

Village of Queen Charlotte

September 17, 2007

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday September 17, 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, Kevin Gibson, Leslie Johnson,
Observer – Charlotte Tarver
Rolf Bettner – 8.15pm

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2007/34/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, September 4, 2007

R2007/34/03 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, September 4, 2007 as circulated.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information

a) Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) Minutes, July 11, 2007

R2007/34/04 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file a) Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) Minutes, July 11, 2007.

CARRIED

b) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) - Re: Review of Solid Waste Management System for Haida Gwaii/ Queen Charlotte Islands, September 10, 2007

R2007/34/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to receive and file b) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) - Re: Review of Solid Waste Management System for Haida Gwaii/ Queen Charlotte Islands, September 10, 2007.

CARRIED

Action – add SQCRD link to website

c) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Re: The British Columbia Climate Action Charter, September 12, 2007

R2007/34/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to endorse in principal the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) resolution - The British Columbia Climate Action Charter, September 12, 2007.

CARRIED

For Action

a) Village of Port Clements- Gwaii Trust letter of support- September 7, 2007

R2007/34/07 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to send a letter of support to the Village of Port Clements for their funding application to Gwaii Trust.

CARRIED

b) Northern Health- Kerry Laidlaw- Gwaii Trust letter of support- September 12, 2007

R2007/34/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to Northern Health – Kerry Laidlaw for their funding application to Gwaii Trust.

CARRIED

c) Friends of the QC Visitor Centre- Letter of Support, September 13, 2007

R2007/34/09 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to table Friends of the QC Visitor Centre request for letter of Support until more information is presented.

CARRIED

d) Constable Chris Shannon, Bicycle Program – Gwaii Trust letter of Support

R2007/34/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to Constable Chris Shannon, Bicycle Program for their funding application to Gwaii Trust.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulesha: See attached report.

Councillor Ross: Attended the dinner celebrating the Gwaii Forest Fund. Also attended the ISWAC meeting. There is a review of procedures going forward for the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District.

Councillor Martin: Some of the issues that are being reviewed by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District include contracts, transfer stations, policies and bylaws. The renovations are continuing at the library. The Measuring Up Proposal concerns access for the handicapped in our community.

Councillor Olsen: Attended the Nathan Cullen discussion and the Gwaii Forest Fund dinner.

CAO: The test results collected re. the Stanley Lake project are complete and are being compiled. This information is currently in a draft report to be reviewed by the engineers and Northern Health before it is released. The skateboard park designers were on site to inspect the first cement pours. They were approved. The bowl section is the most difficult and will take the most time. The patience of the public is appreciated during this process. The water line cleaning is complete. It was needed and successful with our Public Works staff putting in long hours. The wells are also being super-chlorinated and a regular schedule of flushing the lines will continue as needed.

Manager of Corporate and Financial Services: This year's tax collection process is winding up. It is going well and we expect to see all delinquent taxes paid up to date.

Public Participation:

Observer: Is it usual to print the names of the property owners with delinquent taxes?

Ans: The Community Charter lists the minimum requirements as to what must be published prior to tax sale – each municipality makes the decision to what else to include. All property owners with delinquent taxes have not paid property taxes for three years and have been sent their regular tax notices each year as well as letters including a registered letter near the tax sale date. Because we are newly incorporated and there is still some confusion as to the deadlines under Provincial law and because it is a very serious matter to lose your property to tax sale it was decided to advertise in the manner you saw in the Observer.

Observer: With the used oil issue and recycling I understood there was a consultant's report – what happened?

Ans: There was a discussion by speakerphone with the consultant at the ISWAC meeting with the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District administrator in attendance. Collection rates paid and conflicting information about whether used oil is being collected on Island were discussed. Other topics discussed at the meeting included contracts, bylaws, recycling newsprint etc. When the more profitable recyclables are collected it saves space in the landfill.

Observer: The water tests are complete but you are not free to give the results?

Ans: That is correct.

R. Bettner: Why are you not free to give the results?

Ans: The report is not complete and the consultation with Northern Health is scheduled.

R. Bettner: Did they see the dead forest?

Ans: The site was inspected.

R2007/34/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin to Exclude the Public and move In Camera under the Community Charter: Section 90(1)(g)Legal

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting Monday October 1st, 2007

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording