

Village of Queen Charlotte

December 19, 2005

Minutes to the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held
December 19, 2005 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

ADOPTED

PRESENT:

Council:

Mayor C. Kulesha
Councillor K. Olsen
Councillor E. Ross
Councillor G. Noddin
Councillor G. Martin

Staff:

D. Uliana, Manager of Corp & Financial Services

Public:

K. Foerter, J. Marin, S. deBucy, R. Gelinis,
A. Elliott, W. Wilson, K. Gibson, R. Oliver, L. Scaife, E. Bell,
C. Hesseltine, D. McGregor, F. Laidlaw, T. Holinaty,
W. Noddin, R. Tanner

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

R2005-31 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

R2005-32 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file the QC/SL Management Committee minutes from Nov. 16, 2005.

CARRIED

R2005-33 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the Minutes of the Dec, 7, 2005 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATES:

3. Delegates

(a) Mr. Ron Tanner presented the following questions concerning the Legion purchase of the United Church building.

1. How do we make a change to the Official Community Plan?
2. What do we need to do to transfer the responsibility for the community cemetery to the Village?
3. Will we qualify for a tax exemption to municipal taxes as a service club?

(b) Ms. T. Holinaty spoke for some of the residents of the neighbourhood in which the Legion had purchased the old United Church building. Concerns raised included:

1. Many of the residents are opposed to a licensed establishment in their neighbourhood. They would rather see a “dry” Legion.

2. The location of the Teen Centre across the street.

3. What type of liquor license has been applied for?

4. What is the seating capacity of the new building?

5. How many parking spaces will be provided?

6. Why was there no community consultation?

Action: Provide copies of the Official Community Plan from Village Office.

Action: Plan a future meeting where all parties concerned can talk about the issues raised above.

CORRESPONDENCE:

For Information

(a) Christine Martynuik, Letter of Congratulations

(b) Village of Telkwa, Letter of Congratulations

(c) Anne Mountfield, QC/SL MC Business

(d) Points North Consulting & Management Services Ltd., re. Consulting Services

(e) Northern Savings Credit Union, Application Status

(f) Ministry of Community Services & Minister Responsible for Seniors and Women’s Issues – BC Community Water Improvement Program – Project Approval

(g) Village of Midway, RE. Repeat Offenders Legislation

R2005-34 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file correspondence (a), (b), (c),(e),(f) and (g).

CARRIED

R2005-35 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a thank you letter to Anne Mountfield for her contributions as Chair of the Queen Charlotte/Skidegate Landing Management Committee and letter concerning QC/SL Management Committee business.

CARRIED

For Action

(a) BC Ferry Services Inc., re. Reappointment of Representative

R2005-36 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to reappoint Mayor Kulesha to represent the Village of Queen Charlotte on the BC Ferry Services Inc. Advisory Committee with Councillor Ross as alternate.

CARRIED

(b) Islands Hikers Association, re. Request for Letter of Support

R2005-37 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to send a letter of support to the Island Hikers Association for their SMFRA funding proposal for the Riley Creek Trail.

CARRIED

(c) Queen Charlotte Harbour Authority Society, Request for Letter of Support R2005-38 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to sent a Letter of support to the Queen Charlotte Harbour Authority Society for their Major Contribution Gwaii Trust funding proposal for improvements to the Queen Charlotte dock.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

(a) Mayor & Council – verbal updates

Mayor Kulesha attended the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District meeting Dec. 16th. Councillor Martin participated in the Christmas Bird Count and observed the marine portion of the Village of Queen Charlotte.

(b) Manager of Financial Services

We have been busy opening the bank accounts, engaging an Auditor, Solicitor, purchasing insurance, registering for the GST, establishing MFA accounts for the reserves, making arrangements for staff benefits, Council Training and other business as directed in the Dec. 7th meeting.

(c) Public Works Report

1. Sewer line cleaning by Northern Lights Technologies found grease in some low lines, also some gravel in lines where manholes were knocked off the barrels. Also had to change float hangers in Lift #4. Ladders are becoming unsafe – we now have to check very carefully for danger rungs. We carry a ladder for entry. We had to clean floats at lift #3 & #4.

Fuel generator: Some were going down on over speed – suspect control panel has too much vibration making for lose connections

2. Water meters: we now have installed 141 meters (70 outside and 71 inside). We still have approximately 250 meters to install. Average cost per unit is \$614. Cost will vary because of location.

3. Water quality is good – test results attached for both bacteria and chloride for wells 11 & 12.

4. We were having trouble at chlorine 2 ejector site: cleaned ejector and replaced tubing as we have vacuum leak causing spikes and dips in chlorine.

R2005-39 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file reports.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

For Final Adoption:

Village of Queen Charlotte Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1-2005”

R2005-40 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Procedure Bylaw No. 1-2005.

CARRIED.

“Village of Queen Charlotte Council Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2-2005”

R2005-41 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Council Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2-2005.

CARRIED.

“Village of Queen Charlotte Council Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 3-2005”

R2005-42 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to Adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Council Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 3-2005.

CARRIED.

“Village of Queen Charlotte Council Officers Bylaw No. 4-2005”

R2005-43 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Officers Bylaw No. 4-2005.

CARRIED.

“Village of Queen Charlotte Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 5-2005”

R2005-44 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 5-2005.

4 Yes, 1 Contrary (Councillor Martin)

CARRIED.

Councillor Martin presented the statement attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Skateboard Park – clearing site.

The site for the skateboard park has been cleared and a burning permit obtained. The conditions for the permit require that the local Fire Department be notified and that an air quality report be obtained before the burn. The residents of the area should be alerted as to the intention to burn.

R2005-45 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to authorize Councillor Olsen to notify residents of the skateboard park clearing burn and hear their concerns and report back to Council. When the burn proceeds Councillor Olsen will be responsible to notify the Fire Department, call for air quality report and post notices around town with the time frame of the burn (weather dependant).

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

R2005-53 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to adjourn
the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 p.m.

Next meeting 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

Mayor Kulesha, Chair

D.L. Uliana, Recording