2011/09/12 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin that Report from Committee of the Whole Feb 28, 2011 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

11. Bylaws:

11.1 Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 48-2011 – A Bylaw for Noise Regulation for 2nd reading on March 7, 2011
R2011/09/13 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin that Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 48-2011 – A Bylaw for Noise Regulation hours be amended to reflect weekends, Friday and Saturday until 12.00am and 7.00am across the board.
DEFEATED

R2011/09/14 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that the word “unreasonably” be inserted in the Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 48-2011 – A Bylaw for Noise Regulation on page 1 # 3 “any noise which *unreasonably* disturbs or is liable to *unreasonably* disturb the quiet”
MOTION WITHDRAWN

R2011/09/15 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that staff request a legal opinion for the definition of “Unreasonably” for next reading of Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 48-2011 – A Bylaw for Noise Regulation.
CARRIED

R2011/09/16 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 48-2011 – A Bylaw for Noise Regulation for 2nd reading be tabled until council meeting of March 21, 2011.
CARRIED

12. Unfinished Business:

12.1 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) – Re: 2011 Measuring Up the North Initiative Award of Excellence
R2011/09/17 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin that Sandra Brown be nominated for North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) – Re: 2011 Measuring Up the North Initiative Award of Excellence.
CARRIED

action: Councillor Olsen will complete the application and paper work required.

12.2 Resolution to NCLGA requesting the provincial government to set guidelines for remuneration via indicators such as population, property assessment etc.

R2011/09/18 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin that Resolution

REMUNERATION

WHEREAS There is a cost of service to all elected officials, both in time for potential earnings and to family and

WHEREAS the different municipalities and regional districts' ability to compensate elected officials varies greatly

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA request the province to establish individual community guidelines of compensation for service; a basic minimum rate plus a scale valued on the community's resources such as but not limited to population and property assessments

CARRIED

Action: the motion is to be sent to North Central Local Government Association.

13. New Business:

14. Notice of Motion:

15. Reports of Mayor, Council Members and Staff:

Mayor Kulesha:

- Attended SQCRD meeting and continued budget deliberations. Some contentious matters, recycling and the landfill are main topics with particular issues of cost, freight
- BC Ferries will be the focus of our next council meeting and ADM Kevin Richter is scheduled to attend for public consultation

Councillor Olsen:

- Attended Committee of the Whole February 28, 2011
- Attended Official Community Plan discussions today at 4.00pm

Councillor Johnson:

- Attended Committee of the Whole February 28, 2011
- Attended Official Community Plan discussions today at 4.00pm

R2011/09/19 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Olsen that a letter be sent to District Manager, Len Munt, copied to Operations Manager Colin Richardson and Skidegate Band Council expressing concern about the visual quality impacts of the proposed logging in the West Narrows. We would like information on the timelines for harvesting and to see the visual quality objectives.

CARRIED

Councillor Martin:

- Attended CIPP workshop 21 and 22 Feb. 2011
- Attended Committee of the Whole February 28, 2011
- Attended Official Community Plan discussions today at 4.00pm

Councillor Noddin:

- Attended CIPP workshop 21 and 22 Feb. 2011
- Attended Committee of the Whole February 28, 2011
- Attended Official Community Plan discussions today at 4.00pm

- Attended the BC Hydro presentation on Sturdy Creek Dam at the Community Dialogue

CAO report – “Reflections on Leadership”

R2011/09/20 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin that CAO report – “Reflections on Leadership” be received.

CARRIED

CAO:

- Snow removal has been a high priority – 3 employees worked 57 hours overtime, 10 yards of sand was used and 4 yards of salt, grader was hired for 4 hours to widen road and plow to the Honna River Intake and Trundle wells
- Sgt. Knapton complimented the V of QC Public works on the good work keeping the roads plowed and reported there were no vehicle accidents
- Met with BC Hydro and the agreement is now in place to start work on the clearing for the Sturdy Creek Dam
- Arranged for the chips from BC Hydro to go to Spirit Square for the landscaping. Meeting with Brain Eccles Tuesday March 8, 2011 to discuss landscaping and Marlene Specht and Benita Saunders are also involved with this project. Construction is continuing at Spirit Square and it will be approximately 2 weeks to fit the beams
- Working with Brian Walker on permits for Stanley Lake – special use permit for pit in place and tree cutting, working on others. Discuss with Brian to come back up and talk about tendering for the bridge issues

16. Inquiries from the Public:

- comment to say that parts of Oceanview Drive roads were good for vehicles but bad for pedestrians
 - CAO will pass on this information to O’Briens
- How many times can a bylaw be tabled?
 - As many times as Council wants as long as a date is set to bring back to a meeting

Observer

- Recycling – Has SQCRD looked into diverting recyclables to our landfill?
 - SQCRD has had discussions on this topic in the past but questions were not fully answered. They need to take a serious look at this now once the new CAO has settled in and has hired another staff person
- Recycling Building – What was the response to Anna Marie Husbands question regarding funding from Gwaii Trust for the Recycling Depot belonging to SQCRD?
 - SQCRD looked into this and there is nothing legal on title
- Has the Village Office Building been legally transferred
 - Yes, the Village of Queen Charlotte Building was legally transferred to be the Muncipal Building after incorporation
- What is the status on the Sewage Treatment Plant with Skidegate
 - After discussion with SBC this is not an option, infrastructure not intended to run the Village

- Are the snow removal costs high
 - There is contingency money set aside and the budget is not finalised
- How many public works staff is there?
 - We hired an additional Public Works staff January 10, 2011. He was hired due to ongoing level of operations. We now have 3 staff in Public Works and the Superintendent of Public Works.

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

R2011/09/21 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin that the Motion to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter: Section 90(1)(c)Personnel and 90(1)(e)Land.
CARRIED

18. Report from In Camera

from In Camera Dec 20, 2010

R2010/60/04 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin that one additional full time employee be hired for the Public Works Department effective January 1, 2011

R2011/09/22 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting be extended to 10.20pm.

19. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 pm

Next meeting Monday March 21, 2011

C. Kulesha, Chair

S. Brown, Recording