

Village of Queen Charlotte

November 6, 2006

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held
November 6, 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

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Leslie Johnson, Larry Duke, Walter Noddin, Keith Moore
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2006/35/02 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED.

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, October 16, 2006

b) Village of Queen Charlotte Special Council Minutes, Oct. 30, 2006

R2006/35/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes from Oct. 16th and the Special Council Meeting minutes from Oct. 30th as circulated.

CARRIED.

Road Name – Final Ballot Results:

The results from the final public ballot for the road name: 267 total ballots; 64 for Daajing.giids Way; 98 for Inlet Drive and 105 for Oceanview Drive.

R2006/35/04 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to forward the name “Oceanview Drive” to the Department of Highways as a replacement road name for Hwy 33 between Skidegate Landing and Cemetary Road.

CARRIED.

Correspondence:

For Information:

a) Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources, Independent Power Producers, Section 121 Amendment, Oct. 12, 2006

For Action

a) The Coast Sustainability Trust, Termination of the CST, Oct. 6, 2006

R2006/35/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to recommend maintaining the Coast Sustainability Trust structure by rolling the remaining uncommitted funds into "Coast Sustainability Trust II" and entering into discussions as to changes to funding requirements.

CARRIED.

b) Queen Charlotte Harbour Authority, Request for Council Representative, Oct. 20, 2006

R2006/35/06 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, Seconded by Councillor Martin to appoint Councillor E. Ross as the Council representative to the Queen Charlotte Harbour Authority.

CARRIED.

R2006/35/07 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, Seconded by Councillor Noddin to Appoint Councillor Martin as alternate representative to the Queen Charlotte Harbour Authority.

CARRIED.

c) Request for Proclamation for Adoption Awareness Month,

R2006/35/08 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen

Whereas adoptive families in British Columbia provide the love and support of a permanent family; and

Whereas the government of British Columbia recognizes the care, compassion, and unselfish commitment of British Columbia adoptive families; and

Whereas there continues to be a need for adoptive families to nurture the growth and development of children, especially those with special needs because of age, physical, mental, or emotional disabilities and sibling groups; and

Now Therefore I, Carol Kulesha, Mayor of the Village of Queen Charlotte, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2006 as Adoption Awareness Month and remind the citizens during this time that there are many children in our province who need adoptive families.

CARRIED.

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

a) Haida Gwaii Tourism Association, Minutes, Oct. 10, 2006

b) O'Brien Road & Bridge Maintenance Ltd., Stakeholders' Update Fall 2006, Oct. 27, 2006

R2006/35/09 MOVED by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Noddin that the Haida Gwaii Tourism Association minutes of Oct. 10th, 2006 and the Stakeholder's Update for 2006 from O'Brien Road & Bridge be received and filed.

CARRIED.

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: Report attached.

Councillor Noddin: Attended the Focus Group facilitated by Lions Gate for the Community Viability Study. Also attended the Island Womens Society Conference held in Skidegate on Saturday. At the UBCM as well as attending the meetings scheduled with the various ministries I attended a workshop on Policing Costs and a Question and Answer session dealing with this issue. These costs will be charged to municipalities, Regional Districts and rural areas starting in Jan, 2007. The formula has not been finalized. I will be attending the Vancouver Island Regional Library meeting on the 18th.

Councillor Martin: I also enjoyed attending the UBCM and participated in the meetings scheduled with the ministries. I also met with the Minister of Labour to discuss our broadband on Island and to request a call be made to Telus on our behalf to support cell phone service. I also met with Community Accessibility Legacies Now and obtained a tool kit on the 10x10 Program. I will hand this information to Councillor Ross to assist with the access issues for handicapped in our community. This program addresses employment for handicapped individuals as well as the access to public buildings. The promised community bulletin board for the Post Office has been delayed – have talked with the contractor and it will be completed soon. Met with George Westwood and Doug McClafferty about the cemetery. Received documents and plot survey from Mr. Westwood and plan on starting some work in the spring. A big thank you to George Westwood, Doug McClafferty and the Royal Canadian Legion for their help.

Councillor Ross: There was no ISWAC meeting. Have some concerns with wheel chair accessibility on the Skidegate Landing-Prince Rupert ferry. Would like to have this issue brought to BC Ferries.

Councillor Olsen: Have been attending the APC meetings where we have been looking at the subdivision process and doing community visioning. Also attended a Community Futures Guerilla Marketing workshop where methods of developing different market bases was discussed.

CAO Yeates: The water meter project is drawing to a close with installation and the activation of monitoring equipment to track usage beginning. Stanley Lake Project: an addendum to the tender has been sent out and the deadline has been extended to Nov. 14th. Funding for the balance of the Stanley Lake Project is being pursued with applications being forwarded to the Gwaii Trust and the Coast Sustainability Trust. The Water Treatment Project is on hold due to problems with supplies and parts being available. This should be a go by the first week in December. Mapping – working to secure funding and working with the Integrated Cadastral Group as well as the Haida Forest Guardians. The QC Emergency Preparedness Committee will be completing our

emergency plan soon. Several members of the group including myself and S. Brown completed training courses and we are pursuing an application for funding for equipment. Equipment being considered includes an early warning tsunami siren and signage. The Skateboard Park is well underway. The sub base is in place and the form packages should be arriving soon. Weather permitting we may see the park completed by the end of the year. The Dragon Boat application has been approved for Stage One and a request for a Stage Two application was received. As Councillor Martin discussed the BC3 project is nearly complete. One more tower for the broadband is yet to be put in place. Working with Dave Dickson of ICBC implementing some of the recommendations from the joint study to improve parking etc. ICBC will be supplying new street signs. Meetings are ongoing with the Highway Manager re. roads and drainage in the Village. Follow up from the UBCM with the Department of Agriculture and Integrated Lands Management to obtain a complete listing of Crown Lands in our community is moving forward. This will help us work toward obtaining an industrial area and possibly park space. Two staff members are currently away on holidays.

Manager of Corp & Financial Services: Attended BC Clerks and Corporate Officers Forum in Parksville. This training opportunity is organized through the Local Government Management Association and allows for meeting with other Corporate officers from municipalities and Regional Districts from all of British Columbia for training and updating on current common issues. While off island I was also able to also attend the annual Mais Conference (the suppliers of our municipal software). This conference was a valuable source of information which I will be able to use in getting us live on the new software with payroll, accounts payable and accounts receivable. I would like to thank the Gwaii Trust for their funding for this training.

Public Participation:

L. Duke: When will the billing with the water meter information start?

Ans: Not soon – the system will be tested and monitored for approximately a year before full implementation.

L. Duke: The Emergency Committee had an opportunity to participate in a search and rescue operation for a lost mushroom picker last week. It turned into a 5 day, 4 night operation with the participation of several other groups including two RCMP dog teams. The rescue was successful and we all got an appreciation for the man hours, equipment and effort such an operation requires.

W. Noddin: I feel it would be good to get more information out about the Stanley Lake Project. Some misinformation is out in the community and some clarity would be good.

Ans: Good idea – we can address this in our next newsletter.

Observer: Is there a chance the Coast Sustainability Trust money will disappear?

Ans: This could happen – that is why we are responding with a request to have the fund extended and some changes to be made in the funding process.

Observer: Has anyone obtained funding from the Trust?

Ans: We have applied for funds for the Stanley Lake Project.

Observer: Is there more talk of projects?

Ans: Yes, the rules must be followed, the funding requires matching funds, the limit of the grant is \$100,000., jobs must be created, etc.

Observer: Has an effort been made to tell people how to make a proposal?

Ans: Yes, information was forwarded to the Observer on three occasions by the Trust and the information was printed once. The web site for Coast Sustainability Trust has examples of successful applications (www.coastsustainabilitytrust.com).

Observer: Who is on the Harbour Authority Board?

Ans: It would be best to call the office at the Dock to get that information.

Adjournment:

R2006/33/10 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter Section 90(1)(e)Property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting Monday November 20, 2006

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording