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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, January 22nd, 2024

Present:

Mayor Scott Cabianca
Councillor Brigid Cumming – via conference
Councillor Wayne Nicol
Councillor Dennis Reindl

Not present:

Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge

CAO Marjorie Dobson
Deputy CAO Elizabeth Cumming
Public Works Assistant Miles Christen

Members of the public: Elizabeth "Betty" Stewart, Val Yarbrough

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 PM

Mayor Scott Cabianca: 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

2024-01-001—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT Council adopts the January 22nd, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda with the amendment of the year and addition of NB-1—Public Works Commission.
CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

3. MINUTES

M-1—December 18th, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2024-01-002—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT Council adopts the December 18th, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
CARRIED

M-2—December 20th, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes
2024-01-003—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT Council adopts the December 20th, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1—INFORMATION – Heritage Week – Heritage BC
C-2—INVITATION – Renewable Energy Open House – TYE/Swiilawiid
C-3—INVITATION— High Ground Hike – Northwest Emergency Management, Climate & Readiness
C-4—INVITATION – Housing Summit – Union of BC Municipalities
C-5 – INVITATION/REQUEST – Guiding Lights across British Columbia -- Girl Guides BC Council
C-6—INVITATION/REQUEST—Meeting/New President & Vice Chancellor -- University of Canada West

2024-01-004—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca
THAT Council receives items C-1 to C-6.

CARRIED

C-7—REQUEST—Roosters in the Village/Cars – Bev Lore

C-8—REQUEST – Roosters in the Village – Neil Lore

2024-01-005—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council receives C7 and C8.

CARRIED

2024-01-006—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca

THAT Council send a letter to the owner of the rooster suggesting that, while sympathetic, the noise is proving problematic to the neighbours and complaints have been received and can she provide some ways to quiet the rooster or potentially rehouse the rooster in Tlell.

CARRIED

C-9—REQUEST – Plant Based Treaty -- Juan Enrique Hinojosa

2024-01-007—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council receives C-9.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1—Committee of the Whole Meeting Topics

2024-01-008—Moved by Mayor Cabianca, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council rescinds the 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting schedule.

CARRIED

2024-01-009—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT staff draft a press release outlining the discussion around Committee of the Whole Meetings as a means of getting public input that the Mayor will review before getting issued.

CARRIED

Councillor Cumming left the meeting at 6:36 PM

G-2—Community Grant Applications – Port Clements Historical Society

2024-01-010—Moved by Mayor Cabianca, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council table the Community Grant Applications from the Port Clements Historical Society pending arranging a meeting with the representatives from the Port Clements Historical Society and Council/staff representatives.

CARRIED

Councillor Cumming rejoined the meeting at 6:49 PM

G-3—Northern Residents' Deduction – Joint Letter – Protocol Table

2024-01-011—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca

THAT Council approves Port Clements signing onto the letter.

CARRIED

G-4—BC Ferries Service to Haida Gwaii, North & Central Coast Communities – Joint Letter—Protocol Table

2024-01-012—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT Council approves Council signing onto this letter.

CARRIED

G-5-- Broadcasting Certificate

2024-01-013—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca
THAT the Village of Port Clements confirms and agrees to the transfer of the broadcast certificate for station VF2674 from the Village of Port Clements to Northern Native Broadcasting (Terrace) Inc.

CARRIED

G-6—Request for Use of St. Mark's as a Community Market

2024-01-014—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT Council tentatively approves the request to use St. Marks as a Community Market for 2024, pending the Vibrant Community Commission holding a meeting and getting the 2024 Workplan to Council for approval.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

NB-1—Public Works Commission Discussion

2024-01-015—Moved by Mayor Cabianca, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT Council direct staff to develop a terms of reference for a Public Works Committee.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

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

R-2—INFO – December 2023 Christmas Market – Vibrant Community Commission

Mayor Cabianca: Attended Christmas Market. Attended Regional District meeting on Friday (budget related – looking for more money). Resource Benefits Alliance this week, they declined allowing sharing update – still optimism as referenced in provincial speeches. How allocated still to be determined.

Councillor Cumming: Nothing to report since the last Council Meeting.

Councillor Nicol: Had talked with Smillies and apparently their property line is more inland than previously understood and not on water edge. Village infrastructure is vulnerable.

Councillor Reindl: Attended the Christmas Market and thought it went well. Northwest is having a meeting. Attended the information session about the Rotating Biological Contractor.

2024-01-016—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca

THAT Council receives the verbal and written reports from Staff, the Vibrant Community Commission, and Council as presented.

CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

A-1—Action Item List

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

Question – Elizabeth Stewart: With the water situation, some seniors that do not have internet, cellphones etc, and did not know anything about the water situation until they phoned her. One got an emergency call to their home phone, the other got it to their cellphone but they keep it off all the time, so they never got any information about it and to not leave their taps dripping. They are practically shut-ins so they do not go out into the community to see the posters that were put out. I am wondering if there is a better way to get information out to people who are not on the internet, etc? In the past there was a phone call out.

Answer: This is more a question for the emergency management commission to consider, but a good point to raise. It would be a better form to update/registered onto the Haida Gwaii Emergency Alerts, which can be done at the office.

Question – Elizabeth Stewart: What about buildings that freeze and are not occupied? Does the Village have the ability to shut them off permanently if they do not abide or complete repairs? There must be something that can be done when owners or tenants are away, or when someone’s repairs repeatedly fail and they are repeatedly an issue?

Answer: The Village can turn off water in emergency situations with leaks until repairs are made, however, permanent disconnection is a different matter, and the Village would need to look into it more.

12. IN-CAMERA

13. RISE AND REPORT

14. ADJOURNMENT

2024-01-012—Moved by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adjourn this meeting at 8:26 PM.

CARRIED



Mayor Scott Cabianca



CAO Marjorie Dobson