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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 Fjaagesund

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.

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 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

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.

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


Mayor Daugert


CAO Decock