

**Village of Queen Charlotte**

**June 5 2006**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held  
June 5, 2006 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.**

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**Adopted**

**PRESENT:**

**Council:**

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

**Staff:**

A. Yeates, Chief Administration Officer  
D. Uliana, Manager of Corp & Financial Services  
S. Brown, Receptionist/Financial Clerk

**Public:**

Walter Noddin, Kevin Gibson, Sergius de Bucy, Anne Mountifield, Larry  
Duke, Joanne Ames  
Heather Ramsay – Observer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Agenda:**

R2006/14/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt  
the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

**Minutes:**

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, May 12, 2006

R2006/14/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the  
minutes of May 12, 2006 as amended.

CARRIED

b) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, May 15, 2006

R2006/14/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt  
the minutes of May 15, 2006 as amended.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:  
For Information**

- a) Ministry of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform – Property Tax Deferment Program, May 18, 2006
- b) Ministry of Forests and Range – BCTS’ Forest Stewardship Plan, Queen Charlotte Islands/Haida Gwaii, May 19, 2006-06-01
- c) Western Forest Products Inc, - Controlled Open Burning-Skidegate Landfill Site, May 23, 2006
- d) UBCM, Highlights of Interest to Local Governments from the Spring Legislative Session
- e) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes, March 24, 2006
- f) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes, April 21, 2006  
R2006/14/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file correspondence for information a, b, c, d, e, and f.

CARRIED

**For Action**

- a) Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors’ and Women’s Issues, Seniors’ Week 2006, May 15, 2006  
R2006/14/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to proclaim June 4 to 11<sup>th</sup> as Seniors week 2006.

CARRIED

**Resolutions:**

- a) Health & Wellness Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference  
R2006/14/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive The Terms of Reference for the creation of the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee as submitted and amended.

CARRIED

- b) Squamish-Lillooet Regional District – Independent Power Production – Bill 30 – 2006 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No.2), 2006

- c) Coquitlam – Resolution to reconsider Bill 30, May 16, 2006  
R2006/14/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Nodding send A letter of support the the UBCM for their position on Bill 30.

CARRIED

**Bylaw:**

a) Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 13, 2006 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

R2006/14/09 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to give 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bylaw 13-2006 Emergency Measures.

CARRIED

R2006/14/10 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to give 2nd reading of Bylaw 13-2006 Emergency Measures.

CARRIED

R2006/14/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to give 3rd reading of Bylaw 13-2006 Emergency Measures.

CARRIED

**Reports of Council Members and Chief Administrative Officer and Manager of Corporate and Financial Services:**

a) Mayor & Council

Mayors Report June 5, 2006

**Elected Officials Conference** We agreed to hire a consulting firm who has been on Island and I think will be quite a positive addition to our process. Final details are being worked out and an official update will come shortly.

**SQCRD** Our May meeting had a delegation from Northern Health, Jeff Burghardt Chair. He was concerned that we did not strongly support the cancer clinic strategy. There was discomfort with the worry that a centre in Prince George would not be of benefit to PR and the Islands. Mr. Burghardt explained that the funding for the centre came from the cancer agency and not Min of Health or NH's budget and that the emphasis would be on diagnosis and treatment first and foremost. I reiterated our need for a broader TAP's program so that residents could travel for care.

The other delegation was from the NC LRMP, which is moving into the implementation phase.

Other business: acceptance of the Audited Statements, declaration of Seniors week, adoption of the amendments to Sandspits OCP and zoning by law, and the security issue by laws for both Masset and PR which is the final step in how they borrow funds.

**Oils and Gas Working Group**

Based on the premise that oil and gas exploration may happen with or without the Village of Queen Charlotte's consent and that it is best to be at the table hearing and understanding the issues, I attended the second meeting of the Oil and Gas Working Group. This meeting concentrated on the regulatory framework and timelines for offshore oil and gas. Industry has stated that if the moratoria were lifted, and that would depend on the gov'ts of Canada and BC and the consent of First Nations, it would take a minimum of 12 years to production (10 to development). The meeting concentrated on the regulatory processes and I have 2 examples: one for the Beaufort Sea and the other for Newfoundland and Labrador and will leave them at the VIRL Queen Charlotte library

for your perusal. There was also a presentation on hazard management by Ministry of Environment. We have tanker traffic now and a variety of possible materials that can be spilt as well as chronic problems with oil from storm drains and leaking ships. The shipping industry contributes to a clean up agency, Burrard Clean, who has a trailer here in QC. Burrard Clean also presented and discussed the variety of materials they now handle as well as the changing technology such as the Royal Caribbean cruise ship line now using 99% bio-fuel (palm oil) which becomes another type of clean up in a spill that they are learning how to handle.

### **BCF Advisory Meeting and conference call**

BCF is negotiating for a vessel (has a couple of possibilities) and should be back to us shortly with the results. Though no vessel is perfect this will be an interim vessel over the next 2-3 years as our 2 new northern fleet vessels are built.

Our route 11 traffic is slow. At the time of the meeting 95% of the sailings were open for vehicle traffic. Business wise the economic blow maybe lessened by the fact that those who come over may stay longer (because of the intervals in the 2 week schedule). Islanders though covered by one-way plane service to PR for medical purposes are still impacted by a then lack of transportation to Terrace or beyond. As well those whose business takes them to PR weekly have to deal with 2 week based schedule that has long stretches without ferry service and no economic assistance for a one-way plane service. In the meantime there is no backup vessel for the QPR. At our meeting the QPR was reported to have generator problems, which were fixed, and then cooling pipe problems that were to be addressed in PR.

BCF hopes to have another vessel in place early winter and will support and promote next years schedule early.

### **Rural Maternity Care**

Attended the UBC sponsored research program on Thursday morning while other members of HWAC attended the Saturday forum. The discussion revolves around the ability to deliver on Island, what level of service is needed and what does the community support. The communities under study range from Masset with a no delivery service, Queen Charlotte that can deliver to Bella Bella/Bella Coola who has a GP surgical team, which enables them to do cesarean sections. I will be very interested in the results of the study as to safety issues and the community and health providers dialogue.

**Councillor Olsen:** North West Community College – math skills upgrading this fall, looking for funding. Congratulate Queen Charlotte Secondary School Grads this week.

**Councillor Martin:** Attended review of Socio Economic Study released by the Provincial Government re. the Land Use Planning process. Celebrated Seniors week and took his mother to lunch.

**Councillor Noddin:** May 26<sup>th</sup> attended Health & Wellness meeting, discussion on medical stay units being made available in Terrace at low cost for those traveling for medical appointments. The possibility of starting a bus service between Prince Rupert and Terrace as also discussed. June 3<sup>rd</sup> attended Royal Maternity Care Public Forum.

b) Chief Administration Officer

The first Annual Report has been drafted for Council's consideration and is available for public viewing.

c) Manager of Corporate and Financial Services

Property Tax Notices for 2006 have been mailed last week. The date property taxes are due will be July 4<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 p.m.

**Public Participation:**

J. Ames – When is the municipal year end? - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

Observer - \$900,000 announced Tourism from Province – how will it be assigned – will it help business loosing revenues due to the ferry sinking? – No detailed information has been received from the Pronvince. Funding will be for capacity building – not intended for the losses experinedced for tourism operators. It would be a good idea for individual business to track revenues this year as compared to previous years.

Action: Councillor Martin will approach Queen Charlotte Visitors Information Society to see if they could undertake a survey to record reduced revenues for this tourism season.

K Gibson- Burning permit – difference between “permit” and “approval”? History of the previous application should be remembered.

J. Ames – Would like to see the Road Safety Report. – Can view at the office.

**Adjournment:**

R2006/14/12 MOVED by Councillor Martin to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Monday June 19th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Kulesha, Chair

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D. L. Uliana Recording