



The Village of
PORT CLEMENTS
"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, June 6th, 2022

Present:

Mayor Doug Daugert
Councillor Kelly Whitney-Gould (by conference)
Councillor Ian Gould (by conference)
Councillor Brigid Cumming
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge

CAO Marjorie Dobson
Deputy CAO Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the public: Kaitlyn Bailey (press), Dale Lore

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

2022-06-155—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the June 6, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented with the correction of the heading date of 'June 6' instead of the incorrect 'May 16'.
CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

3. MINUTES

M-1—May 16th, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2022-06-156—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the May 16th, 2022, Regular council Meeting Minutes as presented.
CARRIED

M-2—May 27th, 2022, Special Council Meeting Minutes
2022-06-157—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the May 27th, 2022, Special Council Meeting Minutes.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1—INFO—Name Change to 'Village of Daajing Giids' in progress – Village of Queen Charlotte
2022-06-158—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT council receives from the Village of Port Clements information of their name change to 'Village of Daajing Giids' being in progress.
CARRIED

C-2—INFO/COMMUNICATION— Haida Gwaii Paramedics -- MLA Jennifer Rice

2022-06-159—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the letter to Haida Gwaii Paramedics from MLA Jennifer Rice.
CARRIED

C-3—REQUEST—Request for Support for Request to increase BC Ferries sailings – Haida Gwaii Protocol Table
2022-06-160—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council supports the letter from the Haida Gwaii Protocol Table and authorizes Mayor Daugert to sign
it on behalf of the Village of Port Clements.
CARRIED

C-4—REQUEST—Interview/Introduction with Councillor—Kaitlyn Bailey, Black Press Media
2022-06-161—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council receives the interview/introduction request from Kaitlyn Bailey with Black Press Media.
CARRIED

6. FINANCE

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1—Credit Card Limit Increase – Deputy CAO Elizabeth Cumming
2022-06-162—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Whitney-Gould
THAT Council requests an increase of its credit limit for its credit card account with Collabria to \$70,000.
CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

R-1—INFO -- Regular Report on Current Operations – CAO Marjorie Dobson

Mayor Daugert: Received a very nice thank you card from the class that they attended to show at least basics of municipal governance to the younger students in the Port Clements Elementary School. On May 19th held an in-camera Misty Isles Economic Development Society meeting to discuss pending issues. On May 25th attended climate action plan webinar hosted by the Province (got very little information out of it), also attended the first in-person All-Islands Protocol Table meeting in 2 years, nice to re-establish relationships with Haida leadership to discuss common goals (one idea proposed was an All-Island Spring Cleanup altogether on the same days with bins in every community, proposed by Daajing Gids/Queen Charlotte, referred to the CAOs to work on). On May 27th attended a Northwest Hospital District Meeting online, intended to attend in person but fell ill and phoned in instead. It had a very long in-camera session around future visions of service delivery from staff, staff requirement is an ongoing problem and staff do not appear to understand all the difficulties of transporting patients to other communities in the North, especially in wintertime. Once again, they talked about having specialized centres in Prince Rupert, trauma centre in Terrace, might have some other specialty in Kitimat and Prince George. It was pointed out that this was a difficult model because it was asking people to travel in some of the worst conditions at the worst time of year for it, for both patients on Haida Gwaii and the central coast that need to get to these locations and face the same challenges. If they go to specialized services in different communities, are they going to be transporting people from Terrace to Prince Rupert? It is concerning that they do not recognize the difficulties with transportation when they seem to recognize how difficult it is for them to transport a staff member to Haida Gwaii for chemotherapy services. The local directors are keeping the pressure on and reminding them, but it is almost built into the system that they are centred to where they are than what would be useful for managing the healthcare system. On May 27th attended North Coast Regional District meeting online, discussion on items that were not relevant to Haida Gwaii/Port Clements, though they asked for letter for increased ferry service and a land application from within Masset that affects us in retaining a Masset business – amendment to their water lot to include all their infrastructure with fish processing facility. On May 31st attended All-Island Emergency Management Committee Meeting online, was an interesting meeting but was quite a large meeting, and difficult to make out conversations due to sidebar conversations.

Councillor Falconbridge: Attended the All-Island Emergency Management Planning Committee meeting. Lots of good conversation, discussion for consideration for switching from ePact to a new service provider, Buoyant, for notification system – Old Masset seems to be directing that, as well Old Masset is looking at alternative exit routes and setting up their own evacuation centre for their emergency response. When it comes to off-island medical services, if things cannot be arranged to occur in Prince Rupert (with the specialists/equipment timing) then they have to go to Prince George – medical covers the cost of travel but they do not cover the cost of lost wages. We have a low population (<4000) we are unlikely to ever get the CAT scan machine or MRI machine, or even if we had it, we cannot keep the staff here as there is not full-time demand for it. Junior Canadian Ranger Patrol is available for assistance during emergencies for the Village.

Councillor Gould: NDIR and VIRL meetings upcoming. Involved with and checked out campground work and sewer lagoon projects there.

Councillor Whitney-Gould: Attended the Special Meeting regarding the bird tower on May 27th. Had a meeting with CAO Marjorie on the Seaview Ramp project regarding options/ideas. Saw more work done at the swimming hole: the outhouse is installed, new gazebo is not yet in place but is onsite, swimshack is in place. They got positive feedback from neighbours to the swimming hole. The Vibrant Community Commission has advertised for new members as the membership has gone down to very few – they are asking for people to put their names forward. Back when the Vice-premier was on Island a few months ago, they had asked about getting crosswalks in town, recently the Ministry of Transportation sent a rep to meet with staff at the end of May to talk about getting crosswalks in place. The main problem they have with them in getting them placed in front of Bayview Market is the visibility requirements before and after a crosswalk. They discussed consideration for making the speed limit 30km in town, which may help with that. Took them on a tour to view three sites that were considered for a crosswalk possibility, but one is not viable due to visibility and driveways. The ministry is going to be putting in a data board to reflect the amount of traffic and do a full review and assessment of the movement in Port Clements – she pushed them to not just look at past data for determining their ability to move forward, but to look at current data and alternatives. To consider that we have no sidewalks in town and that is an exacerbating factor for need for crosswalks. Their rep was open to working with the community on the issue. She communicated unhappiness on the outcome so far on crosswalks. They identified that it will take about year before real changes could happen; impression that in next few months they would connect back with the Village on this.

Councillor Cumming: Attended the Special Council Meeting on May 27th, attended All-Island Emergency Management Committee meeting, attended a Recreation Commission meeting on June 2nd. Big focus was on Canada Day Weekend at end of the month, with another meeting to confirm everything on the 16th and hoping to have a celebration on weekend of July 2/3. Watch for a post on the Village's Facebook feed tomorrow. Seeing good numbers at Village Information Centre, numbers comparable with 2018/2019 visitor rates.

2022-06-163—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives R-1 and verbal reports from Council and CAO Dobson.
CARRIED

R-2—INFO—M&B Subdivision/Official Community Plan – CAO Marjorie Dobson
2022-06-164—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the M&B Subdivision/Official Community Plan report from CAO Marjorie Dobson.
CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

A-1—Action Items List

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

Question – Dale Lore: Mr. Lore expressed concern with the lack of crosswalks in Port Clements, identifying belief it means it is illegal to cross the road (jaywalking), and that the Bayview Market area is a prime area for accidents to occur.

Answer: It is not illegal to cross the road (jaywalking) unless it is prohibited by bylaw.

Question – Dale Lore: Regarding the M+B Subdivision, Mr. Lore identified willingness to go into public-private partnership to develop the property and his belief that it is Council’s responsibility to put in the framework to grow the community.

Answer: It is capital from capitalists and business that grows the community, though politicians can pave the way to get the ball rolling. While the public-private partnership idea has worked in some places, Council would like to see what all the options are for them to consider first.

Question – Dale Lore: Regarding Canada Days and reconciliation issue. Talking with his Haida connections, changing the name of Canada Days does not change anything.

Answer: We have not yet received a response to our letter to the Council of the Haida Nation and hereditary chiefs.

Question – Dale Lore: Mr. Lore expressed concerns about lack of engagement by the Fire Department in the community, in particular Port Clements recreation events. He also voiced his opinion about declining community engagement and volunteerism in general, highlighting that without volunteer these activities cannot occur, and comparing the community’s investment in the Fire Department compared with the returns.

Answer: Volunteer burnout has been a systematic, socio-cultural issue that is not specific to just Port Clements. COVID also shut down all the volunteers and volunteer activity. The Firefighters have been involved in events for their fundraising activities, where traditionally they used that money to supplement the money received from the Village to fund equipment. This year may be scaled down Canada Days, but hopefully next year things will resume as normal.

Question – Kaitlyn Bailey: Would love to meet with anyone willing to meet to discuss what is important to the community and what is happening in the community.

Answer: It would be easier to schedule a meeting closer to when she is on Island. During that time, Mayor Daugert will be around town and Councillors have identified willingness/availability.

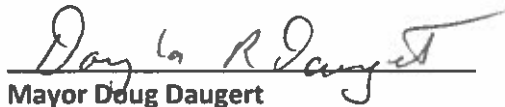
12. IN-CAMERA

13. ADJOURNMENT

2022-06-16—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council adjourns this meeting at 8:11 PM.

CARRIED


Mayor Doug Daugert


CAO Marjorie Dobson