

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Tourism Committee
held Thursday, January 13th 2011 in the Council Chambers**

Present

Chair Urs Thomas
Councillor Wally Cheer
Germain Vigneault

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jasmine Erin Ryland

Chair Urs Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:41pm.

1. **ADOPT AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Germain Vigneault to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

2. **DELEGATES**

3. **MINUTES**

M-1- Minutes November 10th 2010

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Germain Vigneault to accept the minutes as written.

CARRIED

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
BA-1- Council Update-Councillor Cheer

Councillor Cheer informed the committee that Council has renewed the Sunset Park ad in the Observer Haida Gwaii guide.

Heather has applied for the Towns for Tomorrow grant for the trails. There has been no word back as of yet.

Wayne Havard did a hazardous tree assessment in the Village. He assessed the trees on the corner of Bayview, in behind the Rylands home and has determined that some trees will have to either be topped or removed. Wayne also assessed the trees on the Sunset Trail and reported that there are 29 trees that will have to be dealt with.

Island Timberlands will begin logging near the old Farm and the shooting range very soon.

Council met with Gary Coons on Monday January 10th. Gary Coons informed Council that he is working on getting BC Ferries to abolish the over height charges on the Northern route. He also informed them that BC Ferries is planning on increasing the rates over the next 3 years.

BA-2- Tourism Committee Action Plan Review

Welcome to Port Clements Sign will be put up in March when there is nice weather.

Kiosk South of Port Clements

Urs had All West Glass in Terrace print out prices for plexi-glass and will be ordering it and picking it up in April.

Volunteer work on trails

The Tourism Committee will be planning a May clean-up with a barbeque at the Sunset Park. The committee is going to make an effort to get more people out there this year through advertising and word of mouth.

Plant and Tree Species signs on Sunset Trail

Germain has printed out information on 10 different species and will be putting them together for the spring season. Using leftover plexi-glass from the Kiosk is an option.

Flora and Fauna Policy

Heather wants the policy in bylaw form but the committee is worried that the community will have more resentment towards the Village if we put another bylaw in place. The committee would rather it be a policy. Wally will talk further with Heather about this and will have something put together for next months tourism meeting.

Golden Spruce Trail

Urs is waiting for a written response from Lucy concerning the Golden Spruce Trail and conservancies.

BA-3- Tourism Meeting Schedule 2011

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Germain Vigneault to appoint Urs Thomas as the Tourism Committee chair for the 2011 year.

CARRIED

Urs will be contacting Lana about the tourism schedule for 2011 to confirm what date would work for her. The first and second Thursday, second Monday, and fourth Monday in each month are the options.

Chair Urs Thomas requested that the group come up with recommendations for new members for the Tourism Committee by next months meeting.

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE


6. NEW BUSINESS

NB-1- Tourism 2011 Budget

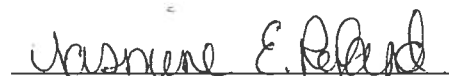
It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Germain Vigneault to request from Council a budget of \$1500.00 (fifteen hundred dollars) for the 2011 year.

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm



Urs Thomas
Chair



Jasmine Erin Ryland
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer