

Village of Queen Charlotte

March 3, 2008

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, March 3, 2008 at the Queen Charlotte Village Office, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council:

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

Staff:

A. Yeates, Chief Administrator Officer
D. Uliana, Manager of Corporate and Financial Services

Public:

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Agenda:

R2008/08/02 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, February 18, 2008
R2008/08/03 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to adopt the Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, February 18, 2008 as circulated.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

For Information:

a) Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes, January 25, 2008
R2008/08/04 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive and file the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Minutes of Jan. 25, 2008.

CARRIED

b) Honours and Awards Secretariat Re: Order of British Columbia- 2008 Call for Nominations

R2008/08/05 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to receive And file the Order of British Columbia 2008 Call for Nominations letter.

CARRIED

For Action:

a)The Village of Queen Charlotte Bylaw No. 20-2008, Establishment and Operation of the Queen Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department

R2008/08/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to give first reading to the Village of Queen Charlotte's Bylaw No. 20-2008, a bylaw to provide for the establishment and operation of the Queen Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

R2008/08/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to give second reading to the Village of Queen Charlotte's Bylaw No. 20-2008, a bylaw to provide for the establishment and operation of the Queen Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

R2008/08/08 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to give third reading to the Village of Queen Charlotte's Bylaw No. 20-2008, a bylaw to provide for the establishment and operation of the Queen Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

b)North Central Municipal Association Re: Silent Auction Request- NCMA & AGM Convention

R2008/08/09 MOVED by Councillor Noddin, seconded by Councillor Martin to supply some of our new logo items for the silent auction for the NCMA up to a value of \$100.

CARRIED

c)BC Hydro email Re: Earth Hour 2008- Advisory

R2008/08/10 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Olsen to Participate in Earth Hour 2008.

CARRIED

d)One Sky, The Canadian Institute for Sustainable Living Re: Energetic Olympics and Application Form

R2008/08/11 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to Participate in the Energetic Olympics.

CARRIED

R2008/08/12 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Ross to appoint Councillor Martin and Councillor Noddin to direct the Village of Queen Charlotte's participation in the Energetic Olympics.

CARRIED

e)Graham Island East Coast Farmer's Institute email and letter Re: letter of support, Gwaii Trust Legacy application for local food processing facility

R2008/08/13 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to send a letter of support to the Graham Island East Coast Farmer's Institute for their Gwaii Trust Legacy application for a feasibility study for a food processing facility.

CARRIED

f)Island Recreation Commission

R2008/08/14 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Noddin to agree to a revision of the SQCRD Recreation Bylaw if SQCRD Board so desires, to direct funding directly to the communities for recreation programs and infrastructure.

CARRIED

g)CAEE

R2008/08/15 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to allocate up to \$1,000 of the \$15,000 Community Alternate Energy & Emissions Grant to J. Morin for tuition to obtain certification to become qualified to carry out feasibility studies for the community.

CARRIED

Note: A formal agreement for exchange for services will be drawn up with Mr. Morin.

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes February 14, 2008

R2008/08/16 MOVED by Councillor Olsen, seconded by Councillor Noddin to adopt the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting for February 14, 2008 as amended.

CARRIED

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

a) Mayor Kulesha:

CHIEF SKIDEGATE

I would like us all to take this moment before our meeting begins to acknowledge the tragic passing of a venerable friend – Dempsey Collinson, Chief Skidegate. His family and the island communities will mourn his passing and all of us will suffer the loss of this respected leader. Dempsey Collinson was a great support for our new municipality; from standing with us at the inauguration ceremony to adding private words of encouragement to a new mayor.

MAYOR'S REPORT MARCH 3, 2008

Forestry and natural resource management courses

I participated in a feasibility forum to discuss the possibility of offering under and post graduate courses on natural resource management on the Islands. This is very early stages yet and we do not know for sure if it is possible but there is interest from some BC universities and the NWCC. Our own students would benefit, as well as the island

economy in the off tourism season. The first step is to see what the islands have to offer students and what the students can offer us.

SQCRD

The Islands Advisory Committee met and their recommendations were received by the SQCRD board. There will be some revisions of the bylaws for the Island Advisory Committees such as Tell, Tow Hill, Miller Creek etc as their actions on behalf of their constituents exceed their authority under their bylaws. We wish to grant them whatever authority we can.

We accepted the interim financial statement and reviewed the theory of administration (allocated by time) and grant in lieu (by Federal infrastructure) disbursements. We received a report on Island Solid Waste Management. Recycling is at present losing \$50,000/year. We need to also look at the volumes saved at the land fill but nevertheless between recycling and landfill obligations we have close to a \$200,000 deficit.

The **Island Recreation Commission** is also under review. \$45,000 for wages and \$32,000 for overhead and administration means that not very much of the tax dollar is going towards recreation programs. The SQCRD board would like to see a motion from each island municipality for revision of the recreation by law to enable the funding to go directly to the communities for recreation programs and infrastructure. We could still pool funding for programs if so desired.

North West Municipal Association

Though I was unable to attend this meeting in Terrace, I have the minutes of the meeting and resolutions to be sent to NCMA. Two resolutions are particularly pertinent to our area

e) Electoral Seats in the North Electoral District

08-008 Moved by: Mayor Talstra

Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

WHEREAS the *Preliminary Report* of the Electoral Boundaries Commission recommends that the number of electoral districts be reduced from eight to seven, resulting in one less Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) representing the North's electoral districts;

AND WHEREAS currently eight Members of the Legislative Assembly represent more than 50% of the provincial land base;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NCMA lobby the Provincial Government to at least, retain the existing level of eight MLA seats for the revised North electoral districts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) Carbon Taxation

08-006 Moved by: Councillor Blacklock

Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

WHEREAS recently introduced carbon tax is discriminatory towards rural, and particularly northern rural residents, whom

- Have little or no opportunity to take advantage of mass transit and
- Often must travel for essential services that urban residents do not (e.g. medical);

WHEREAS the \$100 *Climate Action Dividend* is likewise discriminatory, as it doesn't reflect the differential between rural and urban burdens under a consumptive tax system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCMA lobby the Provincial Government to ensure that adjustments be made between rural and urban areas in order to equalize the burden to all residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FORESTRY ACTIVITY

Western Forest Products has received their road permits and have offered to improve the QC Main in order to decrease run off into the Honna River. They will be applying for cut permits in the areas and WFP, CHN and MOF have been keeping us informed. Council has expressed our concern for the integrity of the Honna watershed in the past. After all we will be utilizing the Honna as a water source this year. I've invited Island Timberlands to a discussion regarding their operation as they are working now within the watershed and we have concerns regarding runoff from roads and logging operations. Though they had expressed a desire to meet with us in early 2008 nothing has happened so far. I have sent a letter to MOF stating that we have concerns with the cumulative effect and wish to remain in the referral loop and be informed.

Councillor Noddin: Met with the Museum Board for a visioning meeting.

Councillor Martin: Spend two days working with Ben and Eric on locating the boundaries of the cemetery. Have also been working on the Measuring Up Grant. Two computers have been installed at the Club House and training has been scheduled. Leslie Johnson is working on the survey portion of the project concerning handicapped access to public and commercial buildings.

Councillor Olsen: Attended the APC meeting. Mapping of the Official Community Plan is being discussed.

CAO: The APC is working with two professors from Royal Roads to complete a Sustainability Plan. They have developed a sustainability "tool" for the process. This plan is required by the Province as a condition to several projects the Village of Queen Charlotte is pursuing including the Gas Tax Funding.

CFO: Our 2007 audit is set for the week of March 17th. Financial reports are due to the Province by May 15th.

Public Participation:

R2008/08/17 MOVED by Councillor Olsen to exclude the public under Section 90 (1)(e) Property

CARRIED .

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m

Next meeting Monday March17, 2008

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording