## PORT CLEMENTS TOURISM COMMITTEE

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Tourism Committee held Tuesday, June 19, 2012 in the Council Chambers

Present:

Chair Mayor Wally Cheer
Councillor Matt Gaspar
Councillor Ian Gould
Wayne Nicol
Betty Stewart
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sharon Ferretti

Chair Wally Cheer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Gaspar, seconded by Councillor Gould to adopt the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### 2. DELEGATES

#### 3. MINUTES

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It was moved by Councillor Gaspar, seconded by Betty Stewart to adopt the minutes as presented. **CARRIED** 

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

**BA1**: Council update – Masset Information Centre Grand Opening Sunday, June  $24^{th}$  7 – 9:00p.m. Moving forward the centre will be open seven days a week, 9 - 5:00p.m.

Kim Mushynsky to take some Port Clements' brochures to Masset.

**BA2**: Brochures, Signage locations – <u>Brochures:</u> Wayne received a range of quotes; Will get different people's perspectives for continuous editing; do market research on mainland to determine the reasons people are coming to the Charlottes; survey from two years' ago would still be valid; create incentives i.e. coupon book.

- Ian will look into resources that Tourism BC may have available.
- Museum traffic reflects 1700 visitors annually June part Sept; Museum numbers match BC Ferries ridership

<u>Signs</u>: costs approx. \$400 not including install; 4' square; Highways approval shouldn't be a problem; if get approved as an official highway sign usually they aren't very fancy; Creative signs can be placed on personal property and we have more flexibility.

Each attendee to submit an ideas ahead of time so ready for decision at next Tourism Meeting.

BA3: Meeting with Friends of the Visitor Centre in Queen Charlotte

- Queen Charlotte Visitor Information Centre will hand out our brochures as well. They asked about a video that would play continuous; looking for something about logging activities with video + stills + voice overs two hour video DVD available for sale.
- Birding a huge activity as well; there's a call for local birding books; lots of sub species unique to QCI's.
- Rock Hounding activities; GEO Caching very popular

**BA4**: Action Plan – see attached

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

NB1: Lapel pins - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of naming Port Clements determined to be held July 1, 2014

- Sharon Ferretti will obtain a current quote with edits reflecting anniversary pin

## Tourism Ideas to add diversity:

- On Sunset Trail add a new element by cutting a maze into the berry bushes for the kids
- Add benches near the maze
- Grow salal in pots to create a maze in the town
- Canopy Tours walking platform
- Adventure Tourism could have advisors come out and give advice then we build the structure ourselves
- Hold a Town Hall Meeting to get residents' feedback

# Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Matt Gaspar at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Wally Cheer, Acting Chair

Sharon Ferretti, Deputy/Clerk Treasurer