

Village of Queen Charlotte

June 4, 2007

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Tuesday June 4, 2007 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Noddin

Staff:

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

Public:

Keith Moore, Brian Fraser, Mark Walsh, Sergius DeBucy
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2007/21/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, May 22nd, 2007

R2007/21/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, May 22nd, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate:

Forestry Consultant Keith Moore was invited by Council to discuss the process in place to review the Land Use Plan. Mr. Moore has been hired to work for the Province of BC and the Council of the Haida Nation to look at the implications on timber supply, assessing these implications and broad impacts if the current Land Use Plan is signed. There are two representatives from the Province and two from the CHN with Mr. Moore acting as facilitator. A seven week time frame has been allowed for this process. The two main discussions will include a) biophysical implementations – protected areas removed for the land base for logging and b) Eco Based Management for the lands left to protect birds, animals etc.

C. Martin: Will this have an impact on the water shed north of the Village of Queen Charlotte?

Ans: It could be impacted in two ways: 1) Protected Areas and 2) Eco Based Management Areas.

C. Martin: Is the proposed Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) target doable?

Ans: The parties need to agree on the target AAC as this will be pulled from the land base. The end result will be the logging cut available. Economic impacts will also be studied. This information will be forwarded to the Forestry analyst who will use the data and make an official report.

Correspondence:

For Information

a) Ministry of Community Services – “The Community Guide for Preventing Violence Against Women” May 4, 2007

b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Welcome to the FCM, the national voice of Canada’s municipal governments since 1901, May 10, 2007

c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Notice of Annual General Meeting , May 24, 2007

d) Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes April 11, 2007

e) BC Ministry of Environment – “UBCM Local Government and the Environment Conference”, 25 May, 2007

f) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) – Funds Support Local Government Interests In Treaties, May 23, 2007

g) Ministry of Environment – Re: Community meetings to discuss proposed amendments to the Finfish Aquaculture Waste Control Regulation (FAWCR), May 25, 2007

R2007/21/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file a) Ministry of Community Services – “The Community Guide for Preventing Violence Against Women” May 4, 2007, b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Welcome to the FCM, the national voice of Canada’s municipal governments since 1901, May 10, 2007, c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Notice of Annual General Meeting , May 24, 2007, d) Moresby Island Management Committee – Minutes April 11, 2007, e) BC Ministry of Environment – “UBCM Local Government and the Environment Conference”, 25 May, 2007, f) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) – Funds Support Local Government Interests In Treaties, May 23, 2007 and g) Ministry of Environment – Re: Community meetings to discuss proposed amendments to the Finfish Aquaculture Waste Control Regulation (FAWCR), May 25, 2007.

CARRIED

h) Timber Licence TO253 (Teal Jones) Renewal – Background Information

R2007/21/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send letter to Ministry of Forests and Range, Regional Executive Director

reiterating the concerns the Village of Queen Charlotte has concerning logging in our water shed.

CARRIED

For Action:

a) Skidegate Adult Dance Group – Re: Letter of Support and /or donation request, May 22, 2007

R2007/21/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send letter of support to the Skidegate Adult Dance Group.

CARRIED

b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)– Re: Register Now For The “Local Government And The Environment” Conference, May 22, 2007

c) Dragon Boat Committee

Our application for funding for dragon boat was successful and we were awarded a \$35,000.00 grant. The quote to purchase the boats came in at \$37,685.50 (GST \$2001.00). The committee has requested Council to cover the short fall (less GST which we will recover) and they will conduct fund raising to repay the overrun.

R2007/21/07 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to cover the \$684.50 overrun for the purchase of the Dragon Boats which will be repaid by fund raising.

CARRIED.

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor C. Kulesha: see attached.

Action: Councillor Olsen will attend the literacy meeting on behalf of Council.

Councillor Ross: It has been passed on to him that loading takes longer and the elevator is still not fixed on the new ferry, the Northern Adventurer.

Councillor Martin: Note that Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) and renovation contractor have call for tender going out for the renovations to our local library.

Attended the BC Hydro “Turn It Off Challenge”. Our municipality is trying to win 1st prize in a competition to lower power consumption. Also attended a Land Use Plan (LUP) meeting and the Community Electricity Plan (CEP) meeting in Masset. The CEP is talking about bundles of sources for power. Attended the Bowie Seamount Celebration acknowledging an agreement to protect the Bowie Seamount area.

Councillor Olsen: No report.

Chief Administrative Officer: Stanley Lake road is part way thru. The culvert had to be changed and is now on the way. Releasing ads for tendering the Honna River input, closing will be near the end of June. Attended the BC Hydro Turn It Off Challenge and wrote a strategy for reducing power consumption.

Manager of Corporate and Financial Services: See attached report on the GFOA Conference.

Public Participation:

K. Moore: A few comments: a) BC Ferries is requiring photo ID. Some travellers were caught leaving the Islands without photo ID before it was required and not treated well when they did not have photo ID on returning. The check in time has increased to 1.5 hours before departure. b) There has been a story out there that standby vehicles will be left behind even if there is space on the ferry if they are behind schedule. c) Tried to call BC Ferries when I was not sure I would be able to fly back to Sandspit from Vancouver. Was not able to easily get this information from the BC Ferries call number – was referred to the internet for an update – very hard to do in a departure area of the airport.

B. Fraser: From the report for the GFOA Convention – what was not sustainable about the city of Vancouver?

Ans. The standard of living there is not sustainable.

Observer: What is the update on the skateboard park?

Ans: The person lined up by the contractor to build the specialized forms was not able to do the work. Looking for a replacement worker.

Observer: When with the Advisory Planning Committee's (APC) work come forward to Council?

Ans: As soon as this summer.

R2007/ 21/08 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter: Section 90(1)(g)Legal and Section 90(1)(c)Personnel

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday June 18th, 2007

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording