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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, December 19th, 2022

Present:

Mayor Scott Cabianca
Councillor Brigid Cumming
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge
Councillor Wayne Nicol
Councillor Dennis Reindl (by conference)

Acting CAO Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the public: Marilyn Bliss, Bev Lore, Maureen Bailey, and Dale Lore.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

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

1. ADOPT AGENDA

2022-12-284—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the December 19th, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.
CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

3. MINUTES

M-1—December 5th, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2022-12-285—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the December 5th, 2022, Regular Council meeting Minutes with the amendment that the member of public attending by conference is Christina Stupka, and the correction of "Laureen Williams" to "Lauren Williams" under Members of the Public.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1—INFORMATION – Organization & Survey information - BC SPCA
C-2—INFORMATION—Healthy Communities Role -- Northern Health
C-3—INFORMATION—Concern for physician training and sustainability – Northwest Regional Hospital District
2022-12-286—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falcon bridge
THAT Council receives items C-1 to C-3 for information.
CARRIED

C-4—FEEDBACK—Reduction in Regular Council Meetings/Proposed Bylaw Changes -- Linda Berston
C-5—FEEDBACK-- Reduction in Regular Council Meetings/Proposed Bylaw Changes – Bev Lore & Tracy Marrs
2022-12-287—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council receives items C-4 and C-5 for information.
CARRIED

C-6—REQUEST—Village Advertising Sponsorship in Service Recognition Book – Royal Canadian Legion
2022-12-288—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council supports the BC/Yukon Royal Canadian Legion recognition book for 2023 by placing a 1/10
page add into the publication.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1—Procedural Bylaw Amendment Bylaw #479, 2022

2022-12-289—moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca

THAT Council does 3rd reading of *Procedural Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 479, 2022*.

CARRIED

OPPOSED COUNCILLOR FALCONBRIDGE

G-2—Amendment to *Donations Policy No. 11, 2022*

2022-12-290—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming

THAT Council adopts the *Donations Policy #11, 2022* as amended.

CARRIED

G-3 – Multiplex Building Insurance Coverage

2022-12-291—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council receives the report on the Multiplex Building Insurance Coverage from CAO Dobson.

CARRIED

2022-12-292—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Nicol

THAT Council voices the disregard shown to the Village authority in addressing a matter that concerns such a vital infrastructure in the community, AND THAT Council revisit the Port Clements Multiplex Building Agreement.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

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

Mayor Cabianca: Attended a Regional District meeting last week, Barry Pages, the Chair, is very experienced and adept at chairing the meetings. They seem to be a focus on Haida Gwaii with respect to erosion and other issues, will be interested to see what changes come when it comes to budgets or not.

Councillor Cumming: Had Council orientation session on December 16th.

Councillor Falconbridge: Nothing to report. Question on Erosion study; report is pending.

Councillor Wayne: Question on procedural process with Agenda (correspondence, questions from the public, delegations, etc). Reiterated desire for public engagement prior to motions being undertaken. Expression of concern over the Sunset Park Trail Revitalization project in general – would like to walk with other Councillors or people, have not yet been able to align a walkthrough with the CAO, to review the trail. Identified concern that the Sunset Trail is being overlooked/underappreciated as an asset, in particular the campground. Concern that tourists are not staying in campground due to its lack of development and other concerns. Would like to see more improvements in the area, and expressed concern over culvert installation and potential erosion, and remediation after construction. Would like to see remediation requirements built into contracts, for contractors to clean up after construction better. Would like to see change to better adopt to shift economic demographic to more congenial, tourism focused community.

Councillor Reindl: Nothing to report.

2022-12-293—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council receives the written and verbal reports from Council and staff.

CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

A-1—Action Item List

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

Question – Maureen Bailey: Identified a scenario where someone is wanting to go onto the agenda to speak to Council on an important matter, what are they going to be told? Are they going to be told that they must wait another month? Are they going to be including in Special Meetings, which are usually held during the day when the public are working, how will that be accommodated? I think you are going to get people who say that they are not going to wait a month and just let it go. Would like for something to be considered. It is a process with a deadline in advance of the meeting for petitions and delegations to get onto the Regular Council Meetings.

Answer: Special Council Meeting are set to address specific topics that cannot wait for the next Regular Council Meeting. When people send items for an Agenda, to go to Council, if they identify it as urgent and needing a response by a certain period (if its before the next Regular Council Meeting), then it is assessed by the CAO if the urgency can be accommodated by calling a Special Council Meeting. Typically, Special Meetings are more often held during the Village’s normal business hours, however, they can be scheduled for any time (such as later in the evenings) if notice is sufficient.

Question – Marilyn Bliss: Are we going back to seeing the Council Highlights after the meeting?

Answer: Yes, the curtesy highlights will be resuming.

Question – Dale Lore: Council used to meet every week, with Mayor and Councillor expected to put in a commitment of 10-20 hours each week on Village business with no remuneration, and Council meetings were 5 hours long. A later Council brought in remuneration. Being an elected official is a job, and the community is sensitive to expenditures. Residents are questioning the proposed decreased in Council Meetings, seeing it as a 50% pay increase with a 50% decrease in workload involved. People are going to see no reason for the change from 2 monthly meetings to 1 monthly meeting and will not look favorably on it politically – you ran for this position to make the Village better, not to make more money for less hours. Special Meetings have their time and place, but Council needs scheduled meetings to function. Would like Council to reconsider it.

Answer: We appreciate your suggestion and feedback. It was the previous Council who improved the increase to remuneration, and it was the Council prior to them that started the process. When it comes to the Council Meeting schedule, the schedule can always be changed if it is not functional.

Question – Dale Lore: When it comes to tourism, the Golden Spruce Trail is extremely popular with hundreds, even thousands, going to the trail and stopping at the Museum to get directions. When he was on Council, he was against the campground being developed, due to the financial cost and the terrain, but it has worked out well with the trails.

Answer: Thank you for your feedback.

12. IN-CAMERA

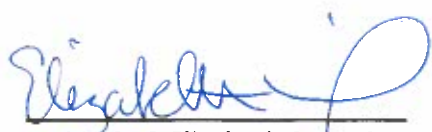
13. ADJOURNMENT

2022-12-294—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council adjourns this meeting at 8:42 PM.

CARRIED


Mayor Scott Cabianga

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