

Village of Queen Charlotte

June 16, 2008

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Village of Queen Charlotte held on Monday, June 16 2008 at the Visitor Information Centre, Queen Charlotte, B.C.

Adopted

PRESENT:

Council: Mayor C. Kulesha
Councillor E. Ross
Councillor G. Martin
Regrets: Councillor G. Noddin
Regrets: Councillor K. Olsen
Staff: D. Uliana, Chief Financial Officer

Public: 3

Agenda:

R2008/23/02 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes:

a) Village of Queen Charlotte Council Minutes, June 2, 2008
R2008/23/03 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt the minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

Delegate – Kevin Gibson - Re: Integrated Land Management Update

Mr. Gibson presented his idea of asking the Provincial Integrated Land Management Bureau and the Village of Queen Charlotte for a probationary period to allow residents of the Bearskin Bay area time to pay up unpaid taxes and licence of occupation fees, clean up the area and conform to the former licence of occupation agreement requirements which were cancelled by the Province two years ago and be allowed to continue to reside on the land. Mr. Gibson pointed out the length of time people have been living in the area, the lack of enforcement of the terms of the licence of occupation by the Province and the danger of homelessness for those living in the area currently. He asked what the plans were for the area after the 5 year phase out period set by the Provincial Integrated Land Management Bureau and why the licence of occupation were cancelled. Mr. Gibson stated that he had been told that the CHN did not mind people living in the area. Council pointed out that the land is owned by the Province and they are the decision

makers for the area. The Province consulted with the Council of the Haida Nation, who made it known that they wanted the area, an acknowledged archaeological site returned to its natural state because of the extensive midden located there. As to the plans for the area Council referred Mr. Gibson to the letter from Integrated Land Management Bureau dated June 16, 2008 updating the actions that have taken place regarding the Bearskin float homes since December 2006 when the licence of occupation were cancelled and the Five Year Phase Out Action Plan began. Council also stated that they have been and will continue to advocate for the residents as to finding alternate housing options, working with the Province and other government agencies and housing organizations.

Correspondence:

For Information:

- a) Blair Lekstrom, MLA, Peace River South – Re: Carbon Tax on rural and remote communities
Councillor Martin spoke to the issue. The NCMA has approved of the carbon tax but notes that the effect of the carbon tax needs to be mitigated for the northern and remote communities.
 - b) Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARCBC) – Re: Access Awareness Day – June 7, 2008
Note: The date was missed, but included in the package because of the good ideas included.
 - c) North Central municipal Association (NCMA) – Re:6 Billionth tree Planted Celebration Invitation
 - d) O’Brien road & Bridge Maintenance – Re: Stakeholders update Summer 2008
 - e) Blair Lekstrom, MLA, Peace River South –Re: Capital Planning Secretariat
 - f) Bearskin Bay Float Homes
 - g) Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) – Minutes of April 9, 2008
- R2008/23/04 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to receive and file a) Blair Lekstrom, MLA, Peace River South – Re: Carbon Tax on rural and remote communities b) Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARCBC) – Re: Access Awareness Day – June 7, 2008 c) North Central municipal Association (NCMA) – Re:6 Billionth tree Planted Celebration Invitation d) O’Brien road & Bridge Maintenance – Re: Stakeholders update Summer 2008 e) Blair Lekstrom, MLA, Peace River South –Re: Capital Planning Secretariat and f) Bearskin Bay Float Homes g) Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) – Minutes of April 9, 2008.

CARRIED

For Action:

- a) Ministry of Community Services and Minister Responsible for Seniors’ and Women’s Issues –Re: “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”
R2008/23/05 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to support proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

CARRIED

- b) Artists of the New Moon - Re: Artists of the New Moon Festival July 18 2008. Application to Block Wharf Street between On The Rock and The Purple Onion for this date

R2008/23/06 MOVED by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Ross to support blocking Wharf Street between On The Rock/Queen B's and the Purple Onion Deli or if necessary blocking the area between the Causeway Convenience Store and Charlisle's for the Artists of the New Moon Festival July 18, 2008.

CARRIED

Reports of Committee, COTW and Commissions:

- a) Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes June 12, 2008

R2008/23/07 MOVED by Councillor Martin seconded by Councillor Ross to adopt Village of Queen Charlotte Committee of the Whole Minutes June 12, 2008 as circulated.

CARRIED

R2008/23/08 MOVED by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Martin to accept the auditor's report of 2007.

CARRIED

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

- a) Mayor & Council

MAYOR'S REPORT JUNE 16, 2008

Minister Linda Reid Early Childhood Education was in town and I met with her and Helen McPhee at the Child Centre in order to clarify the rules governing their operations and to support the excellent work they accomplish. Min Reid obviously loves children and is very comfortable having me paint plates with her!

Min of Highways – Larry Proteau and representative from O'Brien's met with our administrator and myself to see how we are moving forward with the 5 year maintenance plan. You will receive notices in your mailbox regarding alder tree removal on highways right of way throughout the community. This would have cost us \$80,000 if not part of the incorporation agreement. Chips are available besides our office and also through contacting O'Brien's for delivery. We are dealing with plan for the wood of the larger trees now. Alder are removed as their quick growth and short life span means danger

trees to homes, electrical wires and difficult maintenance of the ditches. For some this will mean your view is back.

Husby

The summer season is upon us which means increased recreational and tourist traffic on our logging roads. It has come to my attention that Husby Forest Products has, on its own, graded the road to Rennell Sound. A big thank you from those of us who use the back country and in particular access to Rennell Sound.

Health and Wellness Advisory Committee

Available at Hospital Day is a booklet researched and created by one of our members Susan Ford as to how best to access travel and accommodation when you must leave the Islands for health services. Today it is double sided sheets for distribution but I will be in touch with Northern Health to see if they can print it and distribute.

Protocol meeting – Sandspit

Kris Olsen and myself were attendees at the first Protocol meeting since Sandspit join us as signatories. Issues covered were administration procedures, what would in camera items be, how the protocol agreement could be used and when, and updating the agreement as well as having Skidegate and Old Massett become signatories. An island wide symposium on drugs and community action was supported as well as Tow Hill Road upgrade, and repeaters for emergency communication. A Land Use Plan update spoke of it moving into the implementation phase – of reconciliation not extinguishment of Haida title and to note our lack of sewer treatment was mentioned.

Misty Isles Economic Development Society

MIEDS has hired Jim Green as CEO and Anneli Rosteski as managing director. A press release will speak a bit more to their background and we hope to see them early in July.

Cell phone update

Telus, Brock Enderton has sent this update. We are progressing steadily and have all tenure documents and the MOF license to cut in place. A survey crew has been on site to confirm the centre of the power line and the power line contractor has determined the pole placement locations and has finalized the order for poles, lines, and associated equipment.

I can't give you the exact schedule for construction, but we have all the approvals and contractors in place. Once the contractors have committed to a final schedule, I will provide you with a further update.

Councillor Ross: No report

Councillor Martin: Participated in a Vancouver Island Regional Library conference call. Attended the bike rodeo at the school and took pictures for the funding report. The program was offered at the Living & Learning School and Sandspit school as well

as Sk'Aagdaa Naay Elementary School. Attended the Brown Bag Lunch. Spent time with Island Timberlands re. logging in our watershed. Will attend the ISWAC meeting.

CFO: Attended Government Financial Officers meeting in Richmond.

Other: 2007 Annual report available at Village office and public meeting will be held June 30, 2008.

Letter received from Skidegate Inlet Construction Ltd. Re: Skateboard Park Update.

Adjournment

R2008/23/09 MOVED by Councillor Martin to exclude the public under Section 90 (1)(g) Legal

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Next meeting Monday July 7, 2008

Mayor C. Kulesha

D. Uliana, Recording