

Village of Queen Charlotte

February 16, 2009

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, February 16, 2009 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:

E. Ludlow, Chief Administrator Officer
D. Uliana, Chief Financial Officer

Public:

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2009/08/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

Public Participation:

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, February 2, 2009

R2009/08/03 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the minutes as amended.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information:

a) BC Housing – Re: Make rent more affordable for families in your community, February 6, 2009

R2009/08/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file a) BC Housing – Re: Make rent more affordable for families in community, February 6, 2009.

CARRIED

b) Haida Gwaii Community Futures – Re: Opportunities to access up to \$200,000.00 for rural diversification projects, February 5, 2009

R2009/08/05 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file b) Haida Gwaii Community Futures – Re: Opportunities to access up to \$200,000.00 for rural diversification projects, February 5, 2009.

CARRIED

c) Dave Schroeder – correspondence

- i) January 30th 2009
- ii) February 4th 2009
- iii) February 5th 2009

Mayor's report on agenda decision:

I've placed these letters together in the category of *For Information* rather than *For Action*; the reason being that what Mr. Kevin Gibson and Mr. David Schroeder are asking from us as a Council is simply outside our jurisdiction.

Mr. Gibson made himself clear at the Brown Bag lunch. He is asking for a form of tenure for himself and the other Bearskin Bay squatters that does not exist for anyone else – the land divided evenly amongst the inhabitants of Bearskin Bay today and tenure that is to be extended to these inhabitants and their immediate families with the ability to inherit. Mr. Schroeder believes that those in trespass will have violent action taken against them. He requests that Council pass a motion against eviction. These evictions are under the land act as an action against illegal occupancy. Notices of trespass were issued in October and though due in November the only structures removed have been derelict or abandoned.

Both of these issues, special inheritable tenure and no eviction, are beyond our authority and jurisdiction. Though we have advocated for individual solutions, under the Community Charter and the Local Government Act, the Village has no authority over the unauthorized use of crown land. The information has been forwarded to ILMB and the motion I therefore request is to receive and file.

R2009/08/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file correspondence from Dave Schroeder dated January 30th 2009, February 4th 2009 and February 5th 2009.

CARRIED

For Action:

- a) South End Pool Committee – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, for a pool feasibility study, \$15,000.00, request letter of support, January 28, 2009

R2009/08/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter of support to South End Pool Committee – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, for a pool feasibility study, \$15,000.00.

CARRIED

- b) North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) – Re: Silent Auction Request – NCMA AGM & Convention, February 5, 2009

R2009/08/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to spend up to \$100.00 for the North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) – Re: Silent Auction Request – NCMA AGM & Convention.

CARRIED

c) Naikun Wind Development Inc. – Re: Naikun Offshore Wind Energy Project, February 10, 2009

R2009/08/09 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to invite Naikun Wind Development Inc. for an update on the Naikun Offshore Wind Energy Project.

CARRIED

d) Village of Masset Volunteer Fire Department – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, to upgrade the radios used by the volunteer firemen, \$2,500.00, request letter of support, February 12, 2009

R2009/08/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to Village of Masset Volunteer Fire Department – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, to upgrade the radios used by the volunteer firemen, \$2,500.00.

CARRIED

e) Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, to use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to gather baseline data in cemeteries in Queen Charlotte and Skidegate, \$10,00.00, request letter of support

R2009/08/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter of support to Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, to use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to gather baseline data in cemeteries in Queen Charlotte and Skidegate, \$10,00.00.

CARRIED

f) Albion Fisheries – Letter of Support request

R2009/08/12 Moved by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to provide a letter of support in principal for a temporary transition period to allow fish processing facilities to comply with the Ministry of the Environment requirements regarding fish waste.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

New Business:

a) Logo Policy – presentation of completed document

R2009/08/13 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Logo Policy as follows: “The Village of Queen Charlotte recognizes that there is an implicit perception that all material bearing the village logo has either emanated from the offices of the municipality or been endorsed

by the village by authority of the Mayor and Council or, in the case of administrative matters, with the permission of the Chief Administrative Officer. The Village strives to ensure that the municipal logo is used with respect at all times and is not appended to material, other than that associated with the normal course of conducting village business, except as approved by Council and/or, in the case of administrative matters, the Chief Administrative Officer.”

CARRIED

Reports of Mayor, Council Members and Staff:

a) Mayor & Council

MAYORS REPORT February 16 2009

HWAC meeting

Council honoured our long standing and hard working Health and Wellness committee through a working lunch and a small gift. Minutes will be available after they are adopted but in the meantime we have scheduled a review of our terms of reference and new membership for next meeting, noted that our medical travel information sheet is in use for by the clinic, agreed to update the medical service directory and towards that placed an ad in the Observer as well as volunteered to call all entries to verify their contact information. NH has agreed to reprint.

BROWN BAG lunch

Continuing our first Friday a month council and mayor “bring your lunch to chat” get together.

MIEDS strategic planning session took place over a Friday evening and all day Saturday. We will be reviewing the document and planning for the AGM this coming week.

WATERSHED TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Volunteers from MOF, DFO, MOE, WFP and ITL and invited participants representing roads and recreation met to discuss the impacts of road use on water quality of the Honna Watershed. Signage is now in place to remind road users that they are in a watershed and not to discard carcasses or waste where our drinking water can be compromised. Our thanks to the Ministry of Forests for the signs and to our public works staff for their work.

Councillor Johnson: Attended the brown bag lunch.

Councillor Olsen: Have been away for medical issues.

Councillor Martin: Attended the brown bag lunch as well as the swimming pool group meeting where I have provided some information. Attended the Hecate Energy Institute meeting and gave a presentation on the Village of Queen Charlotte’s conservation program to date. Worked with village staff on the Community Actions Energy Emission (CAEE) grant.

Councillor Noddin: Attended the brown bag lunch.

CAO: There will be an announcement in the Observer regarding the dam on Sturdy Creek. Public Works has examined the dam and passed this information to Chelton Vangelvon of the Ministry of Environment. We have also warned those residents located below the dam. Water licenses for this creek are being verified to see if there are any active licenses. If not the Village will take the actions recommended by the Ministry of the Environment.

CFO: Our annual audit is being conducted this week. Work is going forward on our 2009 budget.

Public Participation:

Mr. Schroeder – thanks council for hearing his concerns

Reporter Ramsay – questions re: each councillors opinion on trespass issue.

Response – these are issues outside our authority and jurisdiction,

Adjournment

R2009/08/14 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter: Section 90(1)(g)Legal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting Monday, March 2, 2009

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording