

Village of Queen Charlotte

October 16, 2006

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held
October 16 2006 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.**

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Staff:

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

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Edith Bell, Leslie Johnson, Charlotte Tarver, Andree
Elliot, Ron McKee, Heather George, Gracie Flanagan (left @ 7.38pm)
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2006/32/02 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the
agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, October 2, 2006

R2006/32/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the
minutes of October 2, 2006 as circulated.

CARRIED

Road Name – 2nd ballot

Mayor Kulesha summarized the process for the renaming of the Highway (see Mayor's
Report attached.)

Run Off Ballot – Results of 1st poll;

1. Daajing Giids Way
2. Inlet Drive
3. Oceanview Drive

A second ballot will be circulated with these three names and voting residents of the
Village of Queen Charlotte will be able to vote-deadline October 27th at 4.00pm.

The new name to be recommended to the Department of Transportation will be announced at Council meeting November 6, 2006.

Correspondence:

For Information

a) Ministry of Children and Family Development – October 2006 proclaimed as Foster Family Month, Community Living Month and Autism Awareness Month in BC. October 10, 2006

b) Village of Queen Charlotte Drinking Water Report – October 10, 2006

c) Vancouver Island Regional Library Board - News Brief October 11, 2006

d) Northern Development Initiative Trust – Northwest Regional Advisory-Committee Draft Minutes, September 8, 2006.

R2006/32/04 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file correspondence a) Ministry of Children and Family Development – October 2006 proclaimed as Foster Family Month, Community Living Month and Autism Awareness Month in BC. October 10, 2006, b) Village of Queen Charlotte Drinking Water Report – October 10, 2006, c) Vancouver Island Regional Library Board - News Brief October 11, 2006, and d) Northern Development Initiative Trust – Northwest Regional Advisory-Committee Draft Minutes, September 8, 2006.

CARRIED

For Action

a) Teal-Jones Group – Re: Teal Cedar Products Ltd. Forest Stewardship Plan Meeting, October 5, 2006

R2006/32/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to call Teal-Jones to set up a meeting with Council and also set up an evening session with the public prior to the Council meeting with Teal-Jones

CARRIED.

b) Skidegate Band Council – Re: South Graham island Health Facility, September 22, 2006 & Draft Reply

R2006/32/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter to Skidegate Band Council as presented in draft as amended.

CARRIED

c) Ministry of Environment – Burn Permit, October 3, 2006

R2006/32/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file the letter from the Ministry of Environment – Burn Permit Approval AA-18142 re. Western Forest Products Inc..

CARRIED

d) Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) – Local MCFD staff pleased to attend Council Meeting

R2006/32/08 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to send out an invitation for members of Ministry of Children and Family Development staff to attend a Council meeting and discuss Foster parenting in our community.

CARRIED

Councillor Olsen left room 7.53pm

e) Misty Isles Curling Club – LOS Request; Gwaii Trust application for repairs to cooling system, de-humidifier, boiler and installation of water softener, October 11, 2006

f) Haida Gwaii Youth Society – LOS Request; Gwaii Trust Project for operating costs of both the Northern and Southern Teen Centres from December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007, October 11, 2006

R2006/32/09 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send LOS to e) Misty Isles Curling Club – Gwaii Trust project for repairs to cooling system, dehumidifier, boiler and installation of water softener, and f) Haida Gwaii Youth Society – Gwaii Trust funding to operate both the Northern and Southern Teen Centres from December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007.

CARRIED

Councillor Olsen came back in the room 7.55pm.

Bylaw:

Permissive Tax Exemption 2007

Members of Council discussed some of the applicants for the permissive tax exemption based on the proposed policy guidelines; The Queen Charlotte Thrift Store: as it is a volunteer non profit organization that supports the community, Queen Charlotte Heritage Housing Society: as they will be building the Supportive Living facility this year and not be receiving rents until it is finished; The Royal Canadian Legion: for 1 year as they are a non profit and in need of short term aide and The Queen Charlotte Youth Education Society: 1 Year as an independent school aides the community and with new development in of 1 year aide support. Summary vote on leaving in all properties in the draft permissive tax exemption for first, second and third reading.

C. Olsen – No; C. Noddin – Yes; C. Martin – Yes, C. Ross – Yes.

R2006/32/10 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to have 1st reading of Bylaw No. 14-2006 A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted from Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

R2006/32/11 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to have 2nd reading of Bylaw No. 14-2006 A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted from Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

R2006/32/12 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to have 3rd reading of Bylaw No. 14-2006 A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted from Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Meeting of the Whole Minutes, October 10, 2006

R2006/32/13 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Meeting of the Whole Minutes, October 10, 2006 as circulated.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: Report Attached.

Councillor Olsen: Tsunami drill with the school. No meeting for the recreation committee.

Councillor Noddin: Report Attached.

Councillor Ross: Did not attend ISWAC – conflict meeting with Credit Union.

Councillor Martin: Have been working on the UBCM position papers and will attend the UBCM to lobby Cabinet Officials. New Public Community Board will be up at the post office by Halloween.

A. Yeates, Chief Administrator Officer: Projects

Skateboard Park tender awarded, construction started today, completion expected prior to Christmas, weather dependant.

Tender for Stanley Lake Spur Road advertised this week. Tender will not be awarded until all permits and funding in place.

Water meters – almost done, hoping to be complete end of November.

Testing meter reading software being arranged.

Public Participation:

E. Bell: Why a Permissive Tax Exemption for QCC Community Club?

Ans. The QC Community Club is a society – this function would be under the municipality in most communities – and therefore a statutory exemption.

R. McKee: Permissive Tax Exemption - how much will it cost the community? Some people working for charitable societies make good money - is it a tax dodge?

Ans: The Council wants to formulate policy about permissive tax exemptions.

Observer: What issues will be lobbied at the UBCM?

Ans: Some of the issues will include: Provincial help for a start up team for the municipality, mapping, capital plan, aid for seniors (Heritage House, supportive living), all island community forest, road maintenance, Government to Government negotiations, (where are they now?), and Community in transition funding.

C. Tarver: Who owns boat ramp? Issues – fish gutted and dumped there.

Ans. Village of Queen Charlotte owns the boat ramp and we have recently put a sign there asking those wanting to use the ramp for other than recreational use contact the staff at the Village Office.

L. Johnson: Would you be able to post a copy of the agendas for Council Meetings in the post office notice box – maybe with a colour boarder so that it is easier to see?

Ans. Yes. The agendas are currently posted on the bulletin board at the Village Office and on line on the web page.

H.George: Pat De Clark was in charge of posting public notices in the new display box to be installed at the post office. The criteria should stay the same – no commercial notices and public notices that will be of interest to the community.

Adjournment:

R2006/32/14 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter Section 90(1)(c)Personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next meeting Monday November 6, 2006

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording