

Village of Queen Charlotte

December 11, 2006

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held
December 11, 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, Dave Dickson, Bryan Fraser, John Broadhead, Leslie Johnson, Keith Moore, Kevin Gibson, Charles Lapeyre

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2006/40/02 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, December 4, 2006

R2006/40/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, December 4, 2006 as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate:

a) Dave Dickson – ICBC Zero Crash Month Award Presentation

Mr. Dickson and Mr. Lapeyre of ICBC were pleased to present a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 and a plaque to the Village of Queen Charlotte for having the fewest “crashes” in their population category for the Zero Crash Month campaign.

b) Bryan Fraser – Operations Forester, Teal Jones Group, Stewardship Plan

Mr. Fraser made a presentation concerning Teal Cedar's Forest Stewardship Plan for the Village of Queen Charlotte's watershed.

1. Why is Teal Jones proposing a FSP for the community watershed?

-It is an administrative requirement because all Forest Development Plans expire on Dec. 31, 2006. If this is not done Teal Cedar would risk having these tenures revoked.

2. Will the public have an opportunity to comment on proposed operations under an FSP?

-Yes. Teal Cedar will commit to a 60 day public review & comment period.

3. Will the watershed advisory committee continue in its role once an FSP is approved:

-Yes. Teal Cedar will maintain its commitment to the WAC process. Under its FSP strategy, all operations must be consistent with the recommendations of the WAC.

4. What is Teal Cedar's current level of operational planning in the community watershed?

-The area was walked, information only blocks were created and a hydrologic assessment was done. No cutblocks or roads are engineered.

5. What is the status of the hydrologic assessment for the community watershed?

-The final version is complete. Anyone wishing to receive a copy can submit a request by email.

6. The FSP process allows a licensee to propose either a result or a strategy for managing community watershed objectives. Why has Teal Cedar decided to propose a strategy?

-In our strategy, we define our commitments to consult with experts, resource agencies and the public.

7. What is Teal Cedar's draft FSP strategy?

-The licensee will carry out timber harvesting or road construction within a community watershed, only if:

- (a) a qualified registered professional has carried out a hydrologic assessment within the 5 year period immediately before the commencement of operations;
- (b) the forest operations are consistent with the recommendations of the hydrologic assessment;
- (c) the forest operations are consistent with the recommendations of a watershed advisory committee made in accordance with the procedures described in the Watershed Assessment Procedures Guidebooks; and
- (d) the licensee has advertised and provided for a 60-day public review of the approximate locations of proposed cutblocks and roads, considered all comments received during the period for review and made any revisions to the proposed operations that the licensee considers appropriate.

Questions from Council and the public:

Q. Have there been meetings of the Watershed Advisory Committee and who makes up the committee?

A. (Mayor Kulesha) Attempts to find a meeting date stakeholders could attend were unsuccessful. The stakeholders group includes the Village of Queen Charlotte, DFO, and other government agencies.

A. (Bryan Fraser) Will provide a link to the Watershed Assessment Procedures Guidebook.

Q. Would Teal Cedar be prepared to discuss compensation for the timber licence?

A. Yes – they would be open to discussion.

Q. Discussions with the Village or the Ministry of Forests?
A. With Provincial Government. There are many factors – a process would be needed.
Q. Was there a slope stability study?
A. Might have been an initial study – these are not usually shared. Will check on this.
Q. Would Teal Cedar be open to an offer of timber elsewhere and not log the watershed?
A. That would be up to Forestry – if there is timber somewhere else.
Q. After FSP is approved (5 year term) is there any community involvement? Viewscape in the inlet a concern.
A. The 60 day review would be for the watershed only. Could look at other areas.
Q. Will the recommendations of the Land Use Plan be honoured?
A. (Mayor Kulesha) The Land Use Plan was not signed off and has gone to Government to Government negotiations. Minister Bell is in discussions with the CHN and there may be some protected Part 13's in the watershed area.
Q. After the FSP is approved would the Land Use Plan impact it?
A. The FSP must be consistent with Land Use Plans. I believe we have 4 months after a Land Use Plan to amend.
Q. There are issues that are not covered by the consultation process – visuals, water quality, water diversion,
A. Will take these issues under consideration.
Mayor Kulesha thanked Mr. Fraser for his time.

Correspondence:

For Information

- a) Village of Queen Charlotte Water Sample Reports – December 2006
- b) UNBC – Scholar from Queen Charlotte Secondary School, Luke Borserio, December 1, 2006
- c) City of Merritt – Re: Legislation to Combat Drug issues in Municipalities, November 30, 2006

R2006/40/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file a) Village of Queen Charlotte Water Sample Reports – December 2006, b) UNBC – Scholar from Queen Charlotte Secondary School, Luke Borserio, December 1, 2006 and c) City of Merritt – Re: Legislation to Combat Drug issues in Municipalities, November 30, 2006.

CARRIED

For Action

- a) Vancouver Island Regional Library – Alternate

R2006/40/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to appoint Councillor Martin as the alternate representative for the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

2006 Amended Financial Plan

R2006/40/06 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file the report on the 2006 Amended Financial Plan.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: Report attached.

Councillor Ross: Attended Village of Queen Charlotte Birthday Party at the office and found it a productive time with people asking questions etc. Good idea to have similar events in the future.

Councillor Noddin: No report at this time.

Councillor Martin: Spent time with Councillor Noddin at the library reviewing the plans for the upgrade. Community will benefit from upgrades.

Councillor Olsen: Youth dance – 154 attended.

Chief Administrator Officer: Attended workshop with the Queen Charlotte Emergency Preparedness Community, Skidegate's committee and representatives from Sandspit. Will be seeking \$35,000 in funding.

Public Participation:

Adjournment:

R2006/40/07 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Monday January 8, 2007

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording