

**Village of Queen Charlotte**

**July 3, 2007**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Tuesday July 3, 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:**

Sergius DeBucy, Rolf Bettner  
Observer – Heather Ramsay

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Agenda:**

R2007/26/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**Minutes:**

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, June 18, 2007

R2007/26/03 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, June 18, 2007 as amended.

CARRIED

**Correspondence:**

**For Information**

a) Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes (SQCRD) – May 25, 2007

R2007/26/04 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes (SQCRD) – May 25, 2007.

CARRIED

**For Action**

a) Raid the North Extreme Adventure Race – re: BBQ Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 Haida Heritage Centre at Qay'lnagaay

R2007/26/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Martin to send a cake (\$55.00) to Raid the North Extreme Adventure Race – re: BBQ Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 Haida Heritage Centre at Qay'lnagaay.

CARRIED

b) Free tipping day with ISWAC

R2007/26/06 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to have 2 tipping days done in the fall and have a clean up.

CARRIED

c) Letter to Lands in support of cell phone tower on Mt. Poole

R2007/26/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter to Integrated Lands Management Bureau in support of cell phone tower on Mt. Poole.

CARRIED

d) Invitation from Northern Health re: Board meeting July 12, 2007 in Prince Rupert

R2007/26/07 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to send Mayor Kulesha to Northern Health round table discussion July 12, 2007 in Prince Rupert.

CARRIED

e) Thank you letter to Marvin Boyd, re: clean up

R2007/26/08 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to send Marvin Boyd a thank you letter for cleaning brush before hospital days and hauling brush away, a good example for the community.

CARRIED

**Resolutions:**

a) 2006 Village of Queen Charlotte Financial Statements

R2007/26/09 Moved by Councillor Martin Seconded by Councillor Olsen  
And Resolved: That Council adopt the 2006 Financial Statements as submitted.

CARRIED

b) 2006 Village of Queen Charlotte Annual Report

R2007/26/10 Moved by Councillor Martin, Seconded by Councillor Ross  
And Resolved: That Council adopt the 2006 Annual Report as submitted.

CARRIED

**Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:**

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes June 11, 2007

b) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes June 25, 2007

R2007/26/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt  
a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes June 11, 2007 and b) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes June 25, 2007 as amended.

CARRIED

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

### a) Mayor & Council

Mayor C. Kulesha: see attached

Councillor Ross: Recycling – looking into information on paper shopping bags.

Councillor Olsen: Attended the COW meeting June 25<sup>th</sup> 2007. Delivered the cake to Raid The North Extreme Adventure Race on behalf of the Village of Queen Charlotte.

Councillor Martin: The Terms of Reference for the Naikun Wind Project is being changed to add the Haida Link Proposal to bring power to the Islands. The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospital Day celebration was a success with many volunteers including Council members and our staff working hard. Have drafted a letter concerning not having facilities to collect used oil. The problem is larger than I first thought and I think that the \$.10 per litre environmental charge should be put towards collection.

CAO: The forms are under construction for the Skateboard Park. The culvert for the access road for Stanley Lake will be here next week. Once it is installed the remainder of the access road can be completed. The results of the Honna River tender should be available at the next meeting. There have been some enquiries about possible leach ate from the old dumpsites above the Honna River and how this might impact the Stanley Lake project. The water supply issue began to be addressed with engineered studies in 2000 with information from previous studies from the 1990's. In work done in 2002 it was found that wells were not an adequate source of water for the community and a surface water source was identified as Stanley Lake. The cost of running a water supply pipe from Stanley Lake to the existing water lines was found to be too expensive and unnecessary. Working with Provincial Environmental Water Quality officers a year long water testing program was carried out on the Honna River both above and below the old dump sites. These tests showed no contamination concerns. A water treatment plant designed to treat surface water is part of the Stanley Lake project and regular testing will continue as part of the regular maintenance as we do now for the well water.

Manager of Corporate and Financial Services: Work continues on the reporting to the Province. The deadline for property taxes was today.

### **Public Participation:**

R. Bettner: Is there broadband in the hospital and this office for video conferencing?

Ans: Not in the municipal office – but they do have video conferencing at the hospital.

R. Bettner: Where can I find out more information about the wind farm environmental study?

Ans. There is a web site.

R. Bettner: About used oil, is used oil being burned here?

Ans. We think so. Also there is a big problem with people just dumping used oil. We would like to see a facility established to take used oil off the Islands.

R. Bettner: The Honna River looks like there are some algae growing that looks like creeks near farms. What is the water quality?

Ans: The water studies indicated that the usual surface water treatment will be required. There was nothing unknown, suspicious, dangerous, unexpected or untreatable found in the water-testing program. Testing will continue and must meet Provincial Health Department standards for drinking water. When the project was put forward for funding

from the Provincial Government these water tests along with the engineering studies were required before the project was approved for funding. We have fulfilled all the requirements. We will post the studies on our web site.

R. Bettner: As a biologist I'm still worried that the river looks "different" than other rivers on the Islands.

Ans: It might be a good idea for you to have a conversation with Al Cowan the biologist for DFO Habitat Management.

R. Bettner: I called Northern Health and Mr. Wu said he was unaware of a dumpsite.

Ans: Northern Health have seen all the reports and had to be consulted before the Environmental Study could be approved. The dumpsites are noted on the maps in these reports.

Observer: Are these dumpsites a municipal responsibility?

Ans: No. The dumpsites were owned by Weyerhaeuser.

Observer: What is surface water:

Ans: The water we use now is from wells. Water used from lakes or streams is considered "surface" water and requires different treatment.

Observer: Where will the intake be?

Ans: Near the bottom of the river – all the surface water will go to the treatment plant.

Observer: Who else was at the Naikun meetings?

Ans: Frank Collinson. All the villages, Band Councils and the CHN were invited.

Observer: Are you writing a letter about used oil?

Ans: A letter is being drafted. There is a concern that we are being taxed for a service we do not receive.

R. Bettner: I don't have used oil – who does?

Ans: The garages in town have to deal with used oil from their work.

Observer: The garages don't have a place to take used oil?

Ans: Not on the south end of the Islands.

Observer: Where is Mt. Poole?

Ans. On Moresby Island.

### **Adjournment:**

R2007/26/12 MOVED by Councillor Martin to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Next meeting Monday July 16, 2007

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Mayor C. Kulesha

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D. Uliana, Recording