

Village of Queen Charlotte

July 16, 2007

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday July 16, 2007 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

Mayor C. Kulesha
Councillor E. Ross
Councillor K. Olsen
Councillor Noddin

Regrets:

Councillor G. Martin

Staff:

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

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Walter Noddin, Leona Noddin, Bryan Fraser, Marlene Yasko, Ruth Wheadon, Alannah Mountifield (8.00pm)
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2007/27/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, July 3, 2007

R2007/27/03 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, July 3, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate:

a) Bryan Fraser, Teal Jones – Teal- Jones Forest Stewardship Plan amendment

Mr. Fraser presented the Teal Cedar Products Forest Stewardship Plan – Amendment #2.

The strategy to carry out timber harvesting or road construction within the community water shed will go forward only if:

-the hydrologic assessment is completed.

-the operations are consistent with the recommendations of the hydrologic assessment

-the operations are consistent with the recommendations of the Watershed Advisory Committee.

-Licensee has advertised and provided for a 60-day public review period.

The status of the hydrologic assessment: it is complete. Copies of the hydrologic study are available upon request.

Correspondence:

For Information

- a) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) – Re: 2007 UBCM Community Excellence Awards Application Now Available, June 28, 2007
- b) Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) – Minutes June 20, 2007
- c) British Columbia Safety Authority – Re: Lieutenant Governor’s Awards for Public Safety, July 5, 2007
- d) Williams Lake Community Forest Opportunity

R2007/27/04 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file a) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) – Re: 2007 UBCM Community Excellence Awards Application Now Available, June 28, 2007 b) Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) – Minutes June 20, 2007 c) British Columbia Safety Authority – Re: Lieutenant Governor’s Awards for Public Safety, July 5, 2007 and d) Williams Lake Community Forest Opportunity.

CARRIED

For Action

- a) Dayton & Knight Ltd. Consulting Engineers – Re: Honna River Intake and Supply Pipeline – Contract No. 163.8.5, July 10, 2007

The search for an additional water source has been a long project. After efforts to find more well water were unsuccessful a proposal to obtain water from the Honna River backed by storage in Stanley Lake was put forward. The dumpsite was discussed, extensive water tests were carried out both above and below the dumpsite monthly for one year and the water was found to be acceptable. Concerns have now been expressed by members of the public regarding water quality at the proposed Honna River intake and the location of the intake for Honna River/Stanley Lake project. As well a photo of seepage below the dumpsite was circulated. A similar appearing puddle was also seen in an old growth forest area where there has not been a dumpsite. Council needs to have water quality professionals review the project, the water testing and the seepage. There are two issues for Council to consider when considering a plan to provide more water: to protect the public and provide a safe water supply and second, to protect the public’s money.

R2007/27/05 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to table the Dayton & Knight recommendation for Contract No. 163.8.5.

CARRIED

- b) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) – Re: Format for Small Talk, June 29, 2007

Council will submit topics of interest for the UBCM Small Talk forum.

c) Parking

Councillor Ross noted that transport trucks were parked along the highway during Hospital Days.

d) Building Permits

Councillor Ross noted that he thinks the community should start thinking about a bylaw to address building permits.

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes July 9, 2007

R2007/27/06 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes July 9, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: Attended the Northern Health Board round table in Prince Rupert. Issues discussed included aboriginal health, senior's health and staff recruiting. I spoke to the fact that the Queen Charlotte General Hospital/Health Centre is a success story for a remote location in regard to staff retention, more OB program and cancer care.. Council met with BC Hydro and EPCOR. We have had fewer power outages after EPCOR upgrades.

Councillor Ross: Our two cleanup days for the fall were approved by ISWAC. We will have to get them the exact dates.

Councillor Noddin: Attended the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee meeting last week.

Councillor Olsen: Organized work party for a clean up at the cemetery for Monday, July 23rd. Terry Tollestrup will lend equipment. Attended Don Plumb's tour of the dump. Gave Werner Funk a copy of the agenda for posting.

Public Participation:

A. Mountifield – I went on the Don Plumb walk and looked at the water study on the Village web site. What was the schedule of water tests carried out on the Honna River?

Ans: Water tests above and below the dump site were done monthly for the entire year of 2004. The water samples were put through an extensive list of tests. The tests met the BC Drinking Water standards.

A. Mountifield: I know we need an increased water supply – can we install an intake above the dumpsite?

Ans: The estimated cost of the project as it is engineered now is 3.2 million. The water testing has not shown any data indicating a need for changing the intake location. If a problem shows up in routine water testing it will be dealt with at that time.

A. Mountifield: I think there is a risk to health and would like to see the intake located above the dumpsite.

Ans; This is a sensitive topic. We all want good water which is why testing was done for a full year and it showed that water was OK. We would continue to test the water as we do now for the well water. There are many factors that can affect surface water. The costs of the 2004 tests were paid by the Province and the costs of those tests were approximately \$1000.00 a month. We currently test once a week and the costs of these tests will be included in the operation costs for water delivery.

W. Noddin: The Council should stop the project or take water above the dumpsite. Don't take a chance of a leak.

Ans: The intake location is an issue of optics. There has been no data proving that anything dangerous is in the water.

W. Noddin: The government lets us drink some level of poison.

A. Mountifield: Regardless of surface water tests the possibility of the landfill leaching into the water is a risk. I would be willing to pay \$1000 a year for safe drinking water. The costs are less important than health risks.

R. Wheadon: You mentioned more information is coming – what info?

Ans: More information on what water tests were done. We would like to hear more from a water shed expert.

Observer: When the water was tested – was it tested to show what all was in the water or tested for a limited list of things?

Ans: You and I are not drinking water specialists. The tests were done to Provincial standards and we will find out more about them.

Adjournment:

R2007/27/07 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday August 7, 2007

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording