

Village of Queen Charlotte

April 2, 2007

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday April 2, 2007 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

Mayor C. Kulesha
Councillor G. Martin
Councillor E. Ross
Councillor K. Olsen

Regrets:

Councillor G. Noddin

Staff:

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

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Kevin Gibson, Shawn Muise, Ricardo Toledo,
Len Munt, Jevan Hanchard, Jacques Morin,
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2007/14/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

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

R2007/14/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate:

a) Len Munt, District Manager Ministry of Forests – Community Forest

Mr. Munt, the District Manager for the local Ministry of Forests Office, introduced Jevan Hanchard who has been appointed to the new position of Community Forester. Mr. Munt then outlined the Vision, Key Values and Mission Statement for the Ministry of Forests. Their duties include planning, administration, monitoring, consulting, auditing, enforcing, valuing, selling, stewardship, tenure, First Nations, revenue, and corporate services. A community outreach program is also being carried out with this visit to our Council being it's first presentation. He also reviewed the clean up that has been carried out on the Honna Road and plans for possible recreation areas. An outline of the Community Forests process was discussed. The program has been under review and some of the processes altered. In 2003 there was a timber reallocation with 20% of the timber volume taken back from the major companies. This made up approx. 336,432

cubic meters with 150,000 going to BC Timber Sales, 120,000 to the Haida, 25,000 to Masset for a community forest. This leaves approx. 41,432 cubic meters left for other proposals. Communities must be invited by the Ministry of Forests to apply for a community forest. If a community wishes to carry out a community forest program they must realize that they would be in the logging business. A business plan must be drawn up and approved and the plan carried out much the same as any other tenure holder. Questions from Council included: Would the community forests be under the Forest Practices Code or the Forest and Range Practices Act?

-Forest and Range Practices Act as for all licensees.

What are the staffing numbers at the Queen Charlotte Forestry office now?

-24 for Forestry and 10 for BC Timber Sales.

Is the remaining allocation large enough for a community forest?

-It is intended for small tenures.

When will Queen Charlotte be offered an invitation to submit an application for a community forest?

-Our Council has already asked to be considered for a community forest and has followed up the request with contacts made at UBCM.

The Haida have been given 120,000 meters – this is not the usual size for a community forest.

-There are special arrangements for First Nations.

Questions from public:

Is the timber available from the 2003 take back or from the 1995 Timber Review?

-The 1995 review was re-evaluated – same numbers.

Is the amount of timber being offered based on a sustainable number?

-Yes.

Observer: Could the community ask for the watershed above town – to be traded from Teal Jones for a community forest?

-There must be an industrial plan whether the tenure is held by a logging company or a community. A community running a community forest could be more sensitive to special local needs – but a logging plan would have to be in place.

4. Correspondence:

For Information

a) District of Kent – Resolution: Trade, investment and labour mobility Agreement (TILMA), March 22, 2007

R2007/14/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to table until next meeting.

CARRIED.

b) Certified Dental Assistants of British Columbia – background on what Certified Dental Assistants do, February 22, 2007

R2007/14/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to support in principal that the Ministry of Health revisit/review relevant legislation on Certified Dental Assistants by writing a letter.

CARRIED

c) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Minutes of February 23, 2007

R2007/14/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Minutes of February 23, 2007.

CARRIED

d) Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes of February 14, 2007

R2007/14/07 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes of February 14, 2007.

CARRIED

New Business:

There will be a public presentation of the Financial Plan April 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal offices.

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 issue of disposal of used oil was discussed at the latest ISWAC meeting. There is nothing lined up for south end. I passed along Tim DesChamps contact information to a local businessman interested working with ISWAC. People have been talking about the ball field at Community hall & dogs dirtying the ball field. In the past the Community Club has had signs and provided plastic bags for dogs droppings. Dog owners were asked to keep dogs away from the children's park.

Councillor Olsen: Toured new ferry.

Councillor Martin: March 20th, attended ISWAC meeting. A motion was passed to review the garbage collection bylaw. This will take some time. Travelled to Nanaimo for the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VILR) quarterly meeting. Renovations will take place in Queen Charlotte in mid April. Attended various other VILR committee meetings. QC library will be going wireless. Naikun Wind Farm Environmental Assessment – met with Ministry of Environment, March 19 “Terms of Reference” for environmental assessment being reviewed.

CAO: We received a call from Telus concerning their Emergency Repair Process in response to Councillor Ross's questions. They have an escalating emergency repair response and the General Manager and District Manager will sort this out. Gwaii Tel work is nearly complete – the last tower communication site has been identified. Stanley Lake – We have the licence to cut trees on the access road right of way tomorrow. Work is scheduled to start mid April – weather dependant. The Environmental Assessment at the Honna River is underway. Detail design has started. Geo- tech will go forward at Stanley Lake. Skateboard park update: rails and steel for the construction is on island and crush being prepared, The weather has been delaying the cement pouring.

Manager of Corp & Financial Services: Our auditors were in the office last week. The process is going well and we will hear back from Alan Hooper's office in approximately a week. Looking forward to meeting Pauline Harding, our Financial Analyst from the Provincial Government tomorrow. She is on Island for three days to work with us on our financial reporting, tax rate process and other municipal to provincial financial matters.

Mayor Kulesha – town looks great from roadside clean up.

Public Participation:

Kevin Gibson: Is it possible to provide a disposal site for dog waste at the ball field?

Ans: The Queen Charlotte Community Club already provides plastic bags for clean up to dog owners.

I was pleased with the cleanup the volunteers and the Sierra Club carried out last week.

Observer: Is the public budget meeting on April 16th to cover all spending for the municipality? How about special projects?

Ans. The budget is our best estimate for the year. Later in the year there is a provision to amend the Financial Plan which will allow some adjustments to reflect where actual costs have occurred. However the total amount authorized by the budget does not change.

Special projects can also be funded by new grants from outside sources.

Observer: Why is there a short fall of \$300,000 for the landfill? Why does it cost so much?

Ans: The Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District is responsible for the landfill. ISWAC is the local advisory committee to the regional district. You can contact them for more information.

Observer: The mental health figures you mentioned from Suzanne Johnstone with people numbers up – what area did this represent?

Ans. The figures are for the entire northwest region.

Motion to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter: Section 90(1)(e)Property

In camera meeting cancelled.

Adjournment:

R2007/14/08 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting Monday April 16th, 2007

Mayor Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording