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*"Gateway to the Wilderness"*

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Present:

Mayor Scott Cabianga  
Councillor Brigid Cumming via conferencing  
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge via conferencing  
Councillor Wayne Nicol  
Councillor Dennis Reindl

CAO Marjorie Dobson  
Deputy CAO Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the public: Sylvan Daugert (Delegate, GwaiiTel), Caroline Melney, Colton James, Randy O'Brien (Delegate), Gloria O'Brien (Delegate), Wayne Hann, Sam Hall (Delegate, Chair of GwaiiTel),

**Meeting Called to order at 6:03 PM**

*Mayor Cabianga: I call to order this Regular Council Meeting of the Council of the Village of Port Clements being held on the traditional territory of the Haida People.*

**1. ADOPT AGENDA**

2025-03-060—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge  
THAT Council adopts the March 17, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.  
**CARRIED**

**2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS**

D-1—Neighbouring Property Debris—Randy & Gloria O'Brien  
D-2—Request for Letter of Support – Sam Hall, GwaiiTel Society Chair

2025-03-061—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Cumming  
THAT Council provides a letter of support to GwaiiTel for their subsea cable project grant application.  
**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES**

M-1—February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
2025-03-062—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council adopts the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.  
**CARRIED**

M-2—February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
2025-03-063—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council adopts the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.  
**CARRIED**

M-3—February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes  
2025-03-064—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council adopts the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED**

M-4—March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes  
2025-03-065—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council adopts the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED**

M-5—March 13, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes  
2025-03-066—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council adopts the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED**

2025-03-067—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council rescinds motion 2025-03-062, “THAT Council adopts the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes”

**CARRIED**

2025-03-068—Moved by Councilor Falconbridge, seconded by Mayor Cabianca  
THAT Council adopts the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes with the revision to Councillor Falconbridge’s report to correct that he did not attend the Emergency Management Commission meeting.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**

C-1—INFORMATION— February 2025 Board Highlights – North Coast Regional District

C-2—INFORMATION— Withdrawal of Funding Support to MIEDS – North Coast Regional District

C-3—INFORMATION— Future of Economic Development Services on Haida Gwaii – North Coast Regional District

C-4—INFORMATION—Upcoming Project and New Engagement Tools – North Coast Regional District

C-5—INFORMATION—Updates to NCLGA 2025 AGM & Convention – North Central Local Government Association

C-6—INFORMATION—February 2025 Update – Vancouver Island Regional Library

2025-03-069—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca

THAT Council receives items C-1 to C-6 for information.

**CARRIED**

C-7—INFORMATION/REQUEST—OCP Revitalization Engagement – North Coast Regional District

2025-03-070—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council receives C-7.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Nicol left the room at 6:51 PM*

*Councillor Nicol returned to the room at 6:52 PM*

2025-03-071—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca

THAT Council request North Coast Regional District make a presentation to Council on the OCP Revitalization

**CARRIED**

C-8—INFORMATION/INVITATION—Zoning Designation Amendment Application – North Coast Regional District

2025-03-072—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council receives the Zoning Designation Amendment Application Information from North Coast Regional District.

**CARRIED**

2025-03-073—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council provides a letter of support for this application, noting that it definitely encourage increasing densification even in the rural areas of the Island as an appropriate response rather than spreading over the land more.

**CARRIED**

C-9—REQUEST—Request For Support of UBCM Resolution – City of Abbotsford

2025-03-074—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council receives the request.

**CARRIED**

C-10—INVITATION—Opportunity to Submit Resolution—Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association

C-11—INVITATION—Recovery Guide for Local Authorities and First Nations Feedback – Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness.

2025-03-075—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl

THAT Council receives C-10 and C-11.

**CARRIED**

## **6. FINANCE**

## **7. GOVERNMENT**

G-1— Port Clements Recreation Commission 2025 Budget Request

2025-03-076—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Mayor Cabianna

THAT Council receives the budget request from the Recreation Commission.

**CARRIED**

2025-03-077—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Cumming

THAT Council approves the budget for the Recreation Commission as submitted.

**CARRIED**

G-2—Implications of Removing Grant Support for MIEDS

2025-03-078—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge

THAT Council receives the report.

**CARRIED**

2025-03-079—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Mayor Cabianna

THAT Council directs staff to develop an application to the Economic Development Capacity Building program to pursue economic development activities and authorizes CAO Dobson to approve the submission.

**CARRIED**

2025-03-080—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Mayor Cabianna

THAT Council sends a letter to Misty Isles Economic Development Society identifying that the Village is not applying to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Economic Development Capacity Building Grant for funding the Misty Isles Economic Development Society in 2025.

**CARRIED**

G-3—Thrift Store Proposal—Verbal—Mayor Cabianna

2025-03-081—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council opens the discussion of the verbal report from Mayor Cabianca.

**CARRIED**

2025-03-082—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge  
THAT Council informs the interested parties that Council encourages ideas in the community but needs them to submit a thorough business proposal/plan for Council's review and its consideration and identifies that such activity would not be a Village undertaking.

**CARRIED**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

## **9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

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

R-2—INFO—Port Clements Recreation 2024 Annual Report – Bev Lore, Commission Chair

Mayor Cabianca: *The Board of School Trustees voted in favour of giving the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) an additional year to work on a remedy, so the upper grade divisions will not be reconfigured at this time. Had meetings with residents last week, which brought up the thrift store proposal, and an offer from Dave Bowering, a previous medical officer, to provide a letter with his take on children at that young age riding on the bus. There is going to be another Committee of the Whole that will focus on the PAC's project to come up with an alternative solution, but it is more a two-pronged approach with Council having a project to poke holes in SD50's budget and address the deficit issue they identify.*

Councillor Cumming: *Attended the Community Futures meeting, Island Health Committee, and other meetings. It is the Village's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its incorporation (actually December 31, 2025; so technically 2026 would be the 50<sup>th</sup> year). Would be nice to have an eventful Canada Days Celebration this year. The Recreation Commission is down to 2 members and they are tired – if we want to have a celebration, we should hire someone who can undertake it, otherwise it may not occur.*

Councillor Falconbridge: *Attended Committee of the Whole Meeting, Special Council Meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Suggests that Council might want to have a Special Council meeting to include things that need to be in motion for Canada Days.*

Councillor Nicol: *Nothing to report.*

Councillor Reindl: *Nothing to report.*

2025-03-083—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge  
THAT Council explore the idea of potentially hiring an event coordinator to ensure that Canada Days happens this year.

**CARRIED**

CAO Dobson: *There will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and PAC is invited to attend. The Village's new and improved website is now live. The auditors are here now, and will be leaving Wednesday evening – here for 3 days. As a reminder to Council, with Rainbow Wharf and the Mobimat, an application was submitted to the grant funder for the project and it is being considered, but has not been approved at this time. With the campground, the revenue collected last year (2024) exceeded our expenditure with a noticed increase in campers during the winter (milder weather, other activities, etc).*

2025-03-084—Moved by Councillor Falconbridge, seconded by Mayor Cabianca

THAT Councils receives the written and verbal reports from Council, Staff and the Recreation Commission.

**CARRIED**

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

**Comment – Caroline Melney and Colton James:** Would like to clarify that the property referred to by the O'Brien delegation earlier in the meeting is their property which they bought in the last year. They are in the process of cleaning it up, mostly by hand – only being able to get machinery for it 3 weeks ago. They are trying to address the issues raised and have been discovering other issues as they have been working on things (caving supporting wall, etc). They have addressed some issues, such a removing the greenhouse that used to encroach on the laneway and are trying to locate property lines. The fence they share with the O'Brien's property is leaning over due to the overgrowth from the O'Brien's side. They identified other concerns regarding their backyard neighbour encroaching on the municipal laneway.

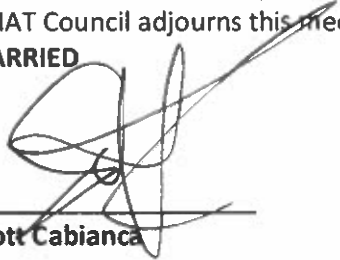
**Feedback:** Thank you for the information on your efforts to clean up your property and rectify the situation.

**12. IN-CAMERA**

**13. RISE AND REPORT**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

2025-03-085—Moved by Councillor Reindl,  
THAT Council adjourns this meeting at 8:42 PM  
**CARRIED**



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Mayor Scott Cabianca



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CAO Marjorie Dobson