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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Wednesday January 11th, 2023
Committee of the Whole

PRESENT:

Mayor Scott Cabianca
Councillor Brigid Cumming
Councillor Wayne Nicol
Councillor Dennis Reindl

NOT PRESENT:

Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge

CAO Marjorie Dobson
Deputy CAO Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the Public: Russel Norman, Maureen Bailey

Committee of the Whole Meeting Called to Order at 6:09 PM

Mayor Scott Cabianca: I call to order the committee of the whole meeting of the Village of Port Clements being held on the traditional territory of the Haida People.

1. ADOPT AGENDA

2022-01-001—Moved by Councillor Cumming,
THAT the Committee adopts the January 11th, 2023, Committee of the Whole Agenda as presented.
CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UB-1—2023 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

2022-01-002—Moved by Councillor Cumming,

THAT the Committee receives the verbal comments and discussion from the Council, public and staff on the 2023 Regular Council Meeting Schedule.

CARRIED

Key discussion points:

- *As background, the bylaw amendment to the procedure bylaw gives flexibility and a minimum threshold for monthly Council meetings, though it seems to have caused assumptions.*
- *Attending public identified that they appreciated the background clarification on the bylaw that led to this COTW, when originally seeing the example schedule it did not look good as it reduced to one meeting per month in the fall/winter where there can be a lot of business that needs to be done.*
- *Proposal for monthly Committee of the Whole Meetings, which can be scheduled with topics (M&B subdivision, Dyson St Corner, etc). It would be an experiment and may be slower process focused on bigger issues.*
- *Attending public identified that they appreciate the clarification that the COTW would become the second monthly meeting, for specific topics and have a bit of an open dialogue (ability to have flexibility).*
- *Attending public posed the question on whether COTW meetings can have more than one topic, and it was clarified that COTW agendas can have more than one topic.*

- *Would continue to stick with format of 1st & 3rd Monday having a meeting on it, one a regular Council Meeting and the other a COTW.*
- *Experience where the Regular Council Meeting format is not necessarily friendly to public engagement. Think moving to Regular Council Meetings supplemented by COTW would be a positive move to have an organized way of access for the public for discussion and open dialogue.*
- *Would like to see where issue topics are solicited from the public for the Committee of the Whole meetings.*
- *Would like to see communication with the community with the release of the Regular Council Meeting Schedule that Council is planning monthly COTW and looking for input on community issues to have as topics on the meeting.*
- *COW Can deal with discussion of major topics with public and then recommendations go to Council for decision.*
- *It would be better to hold COTW at 7:00 PM rather than 6:00 PM to encourage public participation.*
- *Clarification needed on whether COTW schedule notice would have to have the topics set and identified specifically in advance, or if they could have 'TBD' as the descriptor. This led to discussion of annual schedule vs. a quarterly schedule for meetings at a time.*

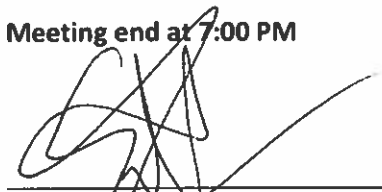
2022-01-002—Moved by Councillor Cumming,
 THAT the Committee recommends to Council that 2023 Regular Council Meetings be held on the 3rd Monday of the month.

CARRIED

2022-01-002—Moved by Councillor Cumming,
 THAT the Committee recommends to Council to hold Committee of the Whole Meetings on the first Mondays of February, March and April on specific topics and schedule such meetings on a quarterly basis going forward, and that this be published.

CARRIED

Meeting end at 7:00 PM



Mayor Scott Cabianca



CAO Marjorie Dobson