



The Village of
PORT CLEMENTS
"Gateway to the Wilderness"

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, October 16th, 2023

Present:

Mayor Scott Cabianna
Councillor Brigid Cumming – via conference
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge – via conference
Councillor Wayne Nicol
Councillor Dennis Reindl

CAO Marjorie Dobson
Deputy CAO Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the public: none

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Mayor Scott Cabianna: 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

2023-10-241—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Cumming
THAT Council adopts the October 16th, 2023, Regular Council Meeting agenda.
CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS

3. MINUTES

M-1—September 18th, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2023-10-242—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT the September 18th, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted with the amendment to move the "not present" councillors to "present" as they joined the meeting later.
CARRIED

M-2— September 22nd, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes
2023-10-243—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT the September 22nd, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

M-3—October 10th, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
2023-10-244—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT the October 10th, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1—INFORMATION – September Board Highlights – North Coast Regional District
C-2—INFORMATION – Accessible Playground Project – Office of MLA Jennifer Rice
C-3—INFORMATION – VIRL 2024 Budget – Vancouver Island Regional Library

C-4—INVITATION/INFORMATION— Okanagan Chinook potential listing under Species at Risk Act – Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

C-5—INVITATION—Youth Parliament of British Columbia – British Columbia Youth Parliament Alumni Society

2023-10-245—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge
THAT Council receives C-1 to C-5 for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Nicol joined the meeting at 7:12 PM

2023-10-246—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl
THAT the Village of Port Clements circulate info on the Youth Parliament locally on our website/facebook and if youth are interested Council consider offering financial assistance with the registration fee.

CARRIED

6. FINANCE

F-1—3rd Quarter 2023 Financial Report – Senior Finance Manager Bell

2023-10-247—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council receives the 3rd Quarter Financial Report from Senior Finance Manager Bell as presented.

CARRIED

7. GOVERNMENT

G-1— Recommendation from COTW

2023-10-248—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council refers the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Meeting to Strategic Planning.

CARRIED

G-2— Grant Application for 2024 PCVFD Equipment Upgrade project

2023-10-249—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council approves applying for a grant of up to \$30,000 from the 2023 – 2024 UBCM Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant program to equip the Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department with new turnout gear, portable radios, and ladders.

CARRIED

2023-10-250—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council declares the Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department to be an Exterior Operations Level fire service.

CARRIED

2023-10-251—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council directs the Mayor to approach the Fire Department informally to discuss how the Fire Department is.

CARRIED

G-3— Grant Application for Boat Launch Upgrade project

2023-10-252—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council supports applying for up to \$100,000 in 100% funding from the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – Forest Impact Transition Stream to develop an engineered plan to upgrade the public boat launch for improved safety and accessibility.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

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

CAO Dobson: *UBCM seems to be more specifically for elected officials, majority of delegates were elected officials. No one seemed to know about Port Clements and where Haida Gwaii was. Important to bring First Nations to the table (potentially can partner together to access funding), and neighbours. Networking/building relationships important especially face to face, huge difference then by email or phone. Lot of discussion on how a small communities are constantly being burdened by provincial legislation; larger communities like Vancouver said they can help and to reach out. Emphasis on housing needs/issues in the discussions. Some industries, such as Telus, are getting into building housing directly and encouragement for communities to go into building houses. There was a tradeshow but did not pick up everything that was available. Was able to meet with government representative with the Ministry of Forest (meeting arranged by NCRD) – there was supposed to be three meetings but two were amalgamated together. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs was not welcoming to us about the Sewer Lagoon. They think we should borrow money for the project and claim they have now funding. Only had 15 minute meetings. Big take away was to pace yourself.*

Mayor Cabianca: *Would do things differently if he goes again to UBCM. Worthwhile but not all the meetings were relevant to Port Clements. Meeting for money for the sewer lagoon, the Minister of Municipal affairs Minister seemed indifferent – the Village is not in debt, has cash in the bank, so they seemed to be wondering what the Village was doing there as we are in a better position than other governments. There was a representative from a municipal lending organization, Municipal Finance Authority, which seems like a reasonable 1st step to look into them. They understand municipal issues, and like a bank specialized for municipalities (not private sector, but comparable to prime lenders). Saw the premier with the Resource Benefits Alliance, which is to get tax money generated in the region to stay for the benefit of the region, is advancing/progressing and could be a substantial benefit. It is going to cabinet.*

Councillor Cumming: *Attended meeting for Community Futures, approving loans to Island businesses. Museum will be hosting Remembrance day refreshments.*

Councillor Falconbridge: *was off-island. Attended Committee of the Whole Meeting on 10th. Hopes that everyone reviewed and provided input on the SWMP plan. The VIRL is building a new library in Masset. GwaiiTel is looking to organize a meeting. He can also attend the upcoming protocol table meeting.*

Councillor Nicol: *Nothing to report.*

Councillor Reindl: *Had a good holiday off-island. MIEDS trying to get a meeting together, so will be attending that when it is organized. When driving past Melney's place on highway (in Regional District), it is a disaster, beyond absurd and MOTI has not done anything though they told Council they would.*

2023-10-253—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca
THAT Council receives the verbal and written reports from Staff and Council as presented.
CARRIED

10. ACTION ITEMS

A-1—Action Item 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:
(c) labour relations or other employee relations;

2023-10-254—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianga
THAT Council moves in-camera as per section 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter* at 8:42 PM
CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

2023-10-255—Moved by Councillor Reindl
THAT Council adjourns this meeting at 9:25 PM.
CARRIED



Mayor Scott Cabianga



CAO Marjorie Dobson