

Village of Queen Charlotte

January 8, 2007

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held
January 8, 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
Councillor K. Olsen

Staff:

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

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Helen & Tom Kile, Walter Noddin, Kevin Gibson,
George & Nancy Wesley, Ruth Kendall, Sgt. Hogg, Lauren White, Dylan
Peder, Steve Mayall, Jason Bowman, Marlane Christensen, Dean
Peterson, David Carroll and Steve Poole
Heather Ramsay – Observer

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Agenda:

R2007/01/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, December 11, 2006

R2007/01/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, December 11, 2006 as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate: Helen Kile – Neighbourhood Watch

a) Helen Kile reported that there have been a number of break-ins on the west side of Queen Charlotte. She expressed concern that this information was not communicated to the neighbourhood in a timely manner. She asked if a neighbourhood watch program or a calling tree could be started to address this situation.

Sgt. Hogg of the RCMP reported that an investigation into these break-ins is ongoing and that the RCMP would appreciate any information from the public and that calls reporting unusual activity are welcome. He also recommended residents lock their doors, get to

know who their neighbours are and watch for unusual activity and pass this information on the RCMP. Also it is important not to leave valuables or keys in vehicles and to make sure they are locked.

R2007/01/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin seconded by Councillor Ross to allow public participation on the delegate's topic.

CARRIED.

- Lighting may be a factor as it is dark at this end of town.
- Could there be a curfew? Ans. Parents would have to make curfews..
- Could be have a local Justice of Peace? Ans: Our Justice of the Peace is located in Vancouver which is common in the Province.
- Prince Rupert newspapers publish a map of where crimes are being reported for public information.
- Advise the community of the importance of locking their homes and vehicles.
- Helen Kile is willing to take numbers of residents interesting in participating in a Citizens on Patrol program and pass this information along to the RCMP detachment.

b) B.C. Ferry Corp. – Plans for New Ferry

This delegation has met with the Village of Queen Charlotte council and the Skidegate Band Council concerning plans for the terminal to accommodate the new ferry. Parking, access to the terminal and safety were key issues. Part of this process will continue with public open houses in the future. The BC Ferry Corp. does have a local advisory committee that meets regularly and their concerns are taken under consideration.

4. Correspondence:

For Information

a) City of Coquitlam – Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change Resolution
December 15, 2006

b) City of North Vancouver – Resolution Supporting Renewal of funding for the
National Homeless Initiative December 20, 2006

c) City of North Vancouver – Cage Free Eggs – Follow Up Resolution
December 14, 2006

d) QCI Recreation – Year in Summary

e) Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes November 8, 2006

R2007/01/05 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file a) City of Coquitlam – Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change Resolution December 15, 2006, b) City of North Vancouver – Resolution Supporting Renewal of funding for the National Homeless Initiative December 20, 2006, c) City of North Vancouver – Cage Free Eggs – Follow Up Resolution December 14, 2006, d) QCI Recreation – Year in Summary and e) Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes November 8, 2006.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

a) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes, December 15, 2006
R2007/01/06 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes, December 15, 2006.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: We have completed our first year as an incorporated community. I would like to thank Chief Administrator, Andrew Yeates, Financial Administrator, Debra Uliana and receptionist/Financial Clerk, Sandra Brown and our Public Works crew for their hard work. The office was closed for holidays. I attended an Oil & Gas meeting January 4th and 5th.

Councillor Ross: ISWAC meeting on the 10 January – when and where?

Councillor Noddin: Met with BC Ferries. The museum has raised 3 poles in the newly constructed pole gallery and there will be a public dedication feast Sunday, Jan. 14th. I took photos of the library to assist with the refurbishing schedules for later this year. Our Health & Wellness Fair will take place on Saturday January 13th at the Queen Charlotte Community Club –the updated Service Directory will be available.

Councillor Olsen: I would like to thank community volunteers for organizing the Christmas events funded by the Qwaii Trust Christmas Fund.

Councillor Martin: Power Smart – BC Hydro donated some light bulbs.

Public Participation:

Kevin Gibson – When can we expect the results of the inquiry into the sinking of the Queen of the North? Is there a time line?

Ans: The Transport Safety Board is conducting the investigation and their time line is between 18 months and 2 years.

Tom Kile – How will backing off new ferry work for campers and boats?

Ans: Hostling will be available at no charge for accompanies vehicles. The ramps are wider than the current ferry and there is room for turning around on the car deck.

Adjournment:

R2007/01/07 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting Monday January 22, 2007

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording