

Village of Queen Charlotte

January 22, 2007

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday
January 22, 2007 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

Absent:

Councillor K. Olsen with regrets

Staff:

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

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, John Disney, Greg Wiggins, Rolf Bettner, Kevin Gibson,
Keith Moore, Leslie Johnson, John Broadhead, Sean Muise, Olga Elliot,
Mark Salzl, Ricardo Toledo
Heather Ramsay – Observer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2007/02/02 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, January 8, 2007

R2007/02/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, January 8, 2007 as amended.

CARRIED

Delegate:

a) John Disney – Haida Gwaii Carbon Credit Project

Mr. Disney presented the Haida Gwaii Carbon Forest Pilot Project proposal by Old Massett Village Council in partnership with Raincoast Carbon Restorations. Mr. Disney works for the Old Massett Village Council as their Economic Development Officer and this project is being considered as an economic development project creating jobs. Mr. Disney is requesting a letter of support from the Council for this project.

R2007/02/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to allow public comments and questions from the delegate.

CARRIED

Mr. G. Wiggins representing the Ministry of Forests spoke to a letter forwarded to Mr. Disney October 25, 2006 commenting on the proposal. Numerous issues were raised including;

- the future of carbon credit trading,
- the economic distribution of economic benefit between the Crown, Mr. Disney's organization and others not yet established,
- scientific, technical and operational issues concerning misunderstanding the basic ecology for forest succession,
- scale of tenure requested for the pilot project

Other points raised from the public included:

- the riparian areas are recovering naturally
- not sure the "do no harm" objective in environmental stewardship is being carried out in the proposed project
- jurisdictional issues not clear as well as ownership of carbon credits
- moral issues around carbon credits allowing polluting industries to continue polluting
- Parks withdrew their support of this project
- Value of carbon credits has dropped from \$80 to \$4.50 a ton.

R2007/02/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to invite John Disney back to further discuss the Carbon Forest Pilot Project when answers to the issues outstanding are available.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information

a) Northern Health – Re: Meetings at Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention – October 23, - 2006, January 2, 2007

b) Ministry of Health, Minister George Abbott – follow up to meeting on October 24, 2006, - December 20, 2006

R2007/02/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file a) Northern Health – Re: Meetings at Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention – October 23, - 2006, January 2, 2007, and b) Ministry of Health, Minister George Abbott – follow up to meeting on October 24, 2006, - December 20, 2006.

CARRIED

c) Telus – Wireless Service, January 2, 2007

R2007/02/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter acknowledging the receipt of the letter from Telus concerning wireless services and expressing excitement about the commitment expressed and looking forward to progress.

CARRIED

For Action

a) Haida Gwaii Tourism Association – Re: Gwaii Trust Proposal Support, January 4, 2007

R2007/02/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send letter of support to Haida Gwaii Tourism Association for their Gwaii Trust Proposal.

CARRIED

b) Haida Gwaii Tourism Association (HGTA) – Membership Renewal with HGTA, December 15, 2006

R2007/02/09 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to renew membership with HGTA.

CARRIED

c) Village of Masset – Re: February 15, 2007 Gwaii Trust Applications, January 15, 2007

1. Sidewalk project to connect Masset with the new hospital site.
2. Bleachers, wheel chair accessibility and Lighting at the Rec. Field.
3. Office Computers.
4. Staff Education.

R2007/02/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send letter of support to the Village of Masset for their application to Gwaii Trust for the following;

1. Sidewalk project to connect Masset with the new hospital site,
2. Bleachers, wheel chair accessibility and Lighting at the Rec. Field,
3. Office Computers, and
4. Staff Education.

CARRIED

Councillor Martin declared conflict of interest, left the room at 8:45 pm

d) Queen Charlotte Secondary School Parent advisory Committee – Re: Project called Get Fit at the Queen Charlotte Secondary School, request Letter of Support for Gwaii Trust grant

R2007/02/11 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send letter of support to Queen Charlotte Secondary School Parent Advisory Committee Re: Project called Get Fit at the Queen Charlotte Secondary School for Gwaii Trust grant.

CARRIED

e) Laskeek Bay Conservation Society – Re: Support Letter for Gwaii Trust Application

R2007/02/12 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send letter of support to Laskeek Bay Conservation Society – Re: Gwaii Trust Application.

CARRIED

Councillor Martin returned to the room at 8:55 pm

f) Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence, January 9, 2007

R2007/02/13 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file f) Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation – Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence, January 9, 2007.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: Attended North West Regional Hospital and Regional District meetings. Regional District's 2006 \$23,626 tourism funding from the UBCM is still available. The Queen Charlotte Arts Council was granted \$1,500 from the SQCRD for their art walk project. ISWAC is looking at a new policy on fee structure. Met with our new committee - Communities in Bloom.

Councillor Ross: Dave Dickson of ICBC is providing books on how to set up a night patrol in a community. There is equipment at RCMP station if interest is shown by the public in starting this program.

Councillor Noddin: see report attached.

Councillor Martin: Congratulations to Mayor Kulesha and Councillor Noddin on the health fair. The Tourism Strategic Plan is being presented to the public Saturday at the Visitor Information Centre.

Chief Administrative Officer: Weather had delayed skateboard park construction but work has started again today. Paper work for the Stanley Lake Spur Road is complete. The Honna River Intake CHN archaeology study is in the works. The Province is announcing some new funding opportunities including their Spirit Squares program. The Phase 1 – Emergency preparedness funding proposal is done. The final proposal would grant \$35,000 for a joint Skidegate, Sandspit and Queen Charlotte project. The Village's part is complete for the road name change and word should be coming from Highways soon. Will be meeting in Port Clements to discuss issues with the other island administrators including abandoned vehicles.

Public Participation:

Is hazardous waste being put in our land fill?

-Will look into this. The land fill in a Regional District responsibility.

Is beautification being considered before parking?

-A study concerning parking and pedestrian safety was conducted last fall and the report has been received and plans are going forward. The Community in Blooms committee was just formed and both projects should be able to work together.

Thank you to Councillor Noddin. Mayor Kulesha and the Health and Wellness Committee for their work to hold the Health Fair.

Adjournment:

R2007/02/14 MOVED by Councillor Noddin to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting Monday February 5, 2007

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording