

Village of Queen Charlotte

September 4, 2007

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Tuesday September 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 Noddin
Councillor G. Martin

Staff:

A. Yeates, Chief Administrator Officer
D. Uliana, Manager of Corp & Financial Services

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Kevin Gibson, Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2007/32/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, Aug. 7, 2007

R2007/32/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, Aug. 7, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate:

a) Mike Newton- Installation of pilings and a small float at our boat launching ramp.

Delegate not present.

Correspondence:

For Information

a) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD)- Minutes June 22, 2007.

R2007/32/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to receive and file the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District minutes of June 22, 2007.

CARRIED

b) Rolf Bettner- Reconsideration of Council's support of Western Forest Products Burn.

R2007/32/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file Mr. Bettner's letter concerning the Western Forest Products burn.

CARRIED

Discussion: This issue has been addressed, the Council asked for several stipulations on the burn permit including; seeking other means to deal with wood waste including providing fire wood for the community, offering local artists wood, leaving as much waste wood in place as possible and looking for a future plan that would not include burning. These suggestions were implemented by the Ministry of the Environment in their burn permit. Council recognizes that a compromise had to be reached to both protect the environment and also allow jobs for our residents. To date there has been no burn by Western Forest Products. Mr. Bettner's letter does not raise any new points on this issue.

c) City of Prince George- Rally Planned for September 5, 2007.

R2007/32/06 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file the letter from the City of Prince George re. Sept. 5th Rally.

CARRIED

For Action

a) Councillor Martin- Measuring Up Committee Application and letter of support.

R2007/32/07 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to authorize a letter of support for the Measuring Up Committee application.

CARRIED

b) North Central Municipal Association (NCMA)- Re: Electoral Boundaries Commission Preliminary Report, August 27, 2007.

R2007/32/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support for the NCMA's and Prince Rupert's position on the proposed electoral boundary area changes.

CARRIED

c) Laskeek Bay Conservation Society request for Letter of Support, Sept. 3, 2007

R2007/32/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to the Laskeek Bay Conservation Society for their Coast Sustainability Trust funding application.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes August 3, 2007

R2007/32/09 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes of August 3, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

Action: Forward the BCUOMA letter to the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District.

b) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes August 30, 2007

R2007/32/10 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes of August 30, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

R2007/32/11 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to appoint The Emergency/Christmas Hamper Fund Committee to act at the granting agency for requests from the community for assistance under the community grants portion of the municipal budget.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Martin: Report on subject the Delegate, Mike Newton, had planned on presenting. He would like to see pilings installed at the boat ramp to make launching boats easier.

Comments: This request has been put forward in the past. Several problems with this plan include the winter weather and winds in that area – the floats could be damaged (a moveable float might be considered), the cost of building this type of structure (estimates were in excess of \$300,000.) and how pilings would hamper the float planes using the site now. The construction of the ramp was not intended for heavy use.

Action: Include a question in the next newsletter to see if there is public interest in a project of this nature.

a) Mayor Kulesha: Report attached.

R2007/32/12 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to support The Northern Development Initiative board researching a cost shared funding program to develop a promotional film to showcase our community at the 2010 Olympics.

CARRIED

R2007/32/13 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to write a letter supporting the importance of a secondary connector between Terrace and Prince Rupert to Minister Falcon with a cc to the Premier.

CARRIED

Action: List the “brown bag lunch” dates in the next newsletter.

Councillor Noddin: Attended the Land Use Open House, NW Regional Hospital meeting, Museum Society meeting (ongoing humidity control and fire detection problems were discussed), Gwaii Forest Society meeting (repatriation celebrations discussed), Intergrated Land Management Board and Float Home Resident meeting, Council Meeting of the Whole Aug. 30th, Tidal Power presentation on Aug 30th, Community Viability Strategy discussion Aug. 31st and Northern Health meeting today. Also received a letter from the Vancouver Island Regional Library concerning schools establishing a District Literacy Plan.

Councillor Ross: Will be attending an ISWAC meeting on Sept. 13th. Have been asking about what would be involved in getting the local information channel on the cable repaired.

Councillor Martin: I attended many of the meetings already reported. A thanks to Councillor Noddin for attending the Tidal Power meeting with me. Learned that this technology is very young – no working sites exist today. Masset Inlet would be a good test site.

Councillor Olsen: The meetings I attended have already been reported.

CAO: The Stanley Lake tests taken at the landfill have been completed. The results should be available to Council at their next meeting. The skateboard park designers will be on site next week to supervise the pours for several key panels. These will have to be approved before the remaining cement is poured. The water line cleaning ad has been published and Public Works will attempt to notify residents when their area is being cleaned.

Manager of Corp & Financial Services: Will provide Council with a report about the Government Financial Officers training course attended last week.

Public Participation:

Observer: Have the logo concepts been presented?

Ans: Yes, but they have been sent back to be reworked.

Observer: What will the Christmas Hamper committee be doing?

Ans: There is an established Emergency-Christmas Hamper Fund committee in the community. The Council receives requests for assistance from the public from time to time and it was decided to refer these requests to the Emergency-Christmas Hamper Fund Committee for decisions.

Observer: When was the “brown bag lunch”?

Ans. The first “brown bag lunch” was held on Friday, Aug. 31st, at the Village Office.

Observer: Were people invited?

Ans. Yes, invitations were made for the first “brown bag lunch”. We are planning on having the lunch once a month and they will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Observer: There was an information scroller on cable?

Ans: Yes, it was used for public announcements.

Kevin Gibson: I want to make some comments on Rolf Bettner’s letter about Westerns burn permit. I don’t think that jobs and the environment are on an equal scale. The environment is greater. Global warming is serious – if government agencies make decisions that do not protect the environment there will be no future.

Ans: Council has listened to these concerns. Council takes the protection of the environment seriously and put forward stringent controls to be added to the burn permit. Western Forest Products has not had a burn to date.

Kevin Gibson: What is Western doing with the wood?

Ans: Consultation with the Council was part of the process by the Ministry of the Environment undertaken before they issued the burn permit. Council did not have the power to say “yes” or “no” – the Department of the Environment made that decision. Council put forward conditions including putting fire wood aside for the community, planning for the future and leaving wood waste in the forest. The first burn was to be heavily monitored. These conditions were intended to help industry work through this transitional time.

Councillor Martin: The plan to burn bio-mass to generate electricity being considered by the CHN and BC Hydro might be a larger concern. This has been discussed at open houses with a plan to have a mid-island bio-mass plant constructed.

R2007/32/14 MOVED by Councillor Noddin to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Monday September 17, 2007

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording