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**PORT CLEMENTS**  
*"Gateway to the Wilderness"*

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, July 20, 2026**

**Present:**

Mayor Scott Cabianca  
Councillor Brigid Cumming  
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge  
Councillor Dennis Reindl

**Absent:**

Councillor Wayne Nicol  
CAO Marjorie Dobson

Contractor, Ruby Decock

**Members of the public:**

Debbie Reindl, Manzanita Snow, Sgt. Lance, Kerry Laidlaw, Dr. Tracy Morton, Greg & Betty Stewart, Michael Miller (Press).

**Meeting Called to order at 6:05 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**

2026-07-107–Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming, THAT Council adopts July 20, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS**

D-1 – MID-YEAR UPDATE – SGT. LANCE, MASSET RCMP

Sgt. Lance provided an update on the number and types of RCMP files for the year.

D-2 - OFFER OF DONATION TOWARD THE HG CT SCANNER – KERRY LAIDLAW & DR. TRACY MORTON

**Haida Gwaii CT Scanner Fundraising Update:** Mr. Laidlaw and Dr. Morton provided a follow-up on the Village's pledged \$100,000 donation:

- **Disbursement Request:** Requested receipt of the \$100,000 funds prior to November 2026.
- **Matching Opportunity:** The Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation has agreed to cover the remaining balance of the \$2 million goal if the fundraising group secures \$1 million.
- **Current Status:** With \$300,000 raised to date, they estimate it will take one year to raise the remaining \$700,000.
- **Protection Clause:** The organization guarantees a full refund of the Village's donation if the \$1 million threshold is not achieved.

**ACTION:** Staff to research whether a donation can be provided with the subject of a refund.  
Council tabled the HG CT Scanner item for further discussion to the next Council meeting

**D-3 – REQUESTING MOTION TO RETAIN CONSULTANT TO REVIEW AND COMPLETE SUBMITTED  
FEASIBILITY STUDY – PORT CLEMENTS HOUSING & RESTORATION SOCIETY**

Mayor Cabianca emphasized that Council fully supports and appreciates the vital work local volunteers, societies, and organizations do for Port Clements. However, Council must also uphold its Code of Conduct and governance practices.

He further mentioned that concerns have been raised regarding a potential conflict of interest involving Councillor Falconbridge, who is representing the organization while serving on the decision-making body. While declaring a conflict is ultimately the Councillor's choice, the situation has raised procedural concerns for staff and Council. Therefore, Council will not take the time to debate or vote on motions related to this delegation. This is to ensure proper process is followed, not to diminish the organization's efforts. The delegation may proceed with their presentation knowing that no actions will be taken by Council.

Councillor Cumming noted her extensive familiarity with regulations around conflict of interest, referencing past experience when her daughter served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. She expressed formal concern regarding Councillor Falconbridge breaching Council's *Code of Conduct Policy No. 15 (2018)*.

Councillor Cumming stated that while councillors may present or advocate on behalf of constituents, they cannot do so on behalf of a private interest, such as a society. To support this position, she cited the case law *Schlenker et al. v. Torgrimson et al.*, highlighting key rulings from the case:

- Directors of a society owe a fiduciary duty to place the society's interests first.
- By virtue of holding such a position, a director inherently possesses an indirect interest.
- Consequently, a Councillor presenting on behalf of a society while concurrently serving on that society's board constitutes a conflict of interest.

*Councillor Falconbridge declared no conflict of interest with the Port Clements Housing & Restoration Society.*

*Councillor Cumming stated she is rising on the point of order and left the meeting at 6:14 pm. She requested to be called upon when Councillor Falconbridge finished his presentation.*

Councillor Falconbridge presented the Port Clements Housing & Restoration Society delegation request.

Council encouraged the PCHRS to discuss with Barb Roswell in more detail on how to proceed with the Senior's housing and have something that is "shelf" ready for submission for when funding availability comes available.

*Councillor Cumming returned to the meeting at 7:08 pm.*

**3. MINUTES**

M-1 – June 15, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge, THAT Council adopts the June 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**ACTION:** Staff to check the June 15, 2026 minutes to determine if or when Councillor Falconbridge returned to the meeting.

M-2 – June 29, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**2026-07-108**–Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council adopts the June 29, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED**

M-3 – July 10, 2026, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**2026-07-109**–Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge, THAT Council adopts the July 10, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**

C-1 – INFORMATION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM (LGCAP) FUNDING – THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY

**2026-07-110** - Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council receives the LGCAP Funding letter from the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay dated June 30, 2026.

**CARRIED**

C-2 – REQUEST – REQUEST SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHERN-RURAL HOMEOWNERS GRANT – CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE

**2026-07-111** - Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council send a Letter of Support to UBCM regarding the City of Prince George's UBCM Resolution requesting that the additional \$200 Northern and Rural Homeowner Benefit not be repealed.

**CARRIED**

*ACTION:* Staff to write a letter of support to UBCM.

**6. FINANCE**

F-1– 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report – Sr. Finance Manager, R. Bell

**2026-07-112**–Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council Receives the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7. GOVERNMENT**

G-1 READINGS 1 & 2 OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 460.4, 2026

**2026-07-113**–Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl, THAT Council does the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 460.4, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**2026-07-114**–Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge, THAT staff look into establishing a policy for a detailed monthly Public Works Report and bring a template to the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

*ACTION:* Staff to look at policy for Public Works Report that will be designed to be included in Bylaw 260.4 Report section.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

Councillor Falconbridge – Special Council meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> & July 10<sup>th</sup>. Attended Housing & Restoration society on the 16<sup>th</sup> and attended Historical Society as the treasurer and currently the acting assistant with SAR. Identified the process for Canadian Rangers for standing up to get called for assistance.

Councillor Cumming – June 29<sup>th</sup> & July 10<sup>th</sup> meetings. Attended the update regarding the July 13<sup>th</sup> Land Authorizations meeting. Attended the July 16<sup>th</sup> PCHS will be attending the Community Futures meeting. Will return to work at PC museum.

Councillor Reindl – Attended Land Authorization meeting, Community market on July 4<sup>th</sup>, observed the paving on Cedar Ave West.

Mayor Cabianca – No NCRD meeting in July, Land Authorization July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, letters circulating thanking all of the volunteers who helped out at the Canada days.

Contractor Ruby Decock – Sewage lagoon liner should be installed by the end of this month. Staff attended Haida Gwaii Local Government Land Authorizations Workshop all day training session.

**2026-07-115**–Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming, THAT Council receives the reports from Council and Contractor Ruby Decock

**CARRIED**

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

No action items.

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

No questions from the public or press.

**12. IN-CAMERA**

*Community Charter* s.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:

(d) the security of the property of the municipality;

(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

**2026-07-116**–Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Cumming, THAT Council goes into the in-camera meeting as per section 90 (1) & (2) of the *Community Charter*.

**CARRIED**

**13. RISE AND REPORT**

Council rose and reported that Councillor Brigid Cumming was appointed Deputy Mayor.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**2026-07-117**–Moved by Councillor Cumming, THAT Council adjourns this meeting at 9 PM.

**CARRIED**

  
Mayor Scott Cabianca

  
Contractor Ruby Decock for  
CAO Marjorie Dobson