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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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Minutes of the 7:00 PM Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, October 4th, 2021

Present:

Mayor Doug Daugert
Councillor Ian Gould
Councillor Brigid Cumming
Councillor Kelly Whitney-Gould
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge

CAO Elsie Lemke
Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the Public and Press:

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 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

2021-10-212—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the October 4th, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.
CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

3. MINUTES

M-1— September 20th, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2021-10-213—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the September 20th, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1—INFO—September Board Highlights – North Coast Regional District
C-2—INFO/REQUEST – Emergency Paramedics and Dispatchers – Ambulance Paramedics of BC

2021-10-214—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council receives September Board Highlights from North Coast Regional District for information.
CARRIED

Councillor Falconbridge declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 7:06 PM

2021-10-215—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould
THAT Council receives the Emergency Paramedics and Dispatchers from Ambulance Paramedics of BC.
CARRIED

2021-10-216—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould
THAT Council invites Larry Duke to speak to Council re: Ambulance Service and how it will affect our community.
CARRIED

Councillor Falconbridge returned to the room at 7:20 PM

6. FINANCE

F-1—3rd Quarter Financial Report

2021-10-217—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the 3rd Quarterly Financial Report from Senior Finance Manager Bell as presented.
CARRIED

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1—2021 3rd Quarter Progress Report on the Strategic Plan

2021-10-218—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould
THAT Council receives the 2021 3rd Quarter Progress Report on the Strategic Plan.
CARRIED

Council will look at setting dates for Strategic Planning session at the next Council Meeting

G-2-- Weight Room – Unsupervised Minors – Deputy Clerk Cumming

2021-10-219—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould
THAT Council receives the Weight Room report from Deputy Clerk Cumming and otherwise leaves things as is with weightroom operations.
CARRIED

G-3—Authorizing New CAO on Municipal Accounts – Deputy Clerk Cumming

2021-10-220—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council authorizes their CAO Elsie Lemke to be added as signing authority, authorized representative, and administrator for the Village's Northern Savings Credit Union accounts.
CARRIED

2021-10-221—Moved by Councillor Whitney-Gould, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council authorizes their CAO Elsie Lemke to be added onto the Village's Post Office Box at Canada Post as the administrator, authorized representative, and signing authority.
CARRIED

2021-10-222—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council authorizes their CAO Elsie Lemke to be added onto all municipal accounts as administrator, authorized representative, and signing authority, including all financial accounts, vendor accounts and provincial/federal reporting accounts.
CARRIED

2021-10-223—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Gould
THAT Council authorizes removing Jana Zamyslicka from all municipal accounts as administrator, authorized representative, and signing authority, including all financial accounts, vendor accounts and provincial/federal reporting accounts.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

R-1—INFO - Regular Report on Current Operations – Elsie Lemke, CAO

R-2—INFO – Grants Progress Report – Senior Finance Manager Bell

Mayor Daugert: **September 28** -- *Zoom meeting with the Honourable Josie Osborne Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing- This was a special meeting requested by the 31 municipal governments that are in the area covered by the proposed Resource Benefits Alliance. Together we have asked for a resource revenue sharing agreement such as exists in the Columbia Basin Trust, the Islands Trust, the revenue sharing agreement for the Northeast, and other similar arrangements. The purpose is to offset the costs to local communities from resource development in their area, since mostly the municipalities are not able to tax the industries directly, but still need to provide accommodation and services to workers. The concept has been strongly supported by the Premier in the past and is supported by our Northern MLA's. Currently the extra government expenses related to Covid have strained Provincial revenues and the Minister says the money is not available. However, the group stressed that while recognizing the current economic concerns, we would like a formula going forward that would identify any new revenues from such development and assign a portion to local governments. Our argument is that we need to develop a source of funding to reliably maintain and upgrade our infrastructure to support the workers needed for these projects. Having robust and modern communities in the North assists in the recruitment and retention of workers, helps any housing and affordability issues in the Province, and makes the economy more stable and resilient. The meeting took over an hour, which is a long session for a meeting with a Minister, and we all agreed to continue discussion on the staff level. Today got a letter from Minister Osborne committing to go forward at the staff level and discussing a framework on how it could be done, so things are moving forward, though slowly.*

September 29-- *Protocol Table meeting—This was cancelled at the last minute due to a death in Skidegate.*

October 1-- *Teleconference with Northern Health. This was one of the ongoing Covid/Overdose epidemic meetings. Currently the Northern Health Region is experiencing about 110-120 new cases each day, and that rate does not seem to be decreasing. There are 87 patients in hospitals in the NH region with Covid, 67 in UNBCH, 16 transferred to the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. A question was raised regarding persons who test positive, but don't tell anyone so they can keep working. The answer was the employer can use screening methods to establish their own standards, but NH can NOT inform anyone other than the patient about test results.*

October 4 -- *letter from forestry they have been slow in responding in getting a meeting of local leadership around forestry issues and explaining the allocation formulas for Timber as they have just issued the First Nations Wood Lot Licence and that timber will come out of the Timber Supply area. Same area identified as a forest harvest licence to cut but it is a longer term tenure and they were analyzing how that was impacting the timber available and timber supply area and allocations within in. Once they have analyzed that information, they will be having meetings in the next few weeks regarding timber supply area, allocations and who gets what. Should bring more clarification to timber forest*

Councillor Whitney-Gould: Has been working with office to sort out the Tourism Advocate Grant regarding the change order and extension date. Has been working with Julia Breese on the tourist website, and getting someone to get the St.Mark's ordering in place. Went to see Elsie for introduction.

Councillor Gould: *Meeting was changed to zoom for NDIT and then the ferry was cancelled minutes later. NDIT meeting was straightforward, no more allotments, so they gave information session on NDIT financing and different regions, question on what kind of buffering should they keep for their original \$20 million funding. They want to set a new lower limit in case the market drops, with the bottom of the buffer should be equal to what inflation would have done. Minor things otherwise.*

Councillor Cumming: *Attended Council meetings. Question regarding what the Remembrance Day plans and identifying memorial bench ceremony taking place for Joan Hein and Betty Dalzell.*

Councillor Falconbridge: *Here on 29th to meet Elsie, no other Council business to report. Identified issues with medical medivac flights being overwhelmed due to COVID-19 patients. Question on when next Emergency Management Meeting is.*

2021-10-224—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould
THAT Council receives the written and verbal reports from Council, CAO Elsie Lemke and Senior Finance Manager Bell as presented.

CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

A-1- Action Items List

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;

2021-10-225—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT the meeting moves In-Camera per *Community Charter* section 90(1) (a) & (c) at 8:08 PM.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

2021-10-226—Moved by Councillor Cumming
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 PM

CARRIED



Mayor-Doug Daugert



CAO Elsie Lemke