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7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**AGENDA**

**1. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**3. MINUTES**

M-1 – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**

C-1 – Board Highlights – North Coast Regional District

C-2 – Letter of Support for MIEDS Major Contributions Grant Application - MIEDS

**6. FINANCE**

**7. GOVERNMENT**

G-1—Major Contributions Grant Application – Councillor Gould

*Recommended Motion:*

*"THAT the Village of Port Clements council agrees to apply to the Gwaii Trust Society's Major Contributions program for a matching \$50,000 grant towards the Sunset Trail Improvement project."*

G-2 – Response to Timber Supply Review – Mayor Daugert

*Recommended Motion:*

*"THAT the Village of Port Clements Council agrees to send the Haida Gwaii Management Council Mayor Daugert's response to the Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review."*

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

A-1 – see Action Items list.

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

**12. IN-CAMERA as per the Community Charter section 90 (1)(c).**

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:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

**13. ADJOURNMENT**



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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Present:**

Mayor Daugert  
Councillor Gould  
Councillor Falconbridge

REGRETS Councillor Kish  
REGRETS Councillor Cumming

CAO Decock

**Members of the Public and Press:**

**Meeting Called to order at 7:03 PM**

Mayor Daugert: I call to order this meeting of the Council of the Village of Port Clements being held on the traditional territory of the Haida People.

**1. ADOPT AGENDA**

2019-12-312—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted with the addition of NB-1 – Application to Major Contributions Grant.

**CARRIED**

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

**3. MINUTES**

M-1 – December 2, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

2019-12-313 —Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted with the amendment to CAO Decock's report to delete "assisting in getting the clarification on the"

**CARRIED**

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

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**

C-1—ASIST PROGRAM 2020 – additional 2020 workshop – letter of support – Karen Walhout

2019-12-314 —Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT Council provides a letter of support as requested for Karen Walhout and Dan Binnema for a letter of support for grants to Gwaii Trust to fund holding two workshops for an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) on island.

**CARRIED**

## **6. FINANCE**

### **7. GOVERNMENT**

G-1—Amended Financial Management Plan for the years 2019 – 2023, Bylaw #455, 2019— 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading  
2019-12-315—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould  
THAT Council finally passes and adopts the Amended Financial Management Plan for the years 2019-2023, Bylaw #455, 2019.

**CARRIED**

G-2 – UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping and Mitigation Planning – North Coast Regional District

2019-12-316—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT Council rescind motion:

“2019-12-305—Moved by Councillor Kazamir, seconded by Councillor Kish

THAT the Village of Port Clements joins the North Coast Regional District's project and thus application to the UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund and that Council writes a letter to NCRD to agree to join their application.

**CARRIED”**

**CARRIED**

2019-12-317—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Mayor Daugert

THAT the Village of Port Clements submits an application to the UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, AND THAT Council agrees to work with the North Coast Regional District in sharing costs in procuring a contractor to complete the work if successful in acquiring grant funding.

**CARRIED**

G-3 – BC Hydro – energy Grant Application—MIEDS

2019-12-318 – Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT the Village of Port Clements supports a grant application by the Misty Isles Economic Development Society to the Gwaii Trust Society's Special Projects program for up to \$100,000 towards a Haida Gwaii Community Energy Plan co-funded by BC Hydro.

**CARRIED**

G-4 – Discussion on Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) Review – Mayor Daugert

2019-12-319—Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council receives the Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review Public Discussion Paper, the Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review Analysis Report, Socio-Economic Analysis in support of the Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review – Executive Summary, Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review Data Package Appendices and Mayor Daugert's draft report – Notes on the Annual Allowable Cut Determination.

**CARRIED**

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

NB-1 – Application to Major Contributions Grant – DISCUSSION ONLY – Councillor Gould

2019-12-320—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT Council accepts the discussion on applying for grants for improvements to Sunset Park.

**CARRIED**

## 9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

**Councillor Falconbridge:** Attended the Christmas in the Park event and feel that this was a worthwhile event.

**Councillor Gould:** Attending the Haida Gwaii Animal Welfare Group and working on commission research. Looking forward to reading the Haida Gwaii Timber Supply Review.

**Mayor Daugert:** Attended the North Coast Regional District Meeting via teleconference which discussed Tow Hill telecommunication issues, they are applying for the Northern Development Initiative Trust Intern and set the board schedule for 2020. Attended the Christmas in the Park and enjoyed it. Considering attending the SD50 meeting to address the busing situation which impacts school enrollment in Port Clements.

**CAO Decock:** Catching up from the week of missed work. Currently working on finance year end and selection process for a Chief Financial Officer.

## 10. ACTION ITEMS

## 11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

*Public commented on population numbers of children in the community versus those attending school. Worried on further decline in school age children in upcoming years. No questions posed to Council.*

## 12. IN-CAMERA

As per section 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:
  - (b) Labour relations or other employee relations;
  - (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
  - (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

2019-12-321—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould  
THAT Council moves to In-Camera per Section 90(1)(b)(g), and (2)(b) of the *Community Charter* at 8:24 PM  
**CARRIED**

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

2019-12-322—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge  
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:39 PM.  
**CARRIED**

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Mayor Doug Daugert

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CAO Ruby Decock

## **Board Highlights**

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December 13, 2019

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### **Board Business:**

1. The Board of the NCRD received a delegation from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding Pacific Groundfish Trawl. The Board resolved to send correspondence to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to support recommendations in the West Coast Fisheries report.
2. The Board of the NCRD directed staff to send correspondence to the Minister of Health and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to support the City of Victoria's resolutions B171 Safer Drug Supply to Save Lives and B172 Observed Inhalation Sites for Overdose Prevention.
3. The Board of the NCRD directed staff to investigate implementing a non-binding community survey regarding Options for Community Space in Towhill and to prepare communication of the process for establishing a service.
4. The Board of the NCRD authorized the Chair to sign the joint-letter from Haida Gwaii communities to TELUS on behalf of the North Coast Regional District regarding Telecommunications Services in Towhill.
5. The Board of the NCRD directed staff to send a letter of support to Misty Isles Economic Development Society with respect an application to the Gwaii Trust for their Visitor Exit Survey project.
6. The Board of the NCRD directed staff to send a letter of support to Misty Isles Economic Development Society on behalf of Haida Gwaii communities with respect to an application to Gwaii Trust for the development of a BC Hydro Community Energy Plan for Haida Gwaii.
7. The Board of the NCRD authorized staff to submit an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Local Government Management Internship program to be a host local government.
8. The Board of the NCRD adopted the following bylaws:
  - Bylaw No. 661, 2019 – Being a bylaw to establish a general reserve fund for Tlell Fires Service
  - Bylaw No. 663, 2019 – Being a bylaw to provide for the borrowing of money during fiscal year 2020 in anticipation of revenue

- Bylaw No. 631.1, 2019 – Being a bylaw to provide for the amendment of the North Coast Regional District Five-Year Financial Plan for the Years 2019 to 2023 Bylaw No. 631, 2019
9. The Board of the NCRD provided third reading for the following bylaws and directed staff to advertise the bylaw to residents to provide feedback before consideration of adoption on February 21, 2020:
- Bylaw No. 664, 2019 – Being a bylaw to regulate the numbering of buildings and structures for the settlement of Sandspit, a portion of North Coast Regional District Electoral Area E
  - Bylaw No. 665, 2019 – Being a bylaw to regulate the numbering of buildings and structures for North Coast Regional District Electoral Area D
10. The Board of the NCRD directed staff to apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's 2020 Grant Writing Support and Economic Development Capacity Building programs.

***For complete details of the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting, the Agenda and Minutes are posted online at [www.ncrdbc.com](http://www.ncrdbc.com).***

## Ruby Decock

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**From:** Alanah Mountifield <alanah@gohaidagwaii.ca>  
**Sent:** December-12-19 2:23 PM  
**To:** Lori Wiedeman; Ruby Decock; Daniel Fish; Trevor Jarvis  
**Subject:** Request: Letter of Support for 2020 Visitor Survey Project - GT Grant  
**Attachments:** 2020 Visitor Exit Survey - GT LOS template.docx

Hello CAO's,

MIEDS is applying to the Gwaii Trust, Major Contributions grant stream to fund a second year of the Visitor Exit Survey Project in 2020/21 and we would like to request letters of support for the second year of this project. Please add this to your next meeting agenda as the Major Contributions deadline is **January 23, 2020**. I've attached a generic letter template for your convenience. Your support is much appreciated.

**Alanah Mountifield**

Economic Development Manager,

Misty Isles Economic Development Society

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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

Author: Ruby Decock, CAO  
Date: January 10, 2019  
RE: Grant Application for Sunset Trail Improvement Project

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### BACKGROUND:

Sunset Trail is approximately a 2 km trail located within Sunset Park was constructed during the year 2000. This trail is constructed of crush rock and has 6 bridges.

### DISCUSSION:

Councillor Gould proposes that Council invests more money into maintaining the RV campground and Bird tower. Proposed works would be to brush out and bringing fill in to cover areas that often have standing water. Council can apply for grant money to help cover the costs with re-decking the bird tower, upgrading the stream crossings along the trail and fixing portions of the trail by removing brush or improving the trail running service. Originally, Council agreed to apply to the Rural Dividend's funds for this project; however, the Province reallocated those funds to address the forest industry crisis in 2019.

Councillor Gould now proposes that Council submits a smaller application for a \$100,000 project to the Major Contributions Grant which is due January 23, 2020 at 4 PM. The grant application must be a minimum of \$50,000 application with a minimum of 50% equity requirement. This program supports applications revolving around all levels of community infrastructure and planning. The goal of these projects should be building safer, healthier, more attractive and desirable communities, respecting and incorporating culture where appropriate, in an effort to enhance everyone's lifestyle. The eventual goal is to make the communities at large a more desirable place to work, live, play, and visit. The Sunset trail meets many of these items and the proposed matching funds would need to be partly funded by the Community Works Fund ("Gas Tax Fund"), the Northern Capital & Planning Grant and brushing/clearing would have to be covered by Municipal reserves or through the Major Contributions grant shared cost. The 2020 budget has not been approved yet; however, Council can apply for grant money to help cover the costs with re-decking the bird tower, upgrading the stream crossings along the trail and fixing portions of the trail by removing brush or improving the trail running service.

Applying for this fund will require Public Works to monitor the contract and the CAO to administer the contract and reporting. If Council permits this application and funding is successful, it would limit the amount of other Council strategic initiatives for the 2020 year.



## **CONCLUSION:**

The Sunset trail project costs approximately \$100,000 of which \$50,000 will be received from the Major Contributions Grant if Gwaii Trust Society approves the funding application. If successful in the application, Council would be required to commit a minimum of \$50,000 towards the project and these costs would need to come from the Community Works Fund, the Northern Capital & Planning Grant and possibly from Municipal reserves.

## **IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>STRATEGIC</b>	<b>(Guiding Documents Relevancy – Strategic Plan, Official Community Plan)</b> Strategic Priorities are not set for 2020. This does not impact the Official Community Plan.
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<b>(Corporate Budget Impact)</b> Council will have to budget for a \$50,000 expenditure if they choose to apply for the Major Contributions Grant.
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>(Policy/Procedure Relevancy, Workload Impact and Consequence)</b> This will increase Public Work's and Administrative staff's workload through contract management and contract administration for the contracted works.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council applies for funding for the Major Contributions Grant for the Sunset Trail project and commits matching funds for the project combined from the Community Works Funds, the Northern Capital & Planning Grant, and possibly from Municipal reserves.
2. That Council does not apply for funding the Major Contributions Grant for the Sunset Trail Project.

Respectfully submitted:



Ruby Decock, CAO

Enclosure: DRAFT APPLICATION.

## Sunset Trail Improvement Project

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*Major Contributions Grant 2020*

### ***Village of Port Clements***

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# Application Form

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## ***Project Information***

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### **Project Name\***

The name of the project is attached to each and every form within your process. This is the "identifier" for the request. As applicable, please use either the Project Name, the Group's name, or for an individual the Applicants full name.

Sunset Trail Improvement Project

### **Project Location\***

Starting from the south end, Sunset Trail begins at the birdwatching tower overlooking the Yakoun River Estuary. It continues for 6 km in a mostly northward direction. First, the trail hugs the shoreline of Masset Inlet. Next it crosses Bayview Street and heads east through town to the Port Clements Community Park. Finally the trail heads north again to end at the grounds of the Port Clements Museum.

### **Amount Requested\***

Before you submit your application, make sure these numbers are updated and match those in your budget.

\$50,000.00

### **Project Total Cost\***

Before you submit your application, make sure these numbers are updated and match those in your budget.

\$100,000.00

### **Project Start Date\***

Project must not be in progress, or incur any expenses prior to approval. Applications generally take up to two months to approve.

04/30/2020

### **Project Completion Date\***

Maximum project length is two years.

10/31/2020

### **Project Summary\***

Please provide a project summary.

This project will restore Port Clements' Sunset Trail and make a few improvements to the Sunset Park Campground. The project involves the following:

- 1) Laying landscape fabric and a two-inch gravel lift along 1.5 km of trail that is overgrown

- 2) Improving drainage along parts of the trail prone to pooling and filling potholes in the parking areas
- 3) Replacing three of the trail's nine ageing footbridges with concrete culverts
- 4) Surveying the trail for danger and wildlife trees
- 5) Selectively falling trees to improve views and airflow around the Sunset Park Campground and Yakoun River birdwatching tower

## **Project Goals & Anticipated Outcomes\***

Describe in detail the goals and anticipated outcomes of your project and the activities you have planned to reach these.

- 1) Make Sunset Trail safer by removing danger trees, replacing worn-out bridges, and restoring the trail itself
- 2) Make Sunset Park Campground a more attractive place to stay by opening views and improving airflow
- 3) Encourage physical activity and awareness of Haida Gwaii's history and environment
- 4) Prepare for a potential next step that links Sunset Trail with an extended Golden Spruce Trail

## **Workplan - project activities to complete and upload\***

Complete the attached workplan, (CLICK HERE to download) providing a brief description of your project activities and the timelines for those activities.

## ***Project Objectives***

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### **Describe Project Benefits:\***

Describe the benefits of this project to the community, groups, or individuals that will be involved. Describe how and why they will benefit from this project.

The project benefits the safety of residents of Port Clements and everyone else who walks or runs the Sunset Trail by removing danger trees and restoring the trail itself. The trail has grown more popular since it was extended in 2017 so that it leads to the exhibition grounds of the Port Clements Museum. It has also become the venue for an annual 6 km running race during Port Clements' Canada Days.

The project will also strengthen Port Clements' ability to market itself as a tourist destination, which benefits the local economy by increasing stays at Sunset Park Campground, local hotels and B&Bs as well as by increasing use of local grocery stores, restaurants, and other services. The project also restores a trail that brings visitors to the Port Clements Museum, one of the town's key attractions.

### **Jobs Created\***

Outline any jobs created as a result of this project.

### **Describe the project management structure including key individuals & relevant skills to project:\***

List the key individuals involved in delivering this project, their role on the project and their relevant skills.

Sean O'Donoghue is the superintendent of public works for the Village of Port Clements. O'Donoghue has worked on several infrastructure projects for the village, including the installation and operation of the Port Clements biomass heating facility, the Golden Spruce Trail upgrade, and confined-space hazard assessments. O'Donoghue also operates the village's water and wastewater treatment systems. He supervises a full-time public works assistants as well as one or two summer student employees.

Ruby Decock is the chief administrative officer for the Village of Port Clements, a role she began in October 2017 after serving for one year as deputy clerk. Before joining the village, Decock was a forester and project manager for Taan Forest, where she managed tree planting and brushing contracts. Decock also worked as a forest engineering technician who project-managed road maintenance and road de-activation contracts with BC Timber Sales.

**How has your group leveraged any partnership opportunities or community support for this project?\***

The village has not formed any formal partnerships for this project.

**How will you measure the project's success?\***

- timing
- budget

## ***Project Budget***

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Complete and upload your project budget below. Download a template by [CLICKING HERE](#).

**Upload completed budget from link above\***

**Explain and list funding initiatives or secured funding sources:\***

Explain attempts to secure other funding. Include any pending applications or confirmed funding sources.

**Confirm operational and maintenance funds exist once project is completed?\***

**Are there ongoing costs that need to be considered?\***

(Please list and explain any costs)

## ***Supporting Information - Letters of Support***

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**Letter of Support #1\***

**Letter of Support #2\***

**Do you have a third Letter of Support?**

## ***Supporting Information - Quotes***

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Quotes are required to support all project expenses, except when Gwaii Trust standard rates have been used.

**Quote #1\***

Quote--Trail work (C&C Beachy Contracting).pdf

**Do you have a second quote to enter?**

Yes

## ***Quote #2***

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### **Quote #2**

Quote--Tree work on sunset trail (Chris Poschmann Contracting).pdf

Do you have a third quote to enter?

## ***Additional Supporting Information***

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Upload verification of other funding/income (if confirmed).

Upload additional relevant supporting documentation #1 (Optional):

Upload relevant supporting documentation #2 (Optional):

## ***Certification***

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### **Certification\***

I certify that the information contained in this application and other submitted information are correct and complete at the date of submission.

Submission of false or deliberately misleading information may result in the Gwaii Trust denying this and or future applications to the Trust under any of its granting programs.

All applications submitted become the property of the Gwaii Trust, who may publish said applications on their website [www.gwaiitrust.com](http://www.gwaiitrust.com) or may otherwise utilize their content as the Gwaii Trust sees fit.

## File Attachment Summary

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### ***Applicant File Uploads***

- Quote--Trail work (C&C Beachy Contracting).pdf
- Quote--Tree work on sunset trail (Chris Poschmann Contracting).pdf

# Notes on the Annual Allowable Cut Determination

In the paper provided by the HGMC November 15, 2019 the results of the recent Timber Supply Review are summarized, as well as the current Tenures and recent forestry related activities on Haida Gwaii.

The base case scenario describes the assumptions used in modelling the base case, and the document provides estimates of the impacts of several known alternative assumptions to the overall harvest levels recommended. Basic assumptions include adherence to the current Land Use Order, the Reconciliation Protocol established with the Province, the various Protected Areas, Cedar Stewardship Areas, etc. This scenario results in a reduction in AAC from 940,2430m<sup>3</sup>/year to 842,781m<sup>3</sup>/year, a reduction of 10.3%, which would be required to maintain a stable volume of harvest into the future providing no further constraints on harvest are introduced.

Concerns the Village of Port Clements has regarding the set of assumptions used to construct the base case scenario are:

1. The assumptions are only assumptions and do not consider either future restrictions or the ability of forest companies to extract value from areas currently identified as non-economic. Examples are the table on page 22 of the Discussion Paper which shows the impacts of assumptions around goshawk populations that could impact harvest by up to another 18.2%, or the experience around the timber supply to the Abfam mill which was considered uneconomic in the 1970's but now would generate significant bonus bids. Even with planning as detailed as this set of reports the future is uncertain.
2. The assumptions around community goals, which we hope will be addressed by this public review.
3. The contribution to the economy of different tenure types and their specific impact on the total forestry sector contribution to local and Provincial economies.
4. Allowances for the impact a community forest will have on the TSA.
5. Rotation periods need to be managed to maintain the value of our forests in the long term. With different areas and different forest types requiring different rotation periods, we will have to adapt on a more site-specific basis. It will be difficult to plan a long-term stable cut within the TSA, as it encompasses multiple biological and geographic regions and is accessed by multiple operators.
6. Sustainable harvest of Cedar. Western Red Cedar is the driver of our forest industry on Haida Gwaii, and it seems unlikely to change in the foreseeable future unless we accept pressures to overharvest that resource now by telling ourselves "the other species will be



worth more in the future". While that might be true, costs may also be higher, and we will still need the value of the Cedar to make our forestry economically sound. Harvest of Cedar should be regulated as a percentage of cut in each partition, and carry with it the requirement to harvest the balancing amount of other species, so if the cut in a jurisdiction is 200,000 m<sup>3</sup>, and the allowable Cedar cut is set at 40%, there would be a Cedar cut of 80,000 m<sup>3</sup> and a cut of 120,000 m<sup>3</sup> of whitewood before further Cedar could be taken. The purpose of this would be to stabilize employment to more continuous operations and encourage the search for higher value uses for our whitewood.

In assessing the total impacts to the Village of Port Clements and the Province of BC we need only to look at the impacts the recent changes to the forest sector have had on our economy. The population of Port Clements has seriously declined in almost direct proportion to the availability of timber sales within the TSA. A constant supply of about 200,000m<sup>3</sup>/year supported several small contractors and set a fairly high bar for the value of wood, which in turn caused the area-based tenures to have an increased value assigned to their extractions. It helped the transition from large operations with integrated logging and milling towards custom cut operations that currently can produce high value from the resource. There have been no studies on what an optimum level of cut is for these market-based operations, but there is clearly a floor below which this system cannot operate as recent job losses clearly demonstrate.

The TSR applied to the area of the proposed Community Forest resulting in a 39.6% reduction highlights the effects of what more detailed analysis may cause in some specific areas. In the TSA as a whole, a large reduction could leave the market-based sector with a cut that is not sufficient to maintain local operations. This would leave cost determinations for other tenures with inadequate or wildly skewed data and reduce both employment and revenue to the Province both directly and indirectly. It would destroy the ability of smaller operators to maintain the personnel and equipment needed to conduct responsible forestry and leave us with inadequate, underfunded, and ultimately unsafe operations on Haida Gwaii. And it could well be the death of Port Clements as a Village, erasing 100+ years of working people making a living here.

In conclusion, the Village of Port Clements would recommend that the HGMC apply the base rate calculation with adequate provision for the maintenance of sustained Cedar harvest. We would also recommend that any future reductions in the AAC be subject to demonstration that such reductions will address a specific goal, and the proposal include planning for monitoring and reporting on the effects of the change. If these changes are not accomplishing anything, include a sunset clause that eliminates them. And further, that when the Chief Forester and the minister meet over the AAC, the Minister review all tenures and adjust so the allotment to market logging is not further reduced, but cuts are derived from other tenure classes.