

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Council held Monday
February 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers.**

Present:

Mayor Delves
Councillor Cheer
Councillor Hughes-McMullon
Councillor Traplin

Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Press/Public

Mayor Delves called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

1. ADOPT AGENDA.

Remove RCMP Delegation and table to next meeting

It was moved by Councillor Traplin, seconded by Councillor Cheer to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

D-1-Terrie Dionne-Update on National Marine Conservation Area, Gwaii Haanas.

Presented packages to Council.

Will be conducting coffee houses in every community to broaden awareness and invite input.

D-2-RCMP Masset Detachment introduction of new members – discussion of annual performance plan.

RCMP were unable to attend meeting, will be present for the March 16, 2009.

D-3-Dave Unsworth-History on the Port Clements Wharf.

Mr. Unsworth presented the Council with the history of the wharf and materials currently installed, such as treated lumber hand rails, red cedar decking, creosote pilings, braces and stringers.

Les Loewen reported on the toxicity of arsenic

Melissa Falconbridge encouraged Council to develop a management plan for the risk of fire.

D-4-Response to newsletter.

Mayor Delves responded to the letters and petition by stating that there are three main issues regarding Council's decision to purchase the treated lumber; 1. Treated lumber; 2. local purchasing; and 3. Fiscal responsibility.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to have staff draft a policy for purchasing with a preference for local supply and employment within a percentage of off island bids.

CARRIED

With regards to the treatment issue and health concerns, Northern Health addressed letter stating that there was no concern to health under the health act.

D-5-Opening of Salvage Bid for Village Office

Mayor Delves opened 5 sealed bids:

C&C Beachy Contracting \$3992. plus GST

Black Water Excavation \$7500.00 plus GST
Rias Development \$5345.00 plus GST
Bergmac Industries \$6800.00 plus GST
Daryl Fish \$8500.00 includes insurance
To be discussed in camera under disposal of land and or improvements

D-6-Expression of interest Community Hall

Only one expression of interest received from the Port Clements Community Hall Society. It was requested by the society that they be given time to form their society and then meet with Council.

3. MINUTES

M-1-Minutes February 2nd, 2009

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to accept the minutes of February 2nd, 2009.

CARRIED

M-2-Port Clements Tourism Committee minutes February 5th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to accept the minutes of the Tourism Committee February 5th, 2009.

CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Traplin, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to appoint Urs Thomas, Wally Cheer, Ian Gould, Lana Wilhelm and David Ferretti to the Tourism Committee.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BA-1-NCMA Resolution Submission Deadline March 6th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to receive and file for information.

CARRIED

BA-2-Minister Krueger's letter re: Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program, letter of support Darrel Wong President United Steelworkers, Local 1-2171, Coast Forest Products Association, Town of View Royal, Victoria, Ministry of Forests and Range.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to ask Daryl Wong to keep us informed of any updates and to keep Council informed Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program.

CARRIED

BA-3-Utility Billings Complaints.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon Provide property owners the ability to reduce rates for a minimum of three months, where there is only one water shut off valve present at a charge of \$30.00 per change per property. It is the responsibility of the property owner to inform the village immediately of changes, failure to provide the administration with occupancy change information will result in penalties in the amount of \$30.00 per month plus back dated charges.

CARRIED

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1-South End Pool Committee - Letter of Support to Gwaii Trust for a feasibility study for a south end swimming pool.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to support the application of the South End Pool Committee in their application to Gwaii Trust for a feasibility Study.

CARRIED

C-2-NCMA Silent Auction request for Convention.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to table the NCMA Silent Auction request for Convention to the next regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

C-3-BC Recreation & Parks Association - Active Communities Grant approval \$5000.00.

Meet with Both representatives and see how it is going to work.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Traplin to have future discussions with the Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department and the Queen Charlotte Island Recreation to discuss where to locate and what to buy to suit the needs.

CARRIED

C-4-Lee White - Community Development Leader - Policy recommendations for preventative health in BC via video conference March 12. Council participants.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor to ask Jonna Mattessing if she would like to attend as she has a lot of great ideas in regards to health.

Withdrawn

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to get more information on the Policy recommendations for preventative health in BC via video conference March 12.

CARRIED

C-5-BC Housing, Making rent more affordable for families in your community, Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program Tax Collectors update.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to distribute the BC Housing, Making rent more affordable for families in your community and the Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program around the community.

CARRIED

C-6-Village of Queen Charlotte - Gwaii Trust letter of support-Legacy Program for staff training -\$4294.75.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to support the Village of Queen Charlotte's application to the Gwaii Trust for staff training under the New Legacy Program.

CARRIED

C-7-Public Works Association of BC - National Public Works week, May 17-23, 2009. "Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew".

C-8-Health Services - March, Community Social Services Awareness Month.

C-9-Winterlights Celebration Symposium - Prince George Feb 19-21, 2009.

C-10-BC Province Healthlinks BC - New service for healthcare resources-Dial 811.

C-11-Measure Up The North-Conference Prince George, April 6-8th, 2009.

C-16-MLA Gary Coons-letter to Mr. Penner re: Highway 16 pavement project.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to receive and file for information C-7, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-11, and C-16.

CARRIED

C-12-Northern Health response to Complaint regarding preserved wood in Port Clements.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to distribute Northern Health response to Complaint regarding preserved wood in Port Clements letter amongst the community.

CARRIED

C-13-Sandspit resident-Joni Fraser, letter to Prime Minister Harper re:

Dying towns on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Traplin to prepare a follow up letter to Prime Minister Harper and Premier Campbell reiterating many of the points Joni Fraser made and with the idea that what is happening in Sandspit will happen in Port Clements.

CARRIED

C-14-Renewable Energy Luncheon and Seminar-Sunday February 15th, Cecilia's in Tlell.

Passed, removed

C-15-Service Canada-Skills link for youth employment strategy program.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to apply to Service Canada- Skills link for 2 summer students.

CARRIED

C-17-Village of Masset, Volunteer Fire Department-Letter of support Legacy Program \$2500.00 50%, for upgrade to the radios used by the fire department.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to support the Village of Masset volunteer fire department application to Gwaii trust under the New legacy program to upgrade radios.

CARRIED

C-18-Canadian Wildlife Service-Invitation to comment on the proposed addition of species to the *Species at Risk Act*.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Traplin to receive and file for information.

CARRIED

6. GOVERNMENT

G-1-Bylaw # 368, 2009 Establish fees and regulations for the use of the Port Clements Wharf, Third Reading

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to read bylaw No. 368, 2009 Establish fees and regulations for the use of the Port Clements Wharf a third time.

CARRIED

G-2-Bylaw #369, 2009, Multi Purpose Building Rental Rates, Third Reading.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to read bylaw No. 369, 2009, Multi Purpose Building Rental Rates a third time.

CARRIED

7. FINANCE

F-1-Cheque list February 13th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Traplin to accept cheque listing of February 13, 2009.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

R-1-Action Plan

Councillor Hughes-McMullon -Would like to see Staff post the agendas at the Post Office.

Councillor Cheer- Will be attending the Tourism meeting next week.

Councillor Traplin- Would like to meet with Pete regarding the fencing around the lagoon.

Mayor Delves - will be meeting with Misty Isles Economic Development Society Will be attending the Regional District meeting and North West Regional Health meeting in Prince Rupert.

Will be in Vancouver until the first of March.

Clerk/Treasurer -Will be meeting with RCMP.

Attending the Municipal Law Course in March and April
Preparing for Audit

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

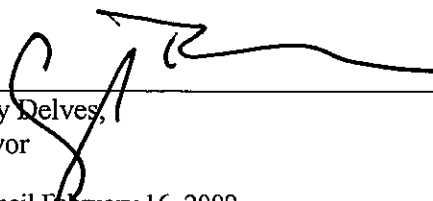
It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Traplin to continue the meeting past 10:00pm.

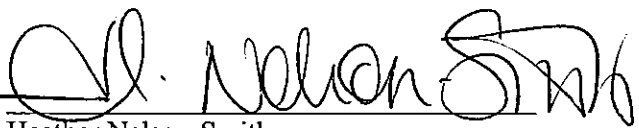
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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to adjourn the meeting at 10:24pm and post pone in camera meeting until February 24, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

CARRIED


Cory Delves,
Mayor


Heather Nelson-Smith,
Clerk/Treasurer