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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Present:

Mayor Scott Cabianca
Councillor Dennis Reindl
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge

Not Present:

Councillor Brigid Cumming
Councillor Wayne Nicol

CAO Marjorie Dobson
PWWF Chris Doyle
Contractor, Ruby Decock
Contractor, Lori Wiedeman (via TEAMS)

Members of the public: Tess Hedderiich, David Unsworth, Sharon Petitpas, Wayne Hann, Willian Lore, Doris Fisher, Kerry Laidlaw (via TEAMS), Chad Marlatt (via TEAMS), Michael (via TEAMS)

Meeting Called to order at 6:02 PM

Mayor Cabianca: I call to order this Regular Council Meeting of the Council of the Village of Port Clements being held on the traditional territory of the Haida People.

1. ADOPT AGENDA

CAO Dobson proposed adding the following item to the agenda.

G-4—UBCM Meeting Schedule

2026-05-076—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council adopts the May 19th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

D-1—Kerry Laidlaw, Health Services Administrator for Haida Gwaii

Mr. Laidlaw, Health Services Administrator for Haida Gwaii provided a PDF presentation and discussed health services in Port Clements including plans to reopen the Port Clements clinic one day a week once they have staff capacity (they need 75% staff capacity before they can restart the clinic). During the summer, Mr. Laidlaw will be at the Port Clements clinic between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Fridays while getting the clinic ready for opening. Mr. Laidlaw plans to come back to Council and residents to better identify community needs.

Contact information for Mr. Laidlaw is (250) 626-1188 or kerry.laidlaw@northernhealth.ca

ACTION: *Staff to follow up with Mr. Laidlaw on how the Village can assist with identifying community needs and whether a health centre needs to be in place for a senior's centre to be built.*

D-2—Chad Marlatt, Rogers Telecommunications Tower Proposals

Mr. Marlatt discussed the Rogers Telecommunications Tower Proposal to ask Mayor and Council to concur with the project so they can finish the engineering and move forward. This is the final stage of the public consultation process. He reviewed the outreach that has taken place, answered questions and provided his contact information. He will also be going to the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) for their concurrence on 5 of the towers.

ACTION: The topic will be discussed at next NCRD meeting. Port Clements would like to be part of that discussion before making this decision. Staff to bring forward this item for the next meeting for decision. The Village will get back to Rogers once that happens.

3. MINUTES

M-1—April 20, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

M-2—May 1, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes

M-3—May 8, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes

2026-05-077—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council adopts April 20, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

2026-05-078—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council adopts the May 1, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

2026-05-079—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council adopts the May 8, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1—INFORMATION—UBCM provincial efforts to renew the Heritage Conservation Act

C-2—INFORMATION—Abbotsford – Letter to Minister – Provincial Sales Tax expansion

C-3—INFORMATION—NCRD – Board Highlights – April 2026

C-4—INFORMATION—NCRD – Collaborative Opportunity – Accessibility Funding for Public Washrooms

C-5—INFORMATION—Dawson Creek – Joint Advocacy Letter – independent expert-led Review of Universal Mental Health Care in BC

2026-05-080—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council receives C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, and C-5 for information.

CARRIED

2026-05-081—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council endorses the Dawson Creek Joint Advocacy Letter on the independent expert-led Review of Universal Mental Health Care in BC.

CARRIED

ACTION: Staff to write letter for Mayor signature.

2026-05-082—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Mayor Ciabianca, THAT Council pursues one time funding for up to \$25,000 for an accessible public washroom project as requested by staff and initiated by NCRD.

CARRIED

ACTION: Staff to follow up with application for one-time funding for an accessible public washroom project.

6. FINANCE

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1—Community Grant Application – Port Clements Historical Society

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCUSSION:

Councillor Falconbridge is the volunteer treasurer of the Port Clements Historical Society (PCHS). A question was raised regarding a perceived conflict of interest.

A perceived conflict of interest happens when an individual's private or professional interests might appear to a reasonable, objective observer to improperly influence their official duties.

Councillor Falconbridge declared there was no Conflict of Interest and Mayor Cabianca and Councillor Reindl accepted his declaration.

2026-05-083—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council receive the application from the Port Clements Historical Society for a \$14,000 Community Grant.

CARRIED

2026-05-084—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Mayor Ciabianca, THAT Council approve two grants of \$5,000 each to the Port Clements Historical Society, one for the operation of the museum, and the other for the operation of the visitor centre, with the possibility of more funding once more detailed financial information is provided at the August meeting of Council.

CARRIED

ACTION: PCHS has applied for other grant funding but will not hear back until July. Council has asked PCHS to update their budget and financial documentation and come back to council with more detailed plans and information in August. Staff will add this to the August agenda.

G-2—Rainbow Wharf – Pile Damage

2026-05-085—Moved by Mayor Ciabianca, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge, THAT Council receive the information on pile damage at the Rainbow Wharf.

CARRIED

ACTION: PW staff to review the report from 3-4 years ago, inspect the site and document the current damage. Staff to get a quote to evaluate the Rainbow Wharf structure and bring back to Council, to determine a safe load limit for what is there now, and the cost of any repairs required.

G-3—Canada Day Celebrations

ACTION: *The Canada Day Committee is meeting this Thursday. Last year Council recommended that the Committee needs help. Mayor Cabianca and Councillor Falconbridge will attend the meeting on Thursday. Staff may be able to assist with advertising, getting permits, and sending out invitations to participate in the parade.*

G-4 – UBCM Meeting Schedule

ACTION: *CAO Dobson to distribute the UBCM Meeting Schedule to Council. CAO Dobson encouraged them to review to identify any meetings they would like to schedule with the Premier or Ministers. For a meeting with the Premier, we must apply by June 24th. CAO Dobson recommended that Council get together, look at the issues and then decide what meetings to request.*

Mayor Cabianca stated that he has already applied for meetings with the Ministers of Education and Child Care, and Municipal Affairs and Housing. He also noted that the NCRD typically meets with the Ministers of Transportation, Forestry, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and the Northern Health Authority, and that he would be attending those meetings as well.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

Councillor Falconbridge—Attended the May 1, 2026, Special Meeting of Council. Participated in the Moose Hide campaign on May 14th. Attended Harbour Day in Masset on 16th. Noted that it is Paramedics Appreciation week this week, and Nurses Appreciation last week.

Councillor Reindl—Nothing to report.

Mayor Cabianca—Attended NCRD meeting last Friday and Regional Hospital meeting last Saturday. Welcome back to Ruby Decock who has joined the Village as a contractor.

R-1—INFO—Regular Report on Current Operations—CAO Dobson

CAO Dobson—Have asked our Public Works Working Forman (PWWF) Chris Doyle to provide a verbal report per Council resolution 2026-04-054 from the April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting regarding Waterfront Remediation of 117 Bayview Drive

PWWF Doyle—Based on an inspection of the subject property, the top soils are eroding away, but the Village pipes are buried between 4 and 5 feet underground with rocks and boulders for protection. Therefore, as the Village infrastructure is not endangered by the erosion, there is no need for the Village to conduct any works on the easement. A response has been sent to the property owner.

CAO Dobson—Our Asset Management Plans were last updated in 2019. Staff have reached out to the person who did the update to initiate discussions for a new update.

2026-05-086—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Mayor Cabianca, THAT Council receives the written and verbal reports from Council and Staff.

CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

12. IN-CAMERA

90(1) a part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality

2026-05-087—Moved by Mayor Cbianca, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council moves in-camera as per section 90(1)(a) of the *Community Charter* at 7:50 PM

CARRIED

NOTE: Contractor, Lori Wiedeman, left the meeting at 7:50 PM.

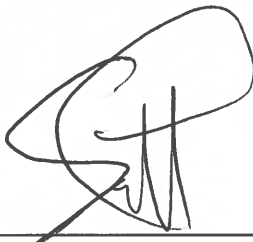
13. RISE AND REPORT

Council approves the passing of the probationary period of Mariana Alejandra Sierra Cabrera and Leidys Irina Barrios Barona in the Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department and appoint them to serve on the Fire Department.

14. ADJOURNMENT

2026-05-088—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, THAT Council adjourns this meeting at 8:03 PM.

CARRIED



Mayor Scott Cbianca



CAO Marjorie Dobson