

Village of Queen Charlotte

February 2, 2009

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, February 2, 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
S. Brown, Legislative/Financial Clerk

Public:

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2009/06/02 **MOVED** by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Public Participation:

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, January 19th, 2009

R2009/06/03 **MOVED** by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, January 19th, 2009 as circulated.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information:

a) Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Re: Proposed regulations for home inspectors, January 20, 2009

b) Village of Port Clements – Re: Congratulations and community participation for the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay, December 16, 2008

c) Honourable Peter Milliken – Re: Canada Post letter, January 21, 2009

R2009/06/04 **MOVED** by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file a) Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Re: Proposed regulations for home inspectors, January 20, 2009, b) Village of Port Clements – Re: Congratulations and community participation for the 2010

Olympic Torch Relay, December 16, 2008 and c) Honourable Peter Milliken – Re: Canada Post letter, January 21, 2009.

CARRIED

d) Cliff Bell Brown – Re: Request letter of support in principle

R2009/06/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Johnson to table Cliff Bell Brown – Re: Request letter of support in principle until further information regarding plans and response from Small Craft harbours and the Queen Charlotte Harbour Authority.

CARRIED

e) Dona Cadman, MP. Surrey North – Re: Canada Post, January 28, 2009

f) Honourable Mobina Jaffer, Senator for BC –Re: Postal Service, February 1, 2009

R2009/06/06 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file e) Dona Cadman, MP. Surrey North – Re: Canada Post, January 28, 2009 and f) Honourable Mobina Jaffer, Senator for BC –Re: Postal Service, February 1, 2009.

CARRIED

For Action:

a) Queen Charlotte Islands Arts Council – Re: Gwaii Trust Healthy Humans program, for a workshop for islanders with Dr. Gabor Mate, not exceeding \$5,000.00, request letter of support, January 28, 2009

R2009/06/07 MOVED by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to Queen Charlotte Islands Arts Council – Re: Gwaii Trust Healthy Humans program, for a workshop for islanders with Dr. Gabor Mate, not exceeding \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

b) Queen Charlotte Fire Department – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, to purchase a thermal imaging camera, training materials, 2 sets fire fighting turn out gear and 2 Y gate connectors, \$8,600.00, request letter of support, January 28, 2009

R2009/06/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to Queen Charlotte Fire Department – Re: Gwaii Trust Legacy program, to purchase a thermal imaging camera, training materials, 2 sets fire fighting turn out gear and 2 Y gate connectors, \$8,600.00.

CARRIED

c) Village of Masset – Re: Gwaii Trust Culture as it Relates to Tourism program, to go towards brochures and display cases, information centre sign, monitors and hardware for visitor search stations, \$7,372.07, request letter of support, January 23, 2009

- d) Queen Charlotte Community Club – Re: Coast Sustainability Trust, upgrades to the Hayden Turner Park Campsite, \$10,000.00, request letter of support, January 26, 2009

R2009/06/09 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to send a letter of support to c) Village of Masset – Re: Gwaii Trust Culture as it Relates to Tourism program, to go towards brochures and display cases, information centre sign, monitors and hardware for visitor search stations, \$7,372.07 and d) Queen Charlotte Community Club – Re: Coast Sustainability Trust, upgrades to the Hayden Turner Park Campsite, \$10,000.00.

CARRIED

- e) Village of Port Clements – Re: Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program, January 29, 2009

R2009/06/10 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to send a letter supporting re-opening the Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

Reports of Council Members and Staff:

- a) Mayor & Council

MAYOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2, 2009

TORCH RELAY

The committee is continuing to plan the event and the village submitted an application for Gwaii Trust's Culture as it Relates Tourism. Much thanks to our administrator and staff who worked hard to meet the deadline. We have applied for funding to move school children, supply their lunch and have cakes for the celebration as well as the mundane need for porta potties.

MIEDs

Our board met to discuss our next steps. We will hold a strategic planning session this weekend and prepare for our March AGM. Affects of WFP shutdown on all the communities, the continuing work to establish a Community Forest, inventory of trails, tourism, and art route expansion were part of our discussion.

SLUA

Attended the meeting in Skidegate and met with members of MoFR's staff. Next update will be in June.

LEGAL ADVICE:

I have been advised by our legal council that I should inform my council and the public as to the present situation in the Bearskin Bay/Frog Flats area. Consequently I am giving a brief summary of events as they exist at this time.

The land in question is owned by the Province and is designated Crown Land. Crown Land is governed by **The Land Act**. There has been a situation that dates back over twenty years, relating to Crown Land in the Bearskin Bay/Frog Flats area. During the time that this area was administered by the Regional District and various management

committees the situation was ongoing and although there is correspondence dating back to the late 80's no resolution was found by any of these previous administrations. Unfortunately the matter was not resolved prior to the incorporation of the municipality and therefore we have inherited the mess, a mess the Village did not create and which we are doing our best to mediate in difficult circumstances. We are committed to support our next level of government, that is the Provincial Government, and council, as the local government body, has a duty to maintain unison in this support. Section 60 of the Land Act states that "A person commits an offence if the person does any of the following:

- a) Occupies or possesses Crown land without lawful authority;

Section 59 (1) states that "If a person does anything that is an offence under section 60 (a) to (g), the minister may, on notice to that person, do one or more of the following:

- a) require the person to cease the unauthorized occupation of the Crown land, give up possession of the land and restore the land to a condition satisfactory to the minister:

I would like to mention that much has been made of a letter written by the Council of the Haida Nation two years ago in response to a part of the normal process of consultation undertaken by the Provincial Government in issues relating to Crown land. We recognise that the Provincial Government acted appropriately when they communicated with the Haida Nation on this matter and we recognize the political position of the Council of the Haida Nation. The emphasis that has been put on the very considered and appropriate response given to the Provincial Government by the Council of the Haida Nation through its letter to the Village is perhaps not so appropriate. This emphasis has put a very unfair onus on the CHN when the matter is one where they are part of the process in an action for trespass being taken by the Crown under the Land Act and we need to stop referring to this as a CHN action.

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Village has applied for an infrastructure planning grant to explore the pros and cons of desalination. We are continuing to work towards our Honna water project but before large investments of money we want to know if the new technology and lower prices in the field of desalination will allow a project that works for us. Our engineers and the provincial people we spoke to are very enthusiastic about our idea but we don't have the funding for the research quite yet. In fact we just submitted the application but we are hopeful and obviously quite eager.

Councillor Martin: Attended a meeting with the swimming pool group January 20th, next meeting is Wednesday February 4th at the School Board Office at 7.00pm – looking at a feasibility study. Attended the workshops on Cruise ships and Seafood Marketing in Skidegate and gathered information at the Strategic Land Use Open House. MP, Nathan Cullen's visit cancelled so meeting postponed until February 16th. Submitted final report for the Community Actions Energy Emissions (CAEE).

Councillor Olsen: Attended the Advisory Planning Committee open house for the Official Community Plan focus group. Update on the Community Connection program – 75% of funding has been received for the High Schools skills training programs.

Councillor Johnson: Attended the Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) for the newly elected officials training in Richmond. Attended the Strategic Land Use Open House.

Councillor Gladys Noddin report February 2, 2009

Since we last met, I have been to the following meetings on behalf of the village.

1. Thursday & Friday, **January 22 & 23, 2009**

I was in Prince George at the **BC Economic Summit, Opportunities North:** Northern Economic Summit. The speakers included:

Honourable Premier Gordon Campbell,

Honourable Colin Hansen – Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics,

Honourable Blair Lekstrom – Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum,

Honourable Gary Lunn – Federal Minister of State (Sport),

Honourable Kevin Falcon – Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure,

Honourable Gary Kruger - Minister of Community Development,

Honourable Gordon Hogg – Federal Minister of State for Mining,

Honourable Barry Penner – Minister of the Environment,

Honourable Pat Bell – Minister of Forests and Range,

Honourable Shirley Bond – Minister of Education, Minister Responsible for Early Learning and Literacy & Deputy Premier,

Larry Pedersen – Deputy Minister – Ministry of Agriculture and Lands,

Honourable Murray Coell - Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development

The format of the summit was that of plenary sessions with a list of panellists for each of them in the first half of the day and then a choice of concurrent panel sessions for the latter part of the day. Both the plenary sessions and the concurrent panel sessions provided time for a question and answer participation segment. However, due to time constraints, not many questions were taken at either venue.

There were 8 concurrent panel sessions from which to choose.

On Thursday, I chose to attend one called *Pacific Gateway and Transportation*, chaired by Honourable Kevin Falcon, with panellists Tim McEwan – President and CEO, Initiatives Prince George and Chair, Air Logistics Park Task Force; Don Krusel, President and CEO, Port of Prince Rupert; and Keith Reardon, Vice President, CN and Managing Director, CN WorldWide North America.

On Friday, I attended one called *Universities, Colleges and Human Capital*, chaired by Honourable Murray Coell, with panellists Kevin Evans – CEO, Industry Training Authority; Jean Valgardson – President, Northern Lights College; and Mark Dale – University of Northern British Columbia.

Later in the day on Friday, along with the other NCMA members present at the summit, I attended a meeting with members of the Northern Caucus. Ministers present at that

meeting were Honourable Shirley Bond, Honourable Pat Bell, and chaired by MLA John Rustad.

This is a summary of the summit. My full report of those sessions will be provided for the minutes before our next council meeting.

2. On Monday, **January 26, 2009**

I accompanied Councillor Martin to the meeting held at the Kaay Centre concerning **Seafood Marketing Strategies**. Councillor Martin will be reporting about that meeting.

3. Tuesday, **January 27, 2009**

I attended the information open house of SLUA (**Strategic Land Use Agreement**) held in the Skidegate Small Hall. Both Mayor Kulesha and Councillor Martin also attended. It is important to keep abreast of the developments of this initiative because it impacts all of the communities and all of the people who are living on our islands.

4. The **Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) AGM** was held in Nanaimo on Saturday, **January 31, 2009**. With a considerable number of new faces around the table, a lot of time was spent in an overview and orientation by the staff for the board members. The orientation manual for 2009 was distributed. If anyone of the public would like to review it, I will be happy to provide access to my copy.

VIRL is in the midst of restructuring its organization and the provincial government is beginning a legislative review of the libraries act. Both of these activities will command a great deal of the board's and the staff's time during the months ahead.

The new chair of the board is Bill Holdom, Nanaimo and the new vice-chair is Ronna-Rae Lenard, Courtney. Members of the various committees will be notified as soon as the executive committee has had a chance to meet and decide who the appointees will be.

CAO: We have put forward an application for funding for a feasibility study to look at desalination for our water supply. Interest has been expressed at the Provincial level as well as our engineers. If successful this model might be useful for many other coastal communities in British Columbia.

Public Participation:

Adjournment

R2008/06/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter: Section 90(1)(g)Legal.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Next meeting Monday, February 16, 2009

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording