

**Village of Queen Charlotte**

**July 4, 2006**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held  
July 4, 2006 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.**

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**Adopted**

**PRESENT:**

**Council:** Acting Mayor G. Noddin  
Councillor Martin  
Councillor E. Ross

**Absent:** Mayor Kulesha, with regrets on Village business.

**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, Larry  
Duke, Rolf Bettner, Greg Wiggins, Carolyn Hesseltine  
Heather Ramsay – Observer

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Acting Mayor G. Noddin called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**Agenda:**

Add: Correspondence Info

4-f Northern Isolation Travel Assistance Outreach Program Allocations, Cc'ed  
from Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District to Ministry of Health,  
June 30, 2006.

4-g Highway Line Painting – Parking

R2006/17/02 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the  
agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

**Minutes:**

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, June 19, 2006

R2006/17/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt  
the minutes of June 19<sup>th</sup> as circulated.

CARRIED

**Delegate**

a) Kevin Gibson

Mr. Gibson spoke on three trends:

- (1) Shortage of Petroleum; burning petroleum produces air pollution; if the supply of petroleum diminishes this may bring back reliance on other fossil fuels such as coal and peat;
- (2) Climate – Global Warming and an increased population will have an effect on the planet in the future triggering major changes in the environment;
- (3) Forest Decline; air pollution has caused the trees and plants to be more vulnerable to pests and other health problems.

He asked that the Council consider these factors and prepare the community for the future. Also to consider ways to reduce on reliance on fossil fuels, encourage green houses, composting, use waste wood for a secondary benefit and replace imported products with local products where possible.

The floor was open to the public:

Rolf Bettner spoke against Western Forest Products burn application.

**Correspondence:**

**For Information**

- a) UBCM, Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Agreement signed
- b) UBCM, 2006 Energy Awareness Award
- c) City of Port Alberni
- d) City of North Vancouver
- e) D. McClafferty & Sandra Price

R2006/17/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file correspondence a,b,c,d, and e.

CARRIED.

- f) Northern Isolation Travel Assistance Outreach Program Allocations, Cc'ed from Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District to Ministry of Health, June 30, 2006.

R2006/17/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter to the appropriate Ministry asking for the re-establishment of original service levels for the Northern Isolation Travel Assistance Outreach Program for the Queen Charlotte Islands.

CARRIED

- g) Highway Line Painting – Parking

R2006/17/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to advertise, distribute hand bills and aid in keeping road sides clear of parked cars during the July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> line painting being carried out by the Ministry of Transportation at Skidegate Landing and other key areas.

CARRIED

**Resolutions:**

a) Emergency Measures Bylaw – Appointments

**Village of Queen Charlotte Emergency Executive Committee**

R2006/17/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross and resolved that Council appoint; Andrew Yeates, Anna Gajda, Anne Mountifield, Neil Hogg, Faye Beaulieu, Kerry Laidlaw, and Marilyn Sikora members of the committee and further be it resolved that Larry Duke be appointed as the Emergency Coordinator.

CARRIED

b) Application – Western Forest Products

**Application Pursuant to the Environmental Management Act on behalf of Western Forest Products Inc. dated May 31, 2006**

R2006/1708 MOVED by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Ross and Resolved: That Council supports Western Forest Products Inc in their

Application to burn waste wood under the Environmental Management Act subject to the conditions as outlined in the accompanying letter to be sent to the Regional Waste Manager of the Ministry of the Environment.

CARRIED

Regional Waste Manager  
Ministry of Environment,  
Bag 5000,  
3726 Alfred Street,  
Smithers, B.C.,  
V0J 2N0

Re: Application Pursuant to the Environmental Management Act on behalf of Western Forest Products Inc. dated May 31, 2006.

The Council of the Village of Queen Charlotte understands there is currently no perfect solution to the handling of wood waste from dry land sort operations. The Council recognizes dry land sort operations contribute to the economic stability of the Village of Queen Charlotte. Council acknowledges forestry operations assist in contributing to the maintenance of infrastructure for recreational and community use. The Council of the Village of Queen Charlotte supports the application of Western Forest Products Inc. to burn wood waste under certain conditions.

The Village council supports environmental best management practices and to this end encourages sustainable forestry while wishing to develop employment opportunities for the community. The council supports the issuance of an approval to burn, **not a permit to burn**, until it can be demonstrated the burning of wood waste can be done properly. The council wishes to encourage Western Forest Products Inc. in pursuing best practices in reducing wood waste, specifically through the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle.

While Council appreciates Western Forest Products Inc. supplying the community with clean firewood through the log sort operation, it encourages them to develop small business, valued added opportunities to reduce wood waste as well as pursuing viable options to open burning as the primary method of dealing with wood waste.

### **Specific Conditions for an Approval;**

Approval (**not Permit**) for each burn must be dependent on the success of the previous burn.

Further public consultation must be carried out prior to consideration of a permit.

The total amount of waste wood to be burned should be limited to a maximum of two per cent of scaled volume of timber handled at the log sort.

Accelerant used in burning operation should be limited to propane or commercial fire starter.

Burn must include the use of a mechanical blower to ensure a hot and clean, efficient burn

Western Forest Products Inc. should commit to the use of a trench burner if open burn method is not efficient.

The proponent must provide a contingency plan for alternatives to burning if any burn is not successful.

Proponent must provide a copy of the safety plan for fire control as part of approval process.

Restrictions noted in previous approvals must be included in this approval, such as but not limited to the following: preferred wind direction, notification provided to local agencies, non-compliance reporting, burn event reporting, photographic recording and a wood residue disposal contingency plan submission.

Council's aim of reducing, reusing and recycling to be reached by Western Forest Products Inc.'s agreement to clean logs and make them available to the community for firewood.

The council's support of subsequent approvals will be dependent upon Western Forest Products Inc.'s ability to demonstrate decreasing percentages of wood waste from the dry land log sort operation.

Council wishes the community to maintain control over open burning occurring within or near its boundaries while working cooperatively with the forest industry toward economic and environmental sustainability.

Sincerely,

R2006/17/09 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to allow discussion on R2006/17/8.

CARRIED

R. Bettner: Commented that he did not like the letter, thought there should be more public consultation, and asked if a petition would change the recommendation of Council.

K. Gibson: Commented that he liked the condition that the company encourage development of small business and valued added opportunities to reduce wood waste and submitted a copy of a letter he was sending to Western Forest Products on this topic.

**Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:**

- a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Meeting of the Whole Minutes, June 26, 2006

R2006/17/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the minutes of the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Acting Mayor Noddin: Attended the Health and Wellness Committee meeting and the Haida Child & Family Agreement meeting in Skidegate.

Councillor Martin: Welcome back greetings to Councillor Ross.

**Public Participation**

K. Gibson – Who will be monitoring the waste wood burn?

The Ministry of the Environment would provide the monitoring.

R. Bettner – Commented that he did not believe that the waste wood burn in Rennel Sound was monitored. Expressed concern with the Teal Jones process re. their logging permit in the Queen Charlotte water shed.

**Adjournment:**

R2006/17/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

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Mayor Kulesha, Chair

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D. L. Uliana, Recording