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**Minutes of the 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Present:**

Mayor Daugert  
Councillor Kish  
Councillor Gould  
Councillor Falconbridge  
REGRETS Councillor Cumming

CAO Decock

**Members of the Public and Press:** Craig Beachy, Doris Fischer, Bev Lore, Maureen Bailey, Marilyn Bliss

**Meeting Called to order at 7:00 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**

2019-12-300—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**3. MINUTES**

M-1 – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

2019-12-301—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted with the correction of removing the second "Marilyn Bliss" from the Members of the Public and Press section.

**CARRIED**

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

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**

C-1 – Board Highlights - North Coast Regional District

2019-12-302—Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Kish

THAT the North Coast Regional District's Board Highlights be received.

**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 2019-12-303—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT Council does the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of 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 – Invitation to Join Project – North Coast Regional District  
2019-12-304—Moved by Councillor Kazamir, seconded by Councillor Gould  
THAT Council receives the correspondence from the North Coast Regional District which invites municipalities to join their project for a Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping and Mitigation Planning and thus their application to UBCM’s Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.**

**CARRIED**

**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**

**G-3 – Appointment of Committee Representatives  
2019-11-306—Moved by Mayor Daugert, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT Council makes the following appointments for Committee Representatives for the 2020 year:**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: Councillor Teri Kish  
Alternate: Councillor Brigid Cumming**

**RECREATION COMMISSION: Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge  
Alternate: Councillor Ian Gould**

**PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Councillor Brigid Cumming  
Alternate: Councillor Teri Kish**

**NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST Regional Advisory Committee: Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge  
Alternate: Councillor Teri Kish**

**NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT – NORTHWEST REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mayor Doug Daugert  
Alternate: Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge**

**\*NORTHERN HEALTH AUTHORITY: Mayor Doug Daugert  
Alternate: Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge  
\*This appointment is tied to the NCRD appointment**

**MISTY ISLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Doug Daugert  
Alternate: Councillor Ian Gould**

**GWAIITEL SOCIETY: Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge  
Alternate: Councillor Teri Kish**

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY: **Councillor Ian Gould**  
Alternate: **Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge**

COMMUNITY FUTURES: **Councillor Brigid Cumming**  
Alternate: **Mayor Doug Daugert**

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: **Councillor Brigid Cumming**  
Alternate: **Mayor Doug Daugert**

**CARRIED**

*\*NOTE TOURISM COMMITTEE NOT APPOINTED AT THIS TIME AS COMMITTEE IS INACTIVE (BEING REVIEWED)*

G-4 – Appointment of Deputy Mayor  
2019-12 - 307—Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Mayor Daugert  
THAT Council appoints Councillor Kish as the Acting Mayor for 2020  
**CARRIED**

G-5 – Schedule of 2020 Council Meetings – Deputy Clerk Cumming  
2019-12-308—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT Council receives the Schedule of 2020 Council Meetings Report.  
**CARRIED**

2019-12-309 - Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould  
THAT Council adopts the proposed draft schedule as the 2020 Regular Council Meeting schedule, with the following revisions: moving the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to January 13<sup>th</sup> and cancelling the January 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting, moving the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting to February 10<sup>th</sup> and cancelling the February 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting, and moving the proposed July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to July 13<sup>th</sup>.  
**CARRIED**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

## **9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

**Councillor Falconbridge:** Recreation Commission held a movie event last Friday. Attended GwaiiTel Society AGM on November 30, 2019. There was an upgrade on Radio link was done in 2019 a further upgrade will occur in 2020 to increase the radio transmission rates; however, Haida Gwaii will not be expected to increase experiencing until 2021 where direct fibre install through the subsea cable. Also attended the strategic planning session.

**Councillor Gould:** wanted more information to be explained about the Boil Water Advisory and what to expect.

**Councillor Kish:** Attended strategic planning meeting and preparing for the Christmas in the Park event. Attended the Island Protocol Meeting.

**Mayor Daugert:** Attended Protocol Meeting in which BC Hydro made a 2-hour presentation on energy reduction strategy, electric vehicle charging stations, LED street lighting is a go ahead – each community needs to select preferred colour options for the LEDs and type from selection. Energy conservation assistance program and separate initiatives for First Nations and civic communities, up to \$350 dollars for energy initiatives for individual households (contact BC Hydro for what is available). Alternate and renewable energy sources for Haida Gwaii, BC Hydro has not picked a single technology, though they have stated that they are not looking at new technologies

or unproven technologies, only proven systems with an operating track record. The key to moving forward is an alignment of the communities in support of this initiative and they did not say that they would be confining themselves to a single supplier but suggested multiple sources of alternate energy.

In furtherance of that they are going to hold community consultations early next year and hope to get alignment of the communities and clear preferences from the communities on the sources they would like to see on Haida Gwaii in different communities, and they would like to have all-islands cooperation for anything they do. They identify that that is the key to them moving forward. They will only do it if they have an all-island agreement, and a project short-list of what the islands would want. If they have that then they will go to the BC Utilities Commission, which takes upwards of a year to make decisions, so they would like to do this in April of 2020.

They are proposing to do two rounds of consultation in all the communities sometime between January and mid-March and that they recognize that might be a difficult time frame. They would like to have more than a single provider chosen and they basically want to go with a community energy plan, that not only covers alternate energy proposals but also current and anticipated energy savings from new technologies they hope to install and we as communities hope to install. Basically, they want a plan from each community on how they are going to save energy and possible or potential new sources of use of energy (like if there were bitcoin miners coming to Port Clements and a few megawatts were needed for that). So, they want a community energy plan out of us, quickly, so they can go to the Utilities Commission in 2020, so they would be able to begin construction in 2021. For this community energy plan, they were putting up \$50,000 of a \$100,000 study and they were looking to the communities to provide the other \$50,000. MIEDS volunteered to be the point agency in writing to the Gwaii Trust Society to see if they are in support of this.

That was the focus of the protocol meeting, then there was an hour discussing the community forest, somewhat informed by the first runs of the data package of the new Timber Supply Review that was recently completed. It applied the data set to the actual geography occupied by the proposed community forest would result in a sustainable harvest of less than 50,000 metres of harvest under the most relaxed set of assumption of the land use plan. Basically, the new timber supply review indicated that there was not a sustainable harvest in the area of 80,000 metres FLNRO had allotted on that, which opens a large can of worms. Possible, it would be even less than that if the assumptions become more rigorous, i.e. the goshawk areas are now identified become the goshawk foraging areas, which would lead to more land set aside and further restrictions on logging. In the foraging areas they would have any clear cut no more than 500 metres from boundary to boundary, which would take more land they could not harvest in the current rotation they are following.

Also, MIEDs is going to have to make its counterproposal before January 14<sup>th</sup> because that is the submission deadline for the annual allowable cut determination and as you change the area you change the allowable cut because if you divide out one area so it is smaller they will not have the same options for moving around for getting the cut, if they end up not being able to harvest by moving around as much in the two separated areas then it becomes somewhat less than the whole in terms of the harvest.

Also attended the Strategic Planning meeting and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan meeting.

**CAO Decock:** Worked on the Strategic Planning meeting, Community Wildfire Protection Plan meeting, and the Housing Needs Assessment Meeting with Port Clements Housing & Restoration Society. Prepared for the budget amendment, adjudication bylaw and work on the awarding the Wharf Maintenance contract.

2019-12-309—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT Council receives the verbal Reports from Council and CAO Decock.

**CARRIED**

## **10. ACTION ITEMS**

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

**Craig Beachy:** met with Fire Chiefs at the All-Island Fire Chiefs Meeting, so everyone is on the same page. Port Clements was identified as a high point on island. The higher points in Port Clements are safe from Tsunamis as

far as we know, but you could not get out of town from these high areas – in either direction you must go down low to get out. Something to think about if there was a road from the Community Park going north or south, then it could hook up to the highway without going down low. Also working together for getting an Island 911 service here. Most 911s in the province are not run out of the town they are in, so why don't we have it here? We should be able to do it here.

**Bev Lore:** question about the streetlight outages – do we report it to the Village Office?

**Answer:** Yes, just provide the cross-street location and the pole number (located on a plaque on the pole) and the office staff will report it into BC Hydro's SLIM program.

**Bev Lore:** question about risk of school closure given declining children enrolled, and request for Council to say something about the school bussing, as a school is needed for a viable community.

**Answer:** While a School District can amalgamate schools if there are multiple schools in a community, it takes an Order in Council from the Provincial Government to close the only school in a small community. There are ways that a school could stand out to draw attendance in – such as specializing as an Art School or French Immersion School, or in other ways. Council agrees that it would be more effective if Council used its political influence in Victoria, writing to all School Board Trustees and respective Council in each community to make a persuasive argument and lobby for these concerns to be addressed, then if an individual resident was to lobby.

**Maureen Bailey:** Update, Gwaii Trust has, or will have, maxed out its grant streams this way. We are strongly encouraging the Village and all member communities to look at their Vibrant Communities Grant this next year and using it as much as possible as next year is the last year it is available.

## 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:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

2019-12-310—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT Council moves to In-Camera per Section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* at 8:57 PM  
**CARRIED**

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

2019-12-311—Moved by Councillor Kish  
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:37 PM  
**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor Doug Daugert

  
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CAO Ruby Decock