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PORT CLEMENTS
"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Tuesday, August 4th, 2020

Present:

Mayor Daugert

Councillor Gould via teleconference

Councillor Cumming via teleconference

Councillor Falconbridge

Acting CAO Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the Public and Press: Manzanita Snow, Shirley Weigum, and CAO Daniel Fish for NCRD (to present D-1).

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

2020-08-136—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT the August 4th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be adopted as with alteration of
"Monday" to "Tuesday".

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

T-1—Opening of Custodial Contract bids

2020-08-137—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council receives the bids of \$2500/monthly from Jasmine Beachy (Beachy Mechanical Ltd),
and \$1400/monthly from Shirley Weigum.

CARRIED

D-1—Current & Future Waste Management on Haida Gwaii - North Coast Regional District

2020-08-138—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould

THAT Council receives the presentation on the Current & Future Waste Management on Haida
Gwaii from the North Coast Regional District.

CARRIED

*Next Newsletter: update public on what materials are currently recyclable (Daniel Fish will assist
with wording).*

3. MINUTES

M-1—July 13th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

2020-08-139—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the July 13th, 2020 Regular Council Meetings as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BA-1—Rise & Report from July 13th, 2020 In-Camera Meeting
Council Reported:

THAT the Village of Port Clements regretfully announces the resignation of Councillor Teri Kish from the Village Council. Ms. Kish's resignation was received by Council at the July 13th, 2020 meeting and was effective immediately upon receiving. The Village of Port Clements Council recognizes Ms. Kish for her contributions to the Village since her election to the office in 2018. Council will at a future meeting discuss a by-election in accordance with the Community Charter, Local Government Act and upon guidance received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as how to proceed with a byelection during the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank Ms. Kish for her work with the community and wish her well in her future endeavors.

ALSO, THAT the Village of Port Clements has appointed Councillor Falconbridge as the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of 2020 and has awarded a bursary to Madison Gaspar and Tia Nicol of \$500 each for their continuing education.

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1—Board Highlights – North Coast Regional District
2020-08-140—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the board highlight from the NCRD.
CARRIED.

C-2—Request for Support for Resolution at UBCM – Village of Kaslo
2020-08-141—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council gives support for the Village of Kaslo's proposed resolution at the UBCM convention for the Village of Kaslo sponsoring rural economic development through healthcare.
CARRIED

6. FINANCE

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1—*Procedural Bylaw #460, 2020*
2020-08-142—Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
That Council open the Procedural Bylaw #460, 2020 for discussion.
CARRIED

2020-08-143—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
That Council does the 3rd reading and adopts Procedural Bylaw #460, 2020.
CARRIED

G-2—Restoring Haida Place Names – Request for Support – Haida Gwaii Protocol Table
2020-08-144—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould
That Council receives the request for support for Restoring Haida Place Names from the Haida Gwaii Protocol Table.
CARRIED

Note: Council would like to be provided with pronunciation guides and background on meaning on proposed names in future requests. Also, would like simplified names that enable easier navigation and safety (rescue, tourists)

2020-08-145—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council sends a letter of support to the Haida Gwaii Protocol Table for Restoring Haida Place
Names.

CARRIED

G-3—Vibrant Community Commission – appoint Commission – Staff Report & Verbal Report from
Councillor Gould

2020-08-146—Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council receives the Staff Report on the Vibrant Community Commission appointment.

CARRIED

2020-08-147—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives Councillor Gould’s verbal report on the Vibrant Community Commission
appointment report.

CARRIED

2020-08-148—Moved by Councillor Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council directs staff to advertise within the community for up to 4 positions to sit on the Port
Clements’ Vibrant Community Commission, with expressions of interest to be received in writing
by 1:00 PM on August 21st, 2020.

CARRIED

Councillor Falconbridge exited room at 7:55 PM & returned at 7:57 PM.

G-4—Committee & Commission Council representative appointments
2020-08-149—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council makes the following appointments to vacant representative seats:

VIBRANT COMMUNITY COMMISSION: Councillor Gould
Alternate: Councillor Cumming

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION: Councillor Cumming
Alternate: **Councillor Falconbridge**

PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: **Councillor Cumming**
Alternate: **Councillor Falconbridge**

NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST: **Councillor Falconbridge**
Alternate: **Mayor Daugert**

GWAII TEL: **Councillor Falconbridge**
Alternate: **Councillor Cumming**

CARRIED

G-5—2019 Statement of Financial Information Report
2020-08-150—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council approves the 2019 Statement of Financial Information.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

R-1—COVID-19 Update – Verbal Report – Mayor Daugert & Staff

Mayor Daugert, COVID-19 report:

There was a breakdown in the relationship when the civic communities could not sign off on essential work permits, as a potential violation of Charter Rights, without supporting legislation. Haida cut of ties and ignored phone calls for a week in response, which ended with confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Haida Gwaii which brought the Province into the picture and bringing in supportive legislation for essential work permits. Province passed Ministerial Order, which created a lot of meetings to get it done. It came out at 4:00 PM on Thursday after going through their legal departments.

It left us with a number of unresolved questions – which were referred back to the communities, for example if we do or do not support the permitting of residents. However, on Tuesday August 4th, EMBC sent an email from Laurie Hall identifying that they are not collecting contact information for tracing, and it must be voluntary for returning individuals. The Incident Command meeting had various forms and working flow charts indicating that it was voluntary. So issue sorted itself out without needing Council input. Letter from Laurie Hall also clarified other details such as that we are operating under Provincial Stat of Emergency and does not have authority to enforce mandatory isolation by law, but Public Health Office can do so on a case by case basis. It would be done by the Health Authority and not the civic communities.

Multitude of meetings, stressful to manage and have a life. There is a serious attempt to get the permits and information lines at the ferry terminal so that it works consistently with terms of reference for unified command. EMBC wants this to be a formal enterprise rather than ad hoc. State of Emergency lasts 28 days from last reported new case or discretion of minister and is renewed on bi-weekly basis. The last new case was reported on August 1st.

Acting CAO Cumming, COVID-19 report:

Largely same information as Mayor Daugert. Today's Unified Command meeting discussed the process and how it would function. Wanted to sort out the approving process for permits, and who will be on as the representative for the community in giving permit approvals. Typically, Unified Command was viewed as operational level while the protocol table is the political level (such as for making policies). There was tension regarding setting up the Unified Command's policy on its procedure, with an interim agreement being approved and putting it to the protocol table to ratify. There is tension on the authority that Unified Command has to make decisions on behalf of the community.

Typically, our municipal structure is that operations works within the limits of the policies and bylaws of Council, making operational decisions in line with them, so there is that inclination from civic communities to lean towards that. While the Haida communities are more in line with making that group decision (consensus based) and getting things done at the Unified Command, which is understandable, so that's being worked through.

The meeting today has gotten rid of the resident permit form; as a resident you provide proof of residency or complete a declaration of residency form at the checkpoint. They can also participate in the voluntary information sharing or not afterwards.

The process is evolving. Our EOC Director, Zena Thierstein, (who has been hired with costs covered by EMBC) will be participating in the meeting involving the EOC going forward, such as Unified Command meetings, as the lead as they are more applicable to her. Unified Command is mainly about processing the essential work permits and our EOC will be processing those. So our default

approach to handling this structure is that if the EOC Director is attending the meetings by herself, then she is making the decisions on the permits (voting), if the Acting CAO/CAO attends with her, then the Acting CAO/CAO will make the decisions (voting), and if Mayor Daugert attends the meeting then he will make the decision (voting) on the permits as the Village representative. When it comes to any policy decisions, the structure of Unified Command is to boot it up to the Protocol Table. As such Unified Command is mainly at the operational level; municipal operations are already designated by Council to its officers, CAO/Acting CAO, so that is why staff feel comfortable participating in the decision-making process as it is already similar to our structure. If Council has any feedback or wants to get involved more, this is the time to speak.

This is what it will be in the next 26 or so days, at which time we might have to find a new way to operate.

Currently, with the outbreak, it was too much for current municipal staff to handle due to the volume of meetings and other needs for the response in addition to normal operations. We put in the Expense Authorization Forms through EMBC to get funding to hire an EOC Director and we are moving towards hire additional EOC staff and expanding its operations to function better. So that regular staff can return more to regular operations. However, the EOC is still funneling itself through the CAO via the EOC Director, so everyone is still in the loop. With the CAO/Acting CAO making final decisions on our EOC operations and giving that direction to the EOC Director.

2020-08-151—moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the verbal report from Mayor Daugert and Acting CAO Cumming regarding the COVID-19 update.

CARRIED

Mayor Daugert: lots of fish this year, eases pressures along Skeena for food gathering. More fishing for people who can get out fishing. Also, the VIRL has been very good with reopening, even if it is more troublesome to go through a catalogue than browsing books – better than not having access to the books.

Councillor Falconbridge: Nothing to report.

Councillor Cumming: Community futures is approving interest free loans for another year. They are doing other activities to support businesses during COVID-19.

Councillor Gould: Library continues to operate with 39 branches, opening slower than any other system. Lots of complaints coming in. Alex pleased with how it is working locally.

2020-08-152—moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould
Council receives the verbal reports from Council.

CARRIED

R-2—Request for Meeting with UBCM Convention Meeting with Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

2020-08-153—moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the written report that a meeting has been scheduled with the Minister of FLNRORD to discuss the role of BCTS and the current impasse on timber sales effecting our community's main forestry employers, which are critical to the long-term wellbeing of our communities.

CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

A-1- Action Items List

New Action Items:

1. *Request for information on Rainbow Wharf repair proposal including information as to why it has not taken place, the efforts of staff to accomplish this, the names and contact information of any government agencies that have blocked the work (if any), a statement from the contractor as to their current intentions regarding the contract, and if there is a place to ensure this work is accomplished in a timely fashion.*
2. *Request for information on Froese Trailer Park Street lighting request and current progress towards resolution.*

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS


Question – Manzanita Snow: *Does not understand why the golf course was closed and so where the washrooms. People are getting depressed, people want activities. Can you please consider reopening the facilities?*

Answer: *It will be discussed by Council and staff by the end of the week. Safety concerns regarding health and life are prioritized in the Village's consideration of facilities.*

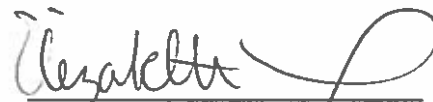
12. IN-CAMERA

13. ADJOURNMENT

2020-08-154—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:51 PM
CARRIED



Mayor Doug Daugert



Acting CAO Elizabeth Cumming