

## Village of Queen Charlotte

January 11th, 2009

**Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 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:**

D. Uliana, Chief Financial Officer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Kulesha called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**Agenda:**

R2010/01/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**Introduction of agenda:**

- a) Robertson Island Fire Protection

Council would like to set a date in February 2010 to meet with the Fire Department and the residents of Robertson Island to discuss Fire Protection and the request for a larger water line to Robertson Island.

- b) Gas Tax Funding

General discussion of funding requirements

- c) Discussion of principles of a community forest, Haida Gwaii Tenure

Acquisition and Consolidation

**Vision**

The Islands Communities envision a sustainable and diversified forest economy that is grounded in local control of the forests and guided by a profound respect for the ecosystem, cultures, and communities that are the foundation of our society.

**Principles**

1. We respect the forests of Haida Gwaii, its cultures, and the people that make these Islands their home as the foundation of a sustainable local economy;

2. We believe that local control of the forest and all of its resources is paramount to achieving local sustainability, which in turn supports the achievement of sustainability beyond the shores of Haida Gwaii;
3. We acknowledge that equitable and meaningful participation in the management of our forests is crucial to fostering the attitudes of respect, responsibility, and self-reliance in all Haida Gwaii residents, which is necessary to achieve the above two principles.

## **Objectives**

1. The communities will achieve a community forest volume that is equitable to one another and collectively to that of the Haida Forest Tenure;
2. The various tenures on Haida Gwaii will be managed in a cohesive and collaborative manner as one management unit as an area-based tenure;
3. Our partnership with the Haida on the forest tenures will become a model of effective aboriginal/non-aboriginal business partnerships;
4. The management of forest tenures will be grounded in the principles above and the Haida Gwaii Land Use Plan as ratified by consensus of the local participants;
5. The forest tenures will be managed in an ecologically sound, socially just, and economically viable way;
6. Our collective community values will be a key determinant in making decisions regarding forest management practices;
7. The forest tenures will be a vehicle for developing an attitude of self-reliance, encouraging entrepreneurial spirit, facilitate forest education, and build capacity within the communities;
8. Community shareholders will enable profits in the future to be distributed in an equitable manner and remain within our communities enhancing the life of those who live and sustain themselves on Haida Gwaii;
9. Education, training and research will form a fundamental part of our forest management philosophy and activities;
10. A focused effort will be made to providing meaningful employment and training opportunities for youth;
11. A portion of future revenues will be committed to an economic stabilization reserve fund to help offset market downturn, maintain employment levels, and provide a resource for unexpected events;
12. The governance and management structure for managing the forest tenures be constructed “arms-length” from any political body in a manner that ensures that the local people (the owners) can set the policy direction for management of the forest tenures, while limiting liability to the communities and allowing the corporate body to be operated in an efficient and business-like manner by qualified professionals;
13. All volume harvested on Haida Gwaii be first made available for local manufacturing opportunities at a fair market value, both currently and as our manufacturing capacity expands over time, prior to sale off-Islands;
14. The forest land base will be utilized for economic opportunities beyond just timber production and is managed in a manner that considers and facilitates these other uses(i.e. NTFP, tourism, carbon market, food security, water, etc).

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meeting Monday January 25th, 2010

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Mayor C. Kulesha, Chair

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D. Uliana, Recording