

Village of Queen Charlotte

October 15, 2007

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday October 15, 2007 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Regrets:

Councillor G. Martin

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A. Yeates, Chief Administrator Officer

Staff:

D. Uliana, Manager of Corp & Financial Services
S. Brown, Financial/Legislative Clerk

Public:

Sergius DeBucy, Kevin Gibson, Margaret Bonneau, Andree Elliot, Bonnie Olsen, Tom Kyle
Observer – Heather Ramsay

CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2007/38/02 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, October 1, 2007

R2007/38/03 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the Council minutes of Oct. 1, 2007 as amended.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information

Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) – Minutes of July 20, 2007, October 4, 2007

Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) – Minutes of August 8, 2007, October 1, 2007

R2007/38/04 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District minutes of July 20, 2007 and the minutes of the Moresby Island Management Committee minutes of August 8, 2007.

CARRIED

For Action:

a) Queen Charlotte Youth Education Society (Living & Learning School) – Re: Gwaii Trust application to Legacy Program to replace school roof, letter of support, October 2, 2007

R2007/38/05 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support to the Queen Charlotte Youth Education Society for their Gwaii Trust Legacy application.

CARRIED

b) Village of Port Clements – Re: Gwaii Trust application to Special Initiatives program, Tangible Capital Assets and MATI 4, letter of support, October 2, 2007

R2007/38/06 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to the Village of Port Clements for their Gwaii Trust application for Special Initiatives program.

CARRIED

c) Northwest Community College – Re: Gwaii Trust application to Special Education program, Workshop – Natural Resource Education, letter of support October 3, 2007

R2007/38/07 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to the Northwest Community College for their Gwaii Trust application to Special Education program.

CARRIED

d) Friends of the Visitor Centre – Re: Gwaii Trust application to Culture as it Relates to Tourism, Heritage Walking Tour of Queen Charlotte, letter of support, October 9, 2007

R2007/38/08 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter of support to the Friends of the Visitor Centre for their Gwaii Trust application for Culture as it Relates to Tourism.

CARRIED

e) Laskeek Bay Conservation Society – Re: Gwaii Trust application to promote local stewardship programs and encourage bird watching tourism opportunities, letter of support, October 9, 2007

R2007/38/09 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to send a letter of support to the Laskeek Bay Conservation Society for their Gwaii Trust application for a bird watching project.

CARRIED

f) Permissive Tax Exemption 2008 –Bylaw 19-2007 A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted From Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter

R2007/38/10 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that a permissive tax exemption be given to folio 3060005 owned by the QCC Community Club and used for a community hall.

CARRIED

R2007/38/11 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen that a permissive tax exemption be given for folios 30660010, 3079275, 3079280, 3079285, 3079290, 3079295, 3079300, 3079305, 3079310, 30779315, 3079335, 3079340, 3079345, 3079350, 3079355, 3079360, 3079365, 3079370, 3079375, 411000 owned by the QCC Community Club for the purposes of playground, tennis courts and Day Park.

CARRIED

- R2007/38/12 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin that a permissive tax exemption be given for folio 3074001 owned by the QCC Volunteer Fire Prevention Society and used for the purpose of a fire hall.
CARRIED
- R2007/38/13 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross that a permissive tax exemption be given for folio 3065030 owned by the Thrift Store Society and used for the purposes of a thrift store.
CARRIED
- R2007/38/14 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin that a permissive tax exemption be given for folio 3108705 owned by the Queen Charlotte Heritage Housing Society and used for the purpose of a supportive living housing project.
CARRIED
- R2007/38/15 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin that a permissive tax exemption be given for folio 3065035 owned by the Royal Canadian Legion Queen Charlotte #220 and used for the purposes of a legion hall.
CARRIED
- R2007/38/16 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross that a permissive tax exemption be given for folio 3105000 owned by the Queen Charlotte Youth Education Society and used for the purpose of a school.
CARRIED
- R2007/38/17 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross that a permissive tax exemption be given for folio 3073990 owned by the Trustees of the QC Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and used for the purpose of a church and bible school.
CARRIED
- R2007/38/18 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin that a permissive tax exemption be given for folios 4404296 and 4404295 owned by the Misty Isles TV Society.
2Yes, 2 No
DEFEATED
- R2007/38/19 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to give First reading to Village of Queen Charlotte Taxation Exemption Bylaw No. 19-2007 A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted From Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter.
CARRIED
- R2007/38/20 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to give Second reading to Village of Queen Charlotte Taxation Exemption Bylaw No. 19-2007 A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted From Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter.
CARRIED

R2007/38/21 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to give Third reading to Village of Queen Charlotte Taxation Exemption Bylaw No. 19-2007 A Bylaw to Define the Areas Exempted From Taxation Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter .

CARRIED

g) Queen Charlotte Secondary School (QCSS) – advertising space for QCSS yearbook, October 4, 2007

R2007/38/22 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to purchase a ¼ page ad in the Queen Charlotte Secondary School yearbook.

CARRIED

h) BC Hydro – Phase 11 Turn It Off Challenge, October 10, 2007

R2007/38/23 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to sign up for the BC Hydro Turn It Off Challenge, Part II.

CARRIED

i) Marine Advisory Committee – Barb Rowsell Letter of Support, October 12, 2007

R2007/38/24 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Noddin to send a letter of support for Barb Rowsell’s application to become a member of the Marine Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor Olsen left the Council chambers at 8:10 p.m.

j) Queen Charlotte Teen Centre – Letter of request, Gwaii trust Application, October 12, 2007

R2007/38/25 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to the Queen Charlotte Teen Centre for their Gwaii Trust application for funding.

CARRIED

R2007/38/26 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter to the Queen Charlotte Teen Centre concerning complaints of excess noise from neighbours.

CARRIED

Councillor Olsen returned to the Council chambers 8:15

k) Haida Mapping - Gwaii Forest Society Funding Proposal -Mapping– Letter of support, October 12,2007

R2007/38/27 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to Haida Mapping for their proposal to the Gwaii Forest Society for a mapping project.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor & Council

Mayor Kulsessa: Report attached.

Councillor Ross: Have noted problems with drainage on the easement beside the Government Agent's building.

Action: Check alders in that area and notify Highways to include on their next clearing up.

Action: Make notes concerning drainage and vegetation problems to pass along to Highways.

Would like to remind public that it can take 3 years for alder to dry enough to be used as firewood. Using wet wood creates smoke and can cause chimney fires. I will be suggesting to ISWAC that they consider a new site for the recycling centre – one between the communities of Skidegate and Queen Charlotte.

Councillor Olsen: Attended a meeting of the APC. The cemetery clean up has been waiting for dryer weather. There is a concern of what to do with the brush being cleared from the site.

Councillor Noddin: Attended the Gwaii Forest Society workshop for proposal writing and have some of the documents to share. Yesterday, the Mayor and myself attended the ground breaking for the multi purpose building in Port Clements. Congratulations to that community. Also attended the "brown bag" lunch and was very pleased with the numbers attending. Greg Martin let me know that the Hospital Days Committee has a new web site up and invites everyone to have a look (www.hospitalday.ca).

Public Participation:

Tom Kyle: Some information – I noticed that O'Briens has a new chipper.

Andree Elliott: The road in front of my place needs work.

Ans: Yes, work has been done on that lane in the past – a culvert was installed to help with flooding problems. We can try again. It is a difficult problem because while these lanes belong to Highways they do not maintain them.

Andree Elliott: Now there is flooding in front of my house. I have pictures.

Ans: Could you send the pictures to the office? We can show them to the contractor. Often when these areas are being viewed the weather is dry and they cannot see the problems.

Andree Elliott: The lane is the secondary access in case the main road is blocked.

Ans: That's true, the fire hall is also on that lane.

Observer: Concerning ditches – what is the process if there is a problem? Pictures? What?

Ans: If you see problems whether they are with ditches or not, drop a line to the office, take a photo of the situation or call the office. All problems cannot be solved because in the past some property owners have done things on their property that are now causing problems. Some responsibility will be with the homeowner and we may have to work together to bring it up to standards. Culverts on private property are not Highways responsibility.

Observer: Some road signs are showing changes – 3rd Ave is now posted as Forestry Road.

Ans: The signs will be changed back to 3rd Ave. There were different names on different maps and the common usage was Forestry Road – but there has not been a change.

Observer: Is Barb Roswell applying to represent this area on the Marine Advisory Group?

Ans: Barb Rowsell was asking for a general letter of support. There has been no formal agreement between the south end communities as to representation. There are many categories on the advisory board and Ms. Roswell could “wear more than one hat”.

Observer: Did the Mayor have a meeting with Premiere Campbell?

Ans: Yes, the Mayor and the two Councillors attending the UBCM made an appointment with Premiere Campbell and did meet with him.

Observer: Did he promise anything?

Ans: We only had 15 minutes for the meeting. We discussed our remote location, the changing economics, transportation and the Land Use Plan in a general way. We also met his assistants, which helps when we need to contact his office in the future.

Adjournment:

R2007/38/28 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Next Council meeting Nov. 5, 2007.

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording