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7:00 PM Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, May 19th, 2020

AGENDA

- 1. ADOPT AGENDA**
- 2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
M-1—May 4th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
BA-1—Letter sent to CHN President Jason Alsop re: Skidegate Checkpoint Event
- 5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**
C-1—Grant Writer Report – Second Quarter Report - Andrew Hudson
- 6. FINANCE**
F-1— Northern Capital Planning Grant Update
- 7. GOVERNMENT**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**
- 10. ACTION ITEMS**
A1- Action Items List
- 11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**
- 12. IN-CAMERA**
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(c) labour relations or other employee relations;
(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**



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6:00 PM – Committee of the Whole – The Financial Plan for the Years 2020-2024

Present: No Members of the public attended.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, May 4, 2020

Present:

Mayor Daugert

Councillor Kish via teleconference

Councillor Gould via teleconference

Councillor Cumming

Councillor Falconbridge via teleconference

CAO Ruby Decock

Members of the Public and Press: Karissa Gall (via teleconference), Joan Hein, Shel Fjaalsund

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

2020-05-085—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT the May 4th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted with the addition of C-3— Request for Letter of Support – Port Clements Historical Society, and the addition of an In-Camera Session to Section 12 as per Community Charter, Section (90)(1)(c).

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

3. MINUTES

M-1—April 20th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

2020-05-86—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT the April 20th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1— North Central Local Government Association – Board Highlights

2020-05-87—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council receives the North Central Local Government Association's Board Highlights.

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CARRIED

C-2 – Council of the Haida Nation - Joint Press Release

2020-05-088—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Kish

THAT Council receives the Joint Press Release from the Council of the Haida Nation.

CARRIED

Councillor Brigid Cumming identified that she is in a conflict of interest on item C-3—she left the room at 7:08 PM

C-3—Request for Letter of Support – Port Clements Historical Society

2020-05-089—Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT the Village of Port Clements Council supports the Port Clements Historical Society's application to Gwaii Trust's Youth Centred Communities Grant for funding towards the Port Clements Museum's Youth Social Media Project.

CARRIED

Councillor Brigid Cumming returned to the meeting by teleconference at 7:12 PM

6. FINANCE

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1— The Financial Plan for the Years 2020 – 2024, Bylaw No. 456, 2020

2020-05-090—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming

THAT Council does the 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading AND pass and adopt The Financial Plan for the Years 2020 – 2024, Bylaw No. 456, 2020 with the deletion of the duplicate "4th day of" on the sentence "Finally passed and adopted this 4th day of 4th day of May 2020".

CARRIED

G-2— The Tax Rates Bylaw No. 458, 2020

2020-05-091—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Kish

THAT Council does the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd reading AND that we adopt The Tax Rates Bylaw No. 458, 2020 as presented.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

Mayor Daugert: Attended two teleconferences with the Protocol Table. One being a letter describing actions they wish to take to keep Haida Gwaii safe from COVID-19. Another letter was to Premier Horgan, which he was not invited to, which he identified his exceptions to – concerned that it was asking the Premier to intervene in a Federal matter, and did not seem to be an appropriate way to get a meeting with the Premier.

He also attended a teleconference for the NCRD meeting which deal with COVID-19 and discussion on the Provincial Campground at Sheldon Bay. NCRD had reached out to the Province requesting about upgrading and maintaining the road to Sheldon Bay, but the Province said they could not do anything as it was part logging road. The logging companies identified that they were not in the business of supporting Provincial sites. Various parks also said that they have nothing to do with it. So, everybody dodged taking it on. This was disappointing as they have a campsite with a road where incidents of logging have left it almost non-accessible to traffic. The NCRD is pursuing it and asking why they have a Provincial Campsite, why the

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Province does not strike an arrangement with the logging contractor to maintain the road as it is an essential part of the campsite to be able to get there.

There were a lot of 'No' letters at this meeting. The Oona River Community Hall Upgrades and the First Nation Kitchen Site were rejected as the grants were oversubscribed.

Attended a lot of calls on COVID-19 and for information.

Councillor Kish: *Nothing to report.*

Councillor Gould: *Attended VIRL meeting via Zoom. They are looking at answering a lot of questions, looking at their options at providing services to small communities and exploring drop-offs and other activities that other libraries are undertaking. Their online services have seen a 200% increase and they are aiming to streamline it further.*

Councillor Cumming: *Participated in the budget meetings.*

Councillor Falconbridge: *Attended budget meetings, spent lots of time studying COVID-19 reports from around the world and reading up on Provincial and BC Health Services daily updates on the situation as well as the local regulations, such as from CHN.*

CAO Decock: *Moving forward with COVID-19, still operating EOC at level 1. During this whole new business structure, we are still evolving on how we will move forward and how it is going to look like – it is still uncertain. Still trying to figure out how to move forward with Unified Command, the All-Island Haida Gwaii Emergency Operations Centre. As we work together with those communities we are dealing with transportation of off-island workers to our community as there are specialty services and dealing with other requests from the community if we get one. For example, a recent traveler who came to our community.*

Regarding professional development she has completed one of the requirements - 7 habits for effective management and am working on implementing that training. Also working on completing some of the performance improvements tasks as identified by Council.

Also, busy with the budget. Going forward will move on to taxation and that will require figuring out and applying the new ministerial orders. There is a new tax due date for penalty application. Business property classes will need to have a later date of September 30th, so we will need to figure out how this will look for these businesses when printing off the document. Teaching our Finance Manager how to do this with these new rules.

The next thing is to complete the Annual Report. We can submit our bylaws before the May 14th deadline. We still have an extension until the end of June to do it, but we met it ahead of time. Digital reporting requirements may be one of those things that will need an extension – not sure, not sure how difficult it is to get this information from our accounting software in reports for BC Assessment.

The Annual report. Wanted to identify that our auditor is still working on our financial audit and it is still to be approved. We have an extension on it as well – the extension was given across the Province. Due to the travel restrictions our auditor opted not to come to Haida Gwaii for safety. Once approved we will have it ready for Council. He has not given an ETA on when it will be complete.

Lots of changes with COVID-19 as they come along and how we operate as a municipality. Trying to figure out how to provide services at a local level, while assisting Northern Health and EMBC.

We did get approval for our office improvement project to build new shelves, cupboards, and counter space in the main office and in the storage room. She was able to get more quotes and track down more carpenters.

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2020-05-092—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council receives the verbal reports from Council and CAO Decock.
CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

Joan Hein – Update: Museum is struggling with when they will open and dealing with COVID-19 protocols. Quite surprised that they have had a lack of applications to their advertised positions.

Karissa Gall – Question: Wondering if the previous Council discussions regarding the budget are captured in Meeting Minutes?

Answer: As there were no motions made at those meetings there were no captured Minutes. A public Committee of the Whole was held earlier tonight at 6:00 PM before this current meeting for discussion of the budget with the public. However, no members of the public attended. If there were any concerns at that meeting, then they would have been incorporated into the budget.

12. IN-CAMERA

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;

2020-05-093—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Daugert
THAT Council moves In-Camera as per section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* at 7:43 PM.
CARRIED

RISE and Report

Council will be sending a letter to CHN President Jason Alsop responding to the incident between Councillor Falconbridge and Skidegate Checkpoint.

13. ADJOURNMENT

2020-04-094—Moved by Councillor Cumming
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:26 PM
CARRIED

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May 6, 2020

To: Gaagwiis ~ Jason Alsop, President
Council of the Haida Nation
PO Box 83,
Queen Charlotte, BC
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Re: Checkpoint Incident and Isolation of Elected Official

Thank you for notifying our Council of the interactions that occurred between Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge and the Skidegate Checkpoint on Thursday, April 30, 2020. As our Council wants the Haida Gwaii State of Emergency – Emergency Measures to be adhered to, this issue was discussed at the regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2020.

Councillor Falconbridge identified that he had read the Haida Gwaii State of Emergency document that was published on April 1, 2020 to ensure he was going to follow the emergency measures that are in effect on Haida Gwaii. The order states the following about Self-Isolation:

“SELF-ISOLATE WHEN RETURNING FROM TRAVEL Everyone returning to Haida Gwaii from any location must self-isolate for 14 days upon returning. Those coming to Haida Gwaii to *conduct essential service work are exempt if self-isolation is not possible and they do not exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.* Essential service workers must follow physical / social-distancing measures and hygiene guidelines.”

Also, the notice identifies essential service work includes ambulance services. Councillor Falconbridge is a BC Ambulance essential service worker. As we understand, Councillor Falconbridge was operating under his interpretation of the Haida Gwaii State of Local Emergency document and identified to the checkpoint that he will follow the order but will not self-isolate because he is an essential worker and will follow the order as it is written.

Consequently, Councillor Falconbridge’s response caused concern to Unified Command (we are not sure what was said or what actions were taken by Councillor Falconbridge or the checkpoint staff). We do not want this type of misunderstanding to happen again.

To avoid this we would like to see clarification with the Haida Gwaii State of Emergency document that addresses local essential service workers who may have to leave and return to Haida Gwaii. We feel that such clarification would be helpful for the checkpoint workers as well as for all residents of Haida Gwaii. We are hoping that this will result in the desired compliance of self-isolation and physical distancing measures to reduce the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic for all who live on Haida Gwaii.

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We also hope that moving forward, if a similar incident like this occurs, we ask that our EOC is notified the same day it occurs rather than several days after the fact. That way we can immediately respond and address the issue within our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Daugert", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Doug Daugert
Mayor – Village of Port Clements

cc. Desi Collinson, Liaison Unified Command
cc. Kim Goetzinger, Incident Commander Unified Command

Grants Report

Q1 2020

MAY 6

Andrew Hudson, grant manager
andrew@gohaidagwaii.ca



Highlights

New grants/financing

Haida Gwaii COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant

Gwaii Trust Society

100% funding, no cap but expected range of \$1,000 to \$25,000

Open intake

- Funds local governments and non-profits for projects that keep Haida Gwaii people safe, healthy, fed, sheltered and connected during the pandemic
- Not for capital projects
- Priority to residents who are vulnerable or have financial need
- Partnerships encouraged

Community Efficiency Financing

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Up to 80% funding for loans and partial-loan guarantees

\$10 million in the national program

June 30, 2020

- Helps underwrite municipal financing programs for 1) homeowners' energy-efficiency upgrades 2) upgrades for water conservation, climate resilience, health and safety improvements, and other municipal priorities
- Upgrades must be done within four years
- Applicants must first complete a survey and then be invited to apply
- Applicants require a community plan that makes energy efficiency/renewables a priority in the residential sector; a high-level assessment of single-family housing stock; a scan of existing utility rebates and similar programs available already; a council resolution asking village staff to look into a community efficiency financing program

Grants with COVID-related changes

Social Connectedness Grants

Plan H

Up to \$5,000 (15 available in B.C.)

July 15, 2020 (Extended)

- Projects improve social connectivity and involve partnerships between local government, the regional health authority, and community stakeholders
- Preference for lasting projects that address equity, social determinants of health

2020 Healthy Communities Grants

Plan H

Up to \$25,000 (Five available in B.C.)

July 15, 2020 (Extended)

- Projects are health-focused and feature equitable public participation
- Preference for lasting projects that address equity, social determinants of health

Evacuation Route Planning

Union of B.C. Municipalities

Up to \$25,000 in 100% funding

TBD (Postponed)

- Funds local governments to do evacuation-route plans
- Eligible costs include mapping, test exercises, amendments to existing plans, presentations as well as consultant fees, staff and public info costs
- Preference to projects with 1) evidence of local hazards, threat levels, and previous evacuations; 2) challenges to evacuation; 3) consideration of large-scale scenarios

Business Facade Improvement Grants

Northern Development Initiative Trust

Up to \$5,000 per business

May 31, 2020

- Local governments administer this \$20,000 grant program, which normally funds \$5,000 matching grants for qualifying local businesses to upgrade storefronts etc.
- Due to COVID-19 for 2020 NDIT is inviting local governments to change their program, either by dropping the 50% matching requirement, or using the funds to support local businesses in other ways

Canada Summer Jobs 2020

Employment and Social Development Canada

January intake, award notices in May

- Funds wage subsidies for local governments, non-profits, and businesses hiring people aged 15 to 30 for summer jobs
- Due to COVID-19, now offers wage subsidies up to 100% rather than 50% of minimum wage

Habitat Acquisition Grants

Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

July 17, 2020 (Extended)

- Funds local/regional/provincial governments, community groups, and land trusts for projects that achieve long-term conservation of fish and wildlife habitat
- Preference to properties that enhance fishing or hunting on site, or support it elsewhere
- Grant can cover purchase, appraisal fees, taxes, legal fees
- Up to 10% of the grant can cover initial management costs (first two years) or a property endowment contribution

Upcoming grants

FCM Municipal Asset Management Program

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Up to \$50,000 (avg. \$35,000) in 80% funding

New intake announcement expected May 2020 (Notice in two months)

- Funds asset management plans
- Can be stacked with Gas Tax Fund
- Complete project 11 months after approval
- One project per fiscal year

UBCM Asset Management Planning Program

Union of B.C. Municipalities

Up to \$15,000 and 50% of project costs

Applications reviewed Sept. 11, 2020

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- Helps local governments fund asset management plans, long-term financial plans, corporate capacity assessments, risk assessments
 - Does not cover routine planning, feasibility studies, or capital assets

BC Rehab Project Grant

BC Rehab Foundation

No cap, but average is \$2,000 to \$5,000

May 22, 2020 and Aug. 22, 2020

- Funds non-profits and community groups to do small capital projects that improve accessibility for people with disabilities
- Not for playground equipment

Canada Post Community Foundation

Canada Post

Limited to \$5,000 for school/PAC/sports team/rec facility projects, otherwise \$25,000

May 28, 2020

- Open to schools, sports equipment okay
- Project should expand capacity rather than maintain a program
- Highly competitive

Community Grants

Mountain Equipment Co-op

Up to \$20,000

Fall intake July 1 to Sept. 4 (May be cancelled due to COVID-19)

- Applicants must be a registered charity/non-profit/association, or a First Nations band and a member of MEC (only non-governmental organizations and third-party school programs)
- Project must promote environmental sustainability, teach environmental stewardship, or increase the number of active outdoor enthusiasts
- Higher scores for projects with volunteers, diversity, a clear need, uniqueness

Masset

Total requested in Q1 2020: \$4,073,911

Total awarded for Q1 2020: \$161,251

Q1 2020 grant requests

Application date	Applicant	Project	Funding agency	Program	Total project value	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Status
24-Jan-2020	Village of Masset	Masset Flood Risk and Assessment	Union of B.C. Municipalities	Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping & Mitigation Planning	\$ 121,358	\$ 121,358		Pending
7-Feb-2020	Village of Masset	Masset Market and Artisans Co-op	Northern Development Initiative Trust	Economic Diversification Infrastructure	\$ 139,985	\$ 93,089	\$93,089	Approved
7-Feb-2020	Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum Society	Roof Replacement for Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum	Northern Development Initiative Trust	Community Halls and Recreation Facilities	\$ 25,946	\$ 18,162	\$ 18,162	Approved
26-Feb-2020	Village of Masset	Village of Masset Water Line Replacement Project	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Environmental Quality	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 3,739,830		Pending
2-Mar-2020	Graham Island East Coast Farmers Institute	Masset Market and Artisans Co-op	Federated Co-operatives Ltd.	Co-op Community Spaces	\$ 27,589	\$ 27,589		Pending
30-Mar-2020	Village of Masset	MVFD Equipment and Training Materials	Farm Credit Canada	AgriSpirit Fund	\$ 23,883	\$ 23,883		Pending
31-Mar-2020	Village of Masset	2020 MIEDS Operations	Northern Development Initiative Trust	Economic Development and Capacity Building	\$ 577,873	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Approved

Port Clements

Total grant requests in Q1 2020: **\$431,373**

Total awarded for Q1 2020: **\$264,381**

Q1 2020 grant requests

Application date	Applicant	Project	Funding agency	Program	Total project value	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Status
23-Jan-2020	Village of Port Clements	Sunset Park Improvement Project	Gwaii Trust Society	Major Contributions	\$ 100,186	\$ 50,000	\$ -	Declined
23-Jan-2020	Port Clements Historical Society	Port Clements Museum Roofing Project	Gwaii Trust Society	Major Contributions	\$ 44,993	\$ 33,745	\$ 33,745	Approved
24-Jan-2020	Village of Port Clements	Port Clements Flood Risk Assessment and Mapping	Union of B.C. Municipalities	Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping & Mitigation Planning	\$ 88,509	\$ 88,509		Pending
6-Feb-2020	Port Clements Historical Society	Digitizing the Port Clements Museum Archives	Gwaii Trust Society	Community Innovation	\$ 14,071	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	Approved
18-Feb-2020	Port Clements Historical Society	Digitizing the Port Clements Museum Archives	Irving K. Barber Learning Centre	British Columbia Digitization Centre Program	\$ 14,071	\$ 3,500		Declined
18-Feb-2020	Village of Port Clements	Modernizing the Port Clements ESS	Union of B.C. Municipalities	Emergency Support Services	\$ 24,983	\$ 24,983		Pending
1-Mar-2020	Village of Port Clements	Port Clements Tourism Advocate	Gwaii Trust Society	Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	\$ 52,500	Approved
1-Mar-2020	Village of Port Clements	Port Clements Public Works Vehicle	Gwaii Trust Society	Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities	\$ 121,136	\$ 121,136	\$ 121,136	Approved
31-Mar-2020	Village of Port Clements	2020 MIEDS Operations	Northern Development Initiative Trust	Economic Development and Capacity Building	\$ 577,873	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Approved

Queen Charlotte

Total grant requests in Q1 2020: **\$770,322**

Total awarded for Q1 2020: **\$164,479**

Q1 2020 grant requests

Application date	Applicant	Project	Funding agency	Program	Total project value	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Status
23-Jan-2020	Village of Queen Charlotte	Queen Charlotte Firehall Solar Project SCBA	Gwaii Trust Society	Major Contributions	\$ 127,215	\$ 63,608		Declined
23-Jan-2020	Queen Charlotte City Fire Prevention Society	Equipment for Queen Charlotte Firefighters	Gwaii Trust Society	Major Contributions	\$ 145,600	\$ 109,200	\$ 109,200	Approved
24-Jan-2020	Village of Queen Charlotte	Village of Queen Charlotte Flood Risk Assessment and Mapping	Union of B.C. Municipalities	Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping & Mitigation Planning	\$ 142,113	\$ 142,113		Pending
6-Feb-2020	Village of Queen Charlotte	Queen Charlotte Fire Inspection Program Skidegate-	Gwaii Trust Society	Community Innovation	\$ 10,596	\$ 5,279	\$ 5,279	Approved
24-Feb-2020	Skidegate Band Council/Village of Queen Charlotte	Queen Charlotte Multi-use Commuter Route	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program	\$ 248,990	\$ 199,192		Pending
26-Feb-2020	Village of Queen Charlotte	Village of Queen Charlotte Water/Sewer Upgrade	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Environmental Quality	\$ 240,000	\$ 175,992		Pending
4-Mar-2020	Village of Queen Charlotte	QCVFD Radios Upgrade	Farm Credit Canada	AgriSpirit Fund	\$ 24,939	\$ 24,939		Pending
31-Mar-2020	Village of Queen Charlotte	2020 MIEDS Operations	Northern Development Initiative Trust	Economic Development and Capacity Building	\$ 577,873	\$ 50,000		Pending

North Coast Regional District (Areas D, E)

Total grant requests in Q1 2020: **\$940,137**

Total awarded for Q1 2020: **\$399,645**

Date	Applicant	Project	Funding agency	Program	Total project value	Amount requested	Amount awarded	Status
1-Jan-2020	Misty Isles Economic Development Society	Haida Gwaii Community Energy Plan	Gwaii Trust Society	Special Projects Fund	\$ 187,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	Approved
1-Jan-2020	Graham Island East Coast Farmers Institute	Tlell Farmers Market Upgrade	Gwaii Trust Society	Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities	\$ 67,000	\$ 67,000	\$ 67,000	Approved
17-Jan-2020	Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission	Explor-A-Door Summer Trip	Northern Savings Credit Union	Community Fund	\$ 22,000	\$ 7,500		Pending
23-Jan-2020	Misty Isles Economic Development Society	Haida Gwaii Visitor Exit Survey 2020-2021	Gwaii Trust Society	Major Contributions	\$ 102,426	\$ 76,819	\$ -	Declined
23-Jan-2020	North Coast Regional District (Areas D, E)	Flood Risk Assessment and Mapping for Tlell and Sandspit	Union of B.C. Municipalities	Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping & Mitigation Planning	\$ 148,019	\$ 148,019		Pending
6-Feb-2020	Tlell Volunteer Firefighters Association	Tlell Community Hall	Gwaii Trust Society	Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities	\$ 754,290	\$ 242,645	\$ 242,645	Approved
1-Mar-2020	Sandspit Volunteer Fire Department	Sandspit Fire Tender & SCBA Replacement Project	Gwaii Trust Society	Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities	\$ 283,153	\$ 283,153		Pending
31-Mar-2020	North Coast Regional District (Areas D, E)	2020 MIEDS Operations	Northern Development Initiative Trust	Economic Development and Capacity Building	\$ 577,873	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Approved

Grant options

For a regularly updated list of Haida Gwaii grant options, [please bookmark this link](#).

Questions?

Email andrew@gohaidagwaii.ca or phone 250-626-9150.

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Author: Ruby Decock, CAO
 Date: May 13, 2020
 RE: Northern Capital & Planning Grant

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, local governments of Northwestern BC formed the Resource Benefits Alliance to negotiate a new funding agreement with the province to ensure that Northwest benefitted from the economic development activity in the region.

In 2019, the BC Government funded \$100 million to Resource Benefit Alliance communities, which the Village of Port Clements received \$2.085 million to conditionally fund Northern Capital and Planning.

DISCUSSION:

In May 2020, the BC Government announced that it will be investing another \$75 million to the Resource Benefit Alliance of which \$50 million was provided directly to local governments to help address their infrastructure needs, which the Village of Port Clements has received \$338,000.

To date, the total amount of funds received is \$2.423 million. The conditions of this fund are limited to planning or capital projects. The following table provides a list of deposits, expenses and committed funds to be used for future capital projects.

Northern Capital and Planning Grant					
Year	Description	Amount	Interest	Balance	Comments
2019	Deposit into NSCU transferred to MFA/NBC	2,085,000.00	30,326.31	2,115,326.31	
					2019 project expenses for sewer lagoon (\$30,427.91) & 2020 Invoices from PS Turje (\$22937.95 + \$153418.08). ACTUAL Physical transfer of \$131,216.07 occurred in 2020 from NSCU because the above expenses were paid out of the NSCU account.
2019	Sewer Lagoon Extension Project from NSCU	206,783.96		1,908,542.35	
2019	Fire Hall Re-enveloping Project from NSCU	67,054.55		1,841,487.80	Total project cost was \$134109.10 and 50% paid by NCPG
2020	Deposit into NSCU from province	338,000.00	8,342.50	2,187,830.30	Only transferred \$64161.49 from account to cover 2019 expenses
2020	Transfer to MFA/NBC account	0.03		2,187,830.33	April 15th transfer of \$64,161.52 should have been \$64,161.49
2021	Sewer Lagoon Extension Project	933,450.00		1,254,380.33	Commitment - not actually spent
2021	Sewer lagoon Additional Costs - land acquisition	75,000.00		1,179,380.33	There are still outstanding lease/licence of Occupation that is required

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Although the BC Government did share revenues from resource development activities within the Northwest, the Northwest Resource Benefit Alliance continues to work to obtain a community-specific benefit agreement for a continual shared benefit related to resource development for the region.

CONCLUSION:

The Village of Port Clements has received \$2.423 million for the Northern Capital and Planning Grant from the BC Government to assist with social and infrastructure needs that arise out of the economic developments within the Northwest. Of this fund, \$273,838.51 has been used for the Sewer Lagoon expansion and fire hall re-enveloping projects. Council has committed \$1,008,450 of the fund towards the Sewer Lagoon expansion project.

IMPLICATIONS:

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| STRATEGIC | (Guiding Documents Relevancy – Strategic Plan, Official Community Plan)
There is no impact to strategic of Official Community plan. |
| FINANCIAL | (Corporate Budget Impact)
This has helped improve the budget for capital and planning projects. |
| ADMINISTRATIVE | (Policy/Procedure Relevancy, Workload Impact and Consequence)
There is no additional workload to administration. |

Respectfully submitted:

Attachment (Press Release – Province invests in northwest economic development, healthy communities.)

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
2020MAH0026-000850
May 11, 2020

Office of the Premier
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Province invests in northwest economic development, healthy communities

VICTORIA – The Province is further investing in B.C.'s North to support healthy community growth during major resource development and build infrastructure to meet the needs of people in the region.

"Northern B.C. is rich in natural resources, but its strongest asset is its people," said Premier John Horgan. "We are proud to work in partnership with northern communities. These funds will help address the social and infrastructure needs that arise out of the many exciting economic developments underway in those communities. We are investing in northern jobs, roads and public services – and most importantly, in northern people."

The Province is investing a total of \$75 million through two programs:

- The 2020 Northern Capital and Planning Grant provides \$50 million directly to local governments to help address their infrastructure needs and as they prepare for major resource and economic development.
- Another \$25 million will be available to communities as they prepare for major economic development through the B.C. Northern Healthy Communities Fund, which will be administered through the Northern Development Initiative Trust. The fund will be available to local governments, First Nations and non-profits in the region to support local delivery of critical services, such as health and mental health care, housing and child care.

"The need to invest in northern B.C.'s infrastructure and community services is vital, and this funding has a new and significant role to play in contributing to our province's economic recovery, especially in light of COVID-19's impacts on B.C.'s people, communities and economy," said Carole James, Minister of Finance.

This funding is in addition to \$100 million provided through the Northern Capital and Planning Grant to communities in the northwest in 2019. It is part of ongoing dialogue between the Province and B.C.'s northwest and north-central communities on how to support the region over the longer term.

"People are at the heart of strong, resilient communities and this funding is part of our continued commitment to invest in the hard-working people of the North," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "We have been listening to northern communities about their need to be ready to seize the opportunities presented by expected growth and resource development. With this funding, they will be able to plan to tackle both the infrastructure and socio-economic needs their communities are facing."

The Northern Capital and Planning Grant and the B.C. Northern Healthy Communities Fund will contribute to a resilient B.C. economy and will complement the \$1.5 billion set for economic stimulus as part of B.C.'s COVID-19 Action Plan.

Quick Facts:

- Through the Northern Capital Planning Grant, eligible local governments can expect to receive the following based on their populations and base assessments:
 - Municipalities with more than 8,000 people will receive between \$5.2 million and \$6.6 million.
 - Municipalities with fewer than 8,000 people will receive between \$300,000 and \$3.7 million.
- Regional districts will receive between \$400,000 and \$1.6 million.
- The B.C. Northern Healthy Communities Fund will be distributed by the Northern Development Initiative Trust through an application process.

For a backgrounder with what local leaders are saying about these grants, visit: http://news.gov.bc.ca/files/2020-Northern-Capital-Planning-Grants_BG.pdf

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ACTION ITEMS

<u>#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Follow up</u>
A30	06-09-2016	Weight Room Upgrades	Administration	Questionnaire distributed on equipment use - Several Turned in. Grant Writer to look for opportunities Ruth Bellamy & CAO toured facilities to determine what improvements should be made. Grant Writer searching out funding.
	14-03-2019			Councillor Kish contacted Grant Writer about grants. She also spoke to Ruth Bellamy about equipment and removal of non-essential items. Plan to dispose of these items during free tipping day
	16-03-2020		Haida Gwaii Rec	Strength-Building: The Haida Gwaii Weight Room Strategy. Applying to Community Innovation Grant to develop HG weight room strategy
A36	08-08-2017	Sunset Park Mgmt. Plan	Council	Review recently adopted Management plan in Nov/Dec 2017 and again in Nov/Dec 2018.
	16-04-2019			Draft plan circulated to Council for review.
	03-06-2019			Motion made to hold public hearing and then adopt Management Plan. Staff dealing with scheduling.
	31-07-2019			Requested date for Aug 20/20 - waiting for confirmation
	22-08-2019			Public Meeting held to receive comments on proposed plan and Berry Maze
A-41	2018-09-260	Amend the Campground Bylaw fees		Still in Progress - Still needs to be reviewed
A45	18-11-2019	PCHS Request for Support		to bring back after strategic planning and budget approval
A46	18-11-2019	Staff to accumulate information		Staff to Accumulate all information on location of sewer lines where it impacts current land application - may not be completed & brought back until next year
A47	16-03-2020 17-03-2020			Staff to reach out to Northern Health to determine if there is a local action/response for HG on what needs to be done if someone contracts COVID-19 Complete, CAO reached out.
A48	20-04-2020			Staff to bring concern about testing of non-residents/workers coming in to Haida Gwaii to Northern Health & that testing should be done to protect small communities

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