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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Council held Monday, October 1, 2018 in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Thomas
Councillor O'Brien Anderson
Councillor Daugert
Councillor Cumming
Councillor Stewart

CAO Ruby Decock

Members of the Public and Press Present: Teri Kish, Maureen Bailey, Marilyn Bliss, Andrew Hudson from the Haida Gwaii Observer.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ADOPT AGENDA.

2018-10-280– Moved by Councillor O'Brien Anderson, seconded by Councillor Stewart
THAT Council adopts the agenda as presented.

With moving G-3 to in camera as per section 90 (1) (c).

CARRIED

OPPOSED COUNCILLOR CUMMING

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS.

3. MINUTES.

M-1—September 17, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes

2018-10-281 – Moved by Councillor O'Brien Anderson, seconded by Councillor Stewart

THAT Council adopts the September 17, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Councillor O'Brien Anderson left the room – 7:17 pm

UB-1– Rainbow Wharf Consideration of Hiring Engineer – CAO Decock

2018-10- 282 – Moved by Mayor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Stewart

THAT Council hires the engineer to assess the existing use of the wharf and to question about down grading of the load limit and here are Council's concerns:

- We need to know what would be required to repair Rainbow Wharf to good safe condition for pedestrian and light vehicle access (say 2 pickup trucks at the same time), as well as ensuring safety of pedestrians walking beneath the structure at low tide.

- What would be required to repair Rainbow wharf so it would be safe to tie up larger vessels (this was what it was originally designed for)?
- We need to know what would be required to repair Rainbow wharf to its design capacity and clarify specifications for what that capacity is. Other questions regarding this capacity are:
 - Capacity for a lowbed, including tractor, trailer and load.
 - Are track machines such as excavators included in these weight restrictions due to the different nature of the loads and dynamics of lifting?
 - Are mobile or truck mounted cranes with outriggers included in these weight restrictions due to the redistribution of loading when operated?

and ask her if there are any other things Council may have overlooked.

CARRIED

BA-1 – Request to reconsider providing input on BCSPCA Bylaws – Councillor Stewart
 2018-10- 283– Moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor O’Brien Anderson
 THAT Council reconsiders the input of the proposed BC SPCA bylaws for input.

CARRIED

2018-10-284– Moved by Councillor O’Brien Anderson, seconded by Councillor Stewart
 THAT Council to post the link to the BCSPCA proposed bylaws on the Facebook page and the VOPC website to determine if there is any interest for a public meeting or feedback and the inclusion of the NCRD Animal Control Correspondence/Report.

CARRIED

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1 – Animal Control Bylaw – North Coast Regional District

2018-10-285– Moved by Councillor O’Brien Anderson, seconded by Councillor Daugert
 THAT Council receives it.

CARRIED

C-2 – Letter from Peter Bookmeyer

2018-10-286- Moved by Mayor Thomas, moved by Councillor O’Brien Anderson
 THAT Staff write an apology letter to Greg Stewart regarding the release of his name.

CARRIED

Councillor O’Brien Anderson left the room at 7:40 pm.

C-3 – Request for Hall Rental Payment - Teri Kish

Teri Kish identified that this request is not required.

2018-10-288 – Moved by Councillor Daugert, seconded by Councillor Cumming
 THAT Council receives this request.

CARRIED

Councillor O’Brien Anderson returned to the room at 7:42 pm

C-4 – Support for Edge of the World Music Festival – Scott Marsden

2018-10-289 – Moved by Councillor O’Brien Anderson, seconded by Councillor Stewart
 THAT Council receives this request.

CARRIED

2018-10-290 – Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Daugert

THAT Council provides in-kind support to the 2019 Edge of the World Music Festival in the form of table and chair rentals and that Council directs Staff to write a support letter for the Edge of the World Music Festival’s Building Communities Through Arts & Theatre-Local Festivals Canadian Heritage grant application and their Fabulous Festivals and Events Grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

F-1 – End of 3rd Quarter General Ledger Revenue & Expense Report
2018-10- 300– Moved by Councillor Daugert, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the 3rd Quarter General Ledger Revenue & Expense Report
CARRIED

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1 – Procedural Bylaw Amendment 422-1, 2018 – CAO Decock
2018-10-301– Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor O'Brien Anderson
THAT Council amends the bylaw with the removal of section 1-D and does the 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading for Procedural Bylaw 422-1, 2018.
CARRIED

G-2 – Bylaw Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw
2018-10-302– Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor O'Brien Anderson
THAT Council a) Direct staff to bring forward a bylaw enforcement policy for Council's consideration;
b) Authorize staff to request that the Ministry of the Attorney General take steps to add the Village of Port Clements to the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Regulation; and
c) Direct staff to bring forward a Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw for Council's consideration pursuant to the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act."

CARRIED

G-3 – CAO Evaluation Process – CAO Decock – moved to Section 12 - In Camera as per section 90 (1) (c)

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

R-1 – Report From Councillor Daugert – provided update on:

1. MIEDS meeting on Sept 20th – Go Haida Gwaii tourism brochures, grant writer has met grant writing quota for Port Clements, there is a planned Community Meeting with BC Timber Sales and other licensees in the Community Hall.
2. Met with Harbour Authority Association inspector – discussion.
3. Attended

See attached report for full details of Councillor Daugert's report.

Councillor O'Brien Anderson: Impressed by the paving and looking forward to the TELUS project. Public Works is doing an amazing job around town. Also identified rumours around town about "shifty business" around the elections and heard that unethical and nefarious acts were being carried out regarding the elections. She was sorry to hear that Mayor Thomas did not get his application in and identified that staff should have a pre-nomination period for current Council.

Councillor Cumming: Filed and refiled her nomination package for the upcoming election. Attended the Energy Symposium's first day, workshop for Emergency Planning Management, meeting with SWEGE. Will attend the meeting with Gwaii Communications tomorrow. Partially organizing the All Candidates Meeting. Noted that there is now a Graham Island Central Gwaii Trust Advisory Committee and Council needs to meet on it ASAP.

Councillor Stewart: Attended teleconference with Haida Gwaii Animal Welfare Working group on September 19th discussing draft SPCA bylaws and commitments Masset is making. Made a statement recognizing the late Donna McDonald's contributions to the Village of Port Clements as a community member and as Councillor for 2 terms. Also mentioned that the family inquired about the cemetery for Donna's final resting place and she intends to pick this matter up and see if we can do something with this. In response to CAO Decocks answering of Mayor Thomas' question regarding the office closure, also asked if the office had been closed on Monday noting that was 3 days that week that the office was closed with no notice on Facebook. Also asked if one staff could have received the course materials while remaining in the office to keep it open for the publics' convenience.

Mayor Thomas: Asked CAO question, that was asked to him by members of the public, if there was a motion made when he was away to close the Office on the 26th and 27th of September. The question asked to him is why was the office closed if we have a CAO and Deputy, why go at the same time? Also asked if Council at least could be notified of these closures in advance.

Mentioned the highlights from his written report for UBCM – made good contacts, good ideas that can be realized for the Village of Port Clements, met with Minister Doug Donaldson several times and stated Haida Gwaii's concerns, met with North Coast Regional District to meet with BC Ferries to have discussion on improving existing services, also met with Minister Jinny Sims and did a joint announcement about cell service in Port Clements. Attended policy session about connecting communities via internet, cellphone, etc.; Several funding announcements were made and learned that there is a 100% funding provided to communities with populations under 5000. Met with Mayor Andrew Merilees and Northern Health to look at the changes to the Travel and Assistance Program (TAP) for medical travel to include air travel. Mayor Thomas identified that he was disappointed that he could not submit his nomination papers. It was the first time he had ever been asked to have his signature witnessed for the declaration portion of the application.

Also met with Gwaii Trust – Graham Island Central Island Advisory Committee meeting should meet before the next Gwaii Trust meeting and before Mayor Thomas leaves for the Regional District meeting. Requested that the CAO arrange for a meeting sometime in the day or evening on the October 16th, 17th, or 18th.

CAO Ruby Decock: Update on Elections – Mentioned that elections were a stressful time on nomination closing day Informed and members of the public were in attendance until closure. Informed Council that all rules were followed as per legislation and that the only mistake that was made was excluding the Campaign expense limits in the published election advertisements & identified that a Ministerial Order had to be given to the Village of Port Clements to permit another publication for the nomination advertisement. CAO identified that rules around elections cannot be modified and legislation around elections is made so that equal opportunity is provided to all interested in running for Council. Identified that the CAO made the decision to close the office due to the importance in obtaining the Emergency Management training. Update that staff attended Finance & Evacuation Emergency Training, Water Tower Removal Contract progress update, Paving Completed, TELUS Tower geotech inspection. Replied to Mayor Thomas that the Emergency training is not frequently available and both staff needs to have competent knowledge to be able to open an Emergency Operations Centre. She did notify Council and give public notice well in advance of the closures.

10. ACTION ITEMS

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

Question from the Press: How does the Village feel about the current island fibre optic plan?

We have a meeting tomorrow and we can update you once we receive this information and get a better understanding as to what that is about.

Teri Kish identified the importance for the Emergency Management Committee to Council and the importance that both Administrative Staff attend the training, especially when it deals with Finance around Emergency situations and the Deputy Clerk as she is a local resident and the CAO does not live in Port Clements.

12. IN CAMERA AS PER SECTION 90 (1) (c)

2018-10-303 – Moved by Councillor O'Brien Anderson, seconded by Councillor Stewart at 9:28 pm

THAT Council moves to in Camera as per section 90 (1) (c).

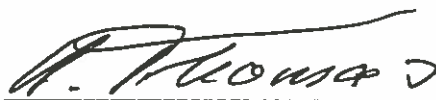
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

2018-10-304– Moved by Councilor Stewart

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 PM.

CARRIED



Urs Thomas, Mayor


Ruby Decock, CAO