

Village of Queen Charlotte

March 5, 2007

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday
March 5, 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

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Walter Noddin, Tom Kile, Kevin Gibson
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2007/11/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, February 19, 2007

R2007/11/03 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, February 19, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information

a) Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources - The BC Energy Plan, February 27, 2007

b) Environmental Assessment Office – Nai Kun Wind Farm Project February 28, 2007

action item

Councillor Martin will participate in the Nai Kun Wind Farm Conference call.

R2007/11/04 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to appoint Councillor Martin as our representative on the environment assessment working group.

CARRIED

c) Ministry of Community Services – Integrated Community Sustainability Planning workshops, February 27, 2007

action item

Find out if funding is available to attend and what will be covered in the workshop.

d) Sk'aadgaay Elementary School – Breakfast for Learning, February 12, 2007

R2007/11/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to donate 20 boxes of cereal for breakfast for the school program.

TABLED

action item

Councillor Noddin will find out more about the school breakfast program and report back to Council.

R2007/11/06 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to table R2007/11/05 until a policy is in place for donations.

CARRIED

e) Oceanside Emergency Social Services - Vancouver Island Emergency Preparedness Conference, February 20, 2007

f) Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes January 10, 2007

g) Drinking water report – January 2007

R2007/11/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file a) Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources - The BC Energy Plan, February 27, 2007 e) Oceanside Emergency Social Services - Vancouver Island Emergency Preparedness Conference, February 20, 2007 f) Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes January 10, 2007 and g) Drinking water report – January 2007.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes February 26, 2007

R2007/11/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes February 26, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: see report attached.

Councillor Ross: The 10/10 program could work with BC Ferries to answer telephones to provide travel information.

Councillor Noddin: Attended BC Ferries talk with Council, Gwaii Haanas Marine Conservation area reserve talk at the Visitor Information Centre, and the Community Energy Plan meeting at Community Hall. BC Hydro suggests a reduction in power use. Also attended the Wind Farm representative meeting.

Councillor Olsen: Attended COW meeting and APC meeting.

Councillor Martin: Attended the BC Ferries meeting – joint with Skidegate Band Council. Attended the Wind Farm group & Community Energy Plan. Spent Friday on Cemetery planning with members of the community.

CAO: Toured Stanley Lake proposed spur road site with ministry representatives. DFO has approved the route and the work should begin in mid March. The Honna River intake site was also reviewed and geo tech work will be progressing. The Stanley Lake project

is on target. Skateboard Park – steel forms & rails are on site. The bedding work is complete. A second water meter reading has been collected. This reading shows individual household water consumption levels and they are all over the map. Will be advising homeowners of usage levels before rates for metered water go into effect.

Manager of Corp & Financial Services:

Year end procedures continue with our auditors here at the end of March and Provincial advisor next month.

Public Participation:

Observer: I'm not hearing outrage from the Council about BC Ferries changing the telephone information system that does not allow local calls to the terminal in Skidegate.

Ans: This was a business decision by BC Ferries approached from an efficiency model. A central call centre was seen as a better option. This change was not brought to the B.C. Ferries Corp Advisory Committee on which Council has a seat. However, Council is concerned about the problems and is keeping BC Ferry Corp informed of problems that are brought to our attention.

Observer: Is there a formal vision for Queen Charlotte's energy needs?

Ans. Yes, Council has looked at information from other communities and the APC is currently working on this issue. Their recommendations will be presented to Council. Queen Charlotte is a participant in the all Island Community Viability Study with energy being a part of that process.

Observer: When will the numbers on water consumption be sent out?

Ans. We have only done the second reading. We will continue to collect the data and let individual residents know if they have a usage problem. The system is not yet complete and there is no change in billing at this time. All homes and businesses will be metered.

Comment: There have been no calls from interested individuals to form a community watch program.

Council: We can help get preventative information out re. inscribing valuables, etc.

Observer: We have had some problems getting information about local crime incidents.

Council: Will check with Sgt. Hogg on this issue.

Adjournment:

R2007/11/09 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting Monday March 12, 2007

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording