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*"Gateway to the Wilderness"*

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Present:**

Mayor Daugert  
Councillor Kish  
Councillor Gould via teleconference  
Councillor Cumming via teleconference  
Councillor Falconbridge

CAO Ruby Decock

Members of the Public and Press: Bev Lore, Maureen Bailey, Marilyn Bliss, Linda Berston, Sharon Buckley

**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**

2020-06-108—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be adopted with the late addition of C-4—  
Request for Utility Bill Reduction – Golden Spruce Motel.  
**CARRIED**

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

**3. MINUTES**

M-1—May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes  
2020-06-109—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED**

M-2—May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
2020-06-110—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.  
**CARRIED**

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

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**

C-1—Board Highlights – North Coast Regional District  
2020-06-111—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Mayor Daugert  
THAT the North Coast Regional District Board Highlights be received.

**CARRIED**

C-2—Provincial Trail Advisory Survey – MNP LLP

2020-06-112—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Mayor Daugert  
THAT the Provincial Trail Advisory Survey from MNP LLP be received.

**CARRIED**

C-3—Golf Proposal – Linda Berston and Sharon Buckley

2020-06-113—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT the Golf Proposal by Linda Berston and Sharon Buckley be received.

**CARRIED**

2020-06-114—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish

THAT the Golf Proposal be approved with the conditions that they provide a course map, golf rules and etiquette, user waivers, and COVID-19 Exposure Plan for review; approval from Public Works for location; AND contacting Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission to see if it could be run through them and checking with MIABC to see if municipal insurance covers it to be run through Port Clements Recreation Commission if not.

**CARRIED**

C-4 – Request for Utility Bill Reduction – Golden Spruce Motel

2020-06-115—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT the Request for Utility Bill Reduction by Golden Spruce Motel be received.

**CARRIED**

6. **FINANCE**

7. **GOVERNMENT**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

R-1—Protocol Table Update – Verbal - Mayor Daugert

*Mayor Daugert identified that the Protocol Table meetings have undergone reorganization in the last couple of meetings away from must COVID-19 discussions. Mayor Daugert pointed out that they should maintain their budget, as it is Gwaii Trust money, and legal necessities with keeping track of it. June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was discussing the all-island energy plan which Hydro presented at. They are not farther along than they were last fall but are getting moving again with a consultant doing analysis and public presentations. Hydro is intending to pick several alternative energy proposals across the islands. They want to focus on renewable energy that cuts diesel usage and has a balanced energy load. There may be an in-person meeting of Protocol this upcoming Wednesday.*

*The United Coast has moved away from the Protocol meetings completely, as it is now a leadership table with the Provincial Ministers. The Premier Horgan did attend the first one. Two people from Haida Gwaii, two people from North Coast and two people from central coast will be representing. They are trying to have one person from municipal government and another from First Nation government from each community at the table.*

*The Island-COVID Response Protocol Meeting has one meeting. It was looking for consensus on when to open Haida Gwaii to travel, however, there was no consensus at that meeting. They have distributed, as of today, two questions through Unified Command regarding reopening dates. They also had a survey that went to selected stakeholders, however*

*Mayor Daugert found the questions leading and not an all-Island survey in any sense. Asides from those criticisms, they are trying to determine what the sentiments are.*

*Also, to note that Air Canada is looking at August for resuming air service, while Pacific Coastal is proposing July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Priority will be given for medical travel. Airlines do not screen people. As the Province opens up Haida Gwaii is going to be opened whether we like it or not. It is better to be prepared for it.*

2020-06-116—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT Mayor Daugert’s Protocol Table Update be received.  
**CARRIED**

R-2—COVID-19 & Office Update – Deputy Clerk report & CAO Decock verbal report  
2020-06-117—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT the written and verbal reports on the COVID-19 & Office Update by CAO Decock and Deputy Clerk Cumming be received.  
**CARRIED**

**Mayor Daugert:** Teleconference with Municipal Affairs and Housing, met with Northern Health and covered the support for medical patients who cannot communicate for themselves, met with North Coast Regional District.

**Councillor Kish:** Nothing to report.

**Councillor Gould:** VIRT is trying to do take out/pick up services.

**Councillor Cumming:** Attended the Community Futures meeting, they have been having weekly zoom meetings. Discussion on getting a Chamber of Commerce reinitiated. Uncertainty over park management committee that she is council representative for, unsure if it exists by village bylaws.

**Councillor Falconbridge:** Nothing to report.

**CAO Decock:** Working on projects newly funded, attending EOC director meetings, will work with Deputy Clerk in the re-opening plan, financial reporting audit and annual report. Working on Vibrant Communities Coordinator, if it will be hired, as well as steps for trail projects and study. Public Works truck was purchased, delivery aimed end of August. Working on contractor for wharf – they are waiting for shipment of supplies from down south before coming over, will apply through essential workers permit.

2020-06-118—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish  
THAT Council receives the verbal reports from Council and CAO Decock.  
**CARRIED**

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

A1- Action Items list – PCHS request for support should be updated & removed.

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

**Question – Bev Lore:** Concerned about volunteers. Volunteer had idea with Berry Maze but nothing ever happened. Do we need permission? We need something going on – benches are coming, swing is up – but it feels like with COVID-19 there is nothing for anyone to do. Knows it is

not the Village's responsibility to make something, but other communities are getting things going on and we are not.

**Answer:** The EOC has circulated requests to the community to inform us of what they need. There have been discussions of gardens, though the issue becomes 'how do we pay for it?' and is it something that we want in our Parks or not, so where to put it? We could get money, and undertake activities proactively without community request, but it might become an issue if we put, for example, \$10,000 towards a garden and then no one uses it. There would be criticism for spending money on something that was not used/wanted. We have not heard from the public, one person brought up need for help with self-isolation. Asides from the request from Linda for the Golf.

**Bev:** Linda got shut down when she brought it up and had to go through other means. It is depressing – the news is depressing, people in the store are depressed. If we could provide anything positive and nice that would be great. Can we get that Christmas tree removed on the corner of Dyson? It feels like we are not moving forward in a fun way, though it is hard with COVID-19. There can be reopening with 'use at your own risk'.

**Question – Marilyn Bliss:** Has there been other requests for assistance from other businesses, asides from the Golden Spruce? Is there any of their costs – wipes, towels – that can come from the EOC? It sounds like the other communities are finding the money for it.

**Answer:** We have contacted all the businesses. We cannot adjust bills without their written notice that they are no longer in operation. It needs to be in writing and sent to the Village Office. Otherwise, when it comes to providing relief, it is beyond our legal ability to assist businesses due to the Community Charter. The Federal and Provincial governments have been providing supports under their jurisdiction.

**Maureen Bailey:** Gwaii Trust is providing COVID-19 funding for a variety of applications. One of the applications that could not be helped was from Queen Charlotte to provide matching funding for the NDI Business Façade program which has now been adapted to give money to businesses for COVID-19. It would be nice if it could be all the businesses and not some of them. Gwaii Trust cannot support businesses but have been supporting a variety of non-business activities.

**Question - Bevan Nicol:** Noticing trail down by the ocean in the bay is overgrown – it is a two-person trail, but it is so overgrown that it is only a one-person trail now. Can the trail be made wider?

**Answer:** A Work Order will be made to brush the trails. Normal process is to contact the office if you have a complaint or concern and then it will be put into a Work Order and given to Public Works. We also have grants to improve the trail and improve the areas in Sunset Park, such as replacing the bridges.

**Question – Bev Lore:** Are the trails closed? Like the Pesuta

**Answer:** The trail facilities are closed, such as trails with handrail areas. The Parks still have signs at entrances saying they are closed. The Community Trails never really closed for walking, though the facilities have closed.

**Question – Bev Lore:** Disappointed in wording of new State of Emergency Poster. Last time the poster was clear, but this poster is not as clear. The wording has been loosened a lot, which makes

it difficult for local businesses – no longer have something given clear direction, open to interpretation. Fear with COVID-19 and potential exposure – wants to watch Grandson grow up.

**Answer:** People should still be vigilant about personal hygiene and exposure. Follow the advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry.

**Question – Wayne Nicole:** Talk about removing the Christmas Tree that the O'Briens put up – they acted on suggestion that he made to plant a proper Christmas Tree transplanted. He has a tree in his yard that is a perfect Christmas Tree ideal for transplanting and he would like to offer it for that property. If knowledge of how to excavate it of his yard and cost was done, then it can be done. Would like to be able to present a proposal to Council for his ideas of the development of the property.

**Answer:** Concern over brownfields on Dyson property. With brownfields you are not to excavate the area. It needs to be confirmed if it is a brownfield or not before such activity could be undertaken. Council is interested in ideas for the property, but there is the issue of the potential brownfield that can limit potential development.

**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;

(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;

2020-06-119—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Kish

THAT Council moves in-Camera as per section 90(1)(c)&(j) of the Community Charter at 8:52 PM.

**CARRIED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

2020-06-120—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:34 PM

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor Daugert

  
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CAO Decock