

Village of Queen Charlotte

December 4, 2006

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held
December 4, 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, Larry Duke, Anna Gajda, Kerry Laidlaw, Walter
Noddin, Dan Kendall, Ruth Kendall, Rowena Holoién
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2006/39/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, November 20, 2006

R2006/39/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, November 20, 2006 as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate:

a) Larry Duke – Provincial Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Duke presented the newly completed Village of Queen Charlotte Emergency Response and Recovery Plan, Which was developed by our local Emergency Preparedness Committee.. The Executive Summary (see attached) covers 12 main categories of hazards. Further training locally is needed to implement parts of the plan and some Joint Emergency Preparedness Plan funding has been requested to fund table top exercises. Another important priority is talking to other communities and working together on emergency drills. The committee is advertising for an additional member to take on the Emergency Social Services portfolio. Public education on

emergency preparedness, such as grab & go bags, will be presented at the Health Fair in January. The plan is a living document and the next part of development will involve choosing three top-priority hazards and establish a more detailed plan. The committee has monthly meetings.

Mayor Kulesha extended thanks from the Council to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for their important work on behalf of the community.

R2006/39/04 **MOVED** by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Response and Recovery Plan as presented.

CARRIED

b) Rowena Holoien – Introduction to the community

Rowena Holoien is the new Chief operating Officer for Northern Health. She is visiting community to meet with caregivers and community leaders, observe existing services and to better understand local requirements.

Correspondence:

For Information

a) Vancouver Island Regional Library – News Brief, November 28, 2006

b) Water Sample Reports – November 2006

c) Sport BC, Vancouver – re: Sport BC Community Report, November 17, 2006

R2006/39/05 **MOVED** by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file a) Vancouver Island Regional Library – News Brief, November 28, 2006, b) Water Sample Reports – November 2006 c) Sport BC, Vancouver – re: Sport BC Community Report, November 17, 2006.

CARRIED

Action

a) Proclamation 10 by 10 Challenge

R2006/39/06 **MOVED** by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to proclaim

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| Whereas | Persons with disabilities are under-represented in our workforce and in our community life; |
| Whereas | Individuals with disabilities represent an untapped resource with the ability and desire to fully participate in their community and economies; |
| Whereas | The 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games should be benefit all British Columbians and provide long-term legacies; |
| Whereas | Our economy is the strongest it has been in decades and it is more important than ever for British Columbian businesses to access skilled workers; |
| Whereas | The citizens of British Columbia support the ideal that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our communities are inclusive and accessible to all citizens, including persons with disabilities;• All citizens have equal opportunity to share fully and equally in the life and prosperity of the community, and,• British Columbia leads the way in providing supports and opportunities for people with disabilities, |
| Therefore | we, members of Council, hereby resolve to take up the 10 by 10 |

Challenge to increase employment for persons with disabilities by 10 percent by the year 2010.

CARRIED

Resolution:

a) Contract No. 163.8.3 – Stanley Lake Spur Road Tender

R2006/39/07 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to accept the recommendation of Dayton & Knight Ltd. Consulting Engineers to award the contract # 163.8.3 – Stanley Lake Spur Road to Skidegate Inlet Construction in the amount of \$142,500.00.

CARRIED

b) Gwaii Tel Society

R2006/39/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin and resolve that the Village of Queen Charlotte become a member of the Gwaii Tel Society and that the Village of Queen Charlotte appoints Ron McKee as its representative, and
Also be it resolved that the Village of Queen Charlotte, in conjunction with Area D and Area E (Sandspit) of the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District, name Ron McKee to sit on the Board of Directors for the Gwaii Tel Society.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: Report attached.

Councillor Ross: Have learned that ISWAC may have wheelchair access available at the Port Clements village office. Talked with Ken Evans from Northern Health concerning employment and access for handicapped in Queen Charlotte.

Councillor Noddin: Report attached.

Councillor Olsen: Haida Gwaii Youth Society is having a dance in Port Clements.

Councillor Martin: Attended the Air Shed Quality Workshop which included a demonstration of testing firewood for moisture -dry firewood is a key to better air quality. Community bulletin board is finally complete and in use. Also attended the Gwaii Tel meeting.

Manager of Corporate and Financial Services:

Data gathered for the radio read water meter system is being tested and training on that soft ware is taking place this week. The amended 2006 Financial Plan will be presented at the Dec. 11th meeting.

Public Participation:

D. Kendall: How many log culverts are included in the road to Stanley Lake?

Ans. Do not know.

D. Kendall: Fisheries advised 2-3 log culverts which allow more flow in small streams instead of metal culverts. How can the Council make an informed decision on the tender without this information?

Ans. Council does not have the technical expertise to carry out this type of project without the professional services of an engineering firm. Dayton & Knight have been hired to firstly engineer the project so that it could be presented to the Province for funding and to design the tender packages to industry standards and then to advise Council on the tenders that were received.

D. Kendall: I spoke to Dayton & Knight – they said that Council makes the decision.

Ans. Yes.

D.Kendall This is the poorest excuse for tender I've ever seen. Example – ad in the newspaper said that there would be 800 meters of road – the tender 600 meters of road and inside tender scale of map is close 700 m of road.

Ans. All contractors were advised to make a site visit before presenting their tenders.

There was provision for a list of variances in the tender documents. Did you ask questions of Dayton & Knight during the preparation of your tender?

D.Kendall Asked some questions about the ROW – who owns timber? Contractor? Forestry? To build wooden culverts would need wood. In my tender amounts were high because this was not clear if I had to buy the wood for the culverts.

Ans. The variance you included in your tender for the culverts was accepted by the engineers. Factors like these is why there was a section for variation.

D. Kendall: Size of metal culverts was below the required standards. This tells you about Dayton & Knight.

Ans: Likely there will be a realignment for the road in the tender. I hear you are frustrated. Your variation on the culvert size was also accepted. Please put your issues in writing & Council will get answers to you. The Council must make sure everyone gets same information & access to information. We are using professional engineers to advise us on technical matters. In the broad picture – we have had success with Dayton & Knight on previous projects. Their advice on time frames, tender recommendations, bonds & progress payments to contractors has worked well and the projects were completed successfully.

D.Kendall: I talked to Andrew – he was supposed to get in touch with me – no call.

Ans: The bids that were received were very close.

D.Kendall: I will pursue a complaint against Dayton & Knight through Board of Engineers – have them & this decision reviewed. I don't think they are doing a good job.

Ans. That is your privilege.

Adjournment:

R2006/39/09 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting Monday December 11, 2006

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording