



The Village of  
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*"Gateway to the Wilderness"*

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Present:**

Mayor Scott Cabianca  
Councillor Brigid Cumming  
Councillor Kazamir Falconbridge via conferencing  
Councillor Dennis Reindl

**Not Present:**

Councillor Wayne Nicol

CAO Marjorie Dobson

Deputy CAO Elizabeth Cumming

Members of the public: Maureen Bailey and Charleen O'Brien.

**Meeting Called to order at 6:01 PM**

*Mayor Cabianca: 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**

2025-06-136—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge  
THAT Council adopts the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.  
**CARRIED**

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

**3. MINUTES**

M-1—May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
2025-06-137—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge  
THAT Council adopts the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.  
**CARRIED**

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

BA-1— Install Turn Around at End of Yakoun Street – Jessie Myles and Amber Bellis  
2025-06-138—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca  
THAT Council instructs Public Works to install a turnaround at the end of Yakoun Street.  
**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

2025-06-139—Moved by Mayor Cabianca, seconded by Councillor Cumming  
THAT Council directs Public Works to improve signage on Yakoun Street and authorizes Councillor Reindl to conduct a site inspection and see if further remedies would be required.  
**CARRIED**

**5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE**

C-1—INFORMATION—Commissioning of Solar North & Associated Northern Grid Power Outages – Tii Yahda Energy  
C-2—INFORMATION— Province-Wide Wood Pole Protection Program – BC Hydro  
C-3—INFORMATION—Small-Scale Multi-Housing Requirements Reflection – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
2025-06-140—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca  
THAT Council receives items C-1, C-2, and C-3 for information.  
**CARRIED**

C-4—INFORMATION/REQUEST—CT Scanner Project for Haida Gwaii – Haida Gwaii Medical Staff Association  
2025-06-141—Moved by Councillor Reindl, seconded by Councillor Cumming  
THAT Council send a letter to the Haida Gwaii Medical Staff Association thanking them for their hard work to get permission for a CT scanner and will contribute \$100,000 to the project if the project sees its way through to completion.

**CARRIED**

C-5—INVITATION—Collective Advocacy Movement for Resource Communities – City of Campbell River  
C-6—INVITATION—Future of Economic Development Services on Haida Gwaii – North Coast Regional District  
C-7—INVITATION—2025 Union of BC Municipalities Convention Provincial Appointments – Province of BC  
2025-06-142—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca  
THAT Council receives items C-5, C-6, and C-7 for information.

**CARRIED**

2025-06-143—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council authorizes Mayor Cabianca and the CAO to attend UBCM on the Village's behalf and makes appointments as seems most effective.

**CARRIED**

C-8—REQUEST—Joint Letter re: Advocating Extension of Incentives in the North – Haida Gwaii Protocol Table  
C-9—REQUEST— Support Joint Advocacy Letter on Trawl Industry in Haida waters – Haida Gwaii Protocol Table  
2025-06-144—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca  
THAT Council supports the joint advocacy letters from the Haida Gwaii Protocol Table.

**CARRIED**

## **6. FINANCE**

F-1—2024 Statement of Financial Information

2025-06-145—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Falconbridge  
THAT Council approves the 2024 Statement of Financial Information

**CARRIED**

## **7. GOVERNMENT**

G-1—Crosswalk – Verbal— CAO Dobson

2025-06-146—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca  
THAT Council receives the verbal report on the crosswalk from CAO Dobson.

**CARRIED**

2025-06-147—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council thanks the Ministry of Transportation for their effort but will not be proceeding with crosswalks at this time but would like the Ministry to install electronic speed-detecting signage on the Bayview Drive intersection corner to raise driver's awareness and compliance with posted speed limits on the corner, and that such signage be preferably solar and signage in both directions.

**CARRIED**

G-2—Canada Days Weekend – Verbal – Discussion

2025-06-148—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council receives the verbal report on the Canada Days Weekend from Mayor Cabianca.

**CARRIED**

G-3—Update on Financial Report from School District – Verbal  
2025-06-149—Moved by Mayor Cabianca, seconded by Councillor Reindl  
THAT Council receives the verbal update regarding the School District’s Financial Report from Councillor Cumming and puts this topic on the agenda for July’s Regular Council Meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**

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

Mayor Cabianca: *With the sewage lagoon, the contractor is potentially booking a barge to bring back equipment for the project on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. One of their staff members is on site presently to monitor the drainage issue, and they said that they are sending two crews to work on the project, with the liner crew lined up for mid-July. Completion is planned for mid-September. The fence will be smaller as it will not be extending around the entire site, just the ponds. There was a discussion over a mixed approach to fencing with chain-link fence just on the entrance, and the rest being electrified, but now the opinion is for all being chain-link fencing. No Regional District meetings since last update, attended a Protocol Table Meeting which had discussions on ferry and terms of reference to the Protocol Table, efforts to moving along with respect to resources, which coincided with the death in Skidegate (end of April).*

Councillor Cumming: *Was unable to attend a meeting for Haida Gwaii Community Futures due to a power outage on her block last week.*

Councillor Falconbridge: *Identified typo in the minutes. Will be returning to Haida Gwaii on July 21<sup>st</sup> (currently off-island in Ontario).*

Councillor Reindl: *Visited the sewage lagoon site, saw that contractor installed a drainage ditch. Wondering what is going on with the project – the contractors haven’t returned yet when they should have arrived in early June, should this be something Council should be concerned about? Had a meeting with the Mayor looking at the tenders for the Watermain Replacement Project on Tingley, which is still in progress. With the sewage lagoon fencing, need to decide what we are doing with it – chain-link, electric, or chain-link and electric. The last diagram he saw, the perimeter of the fence also appeared to be different. One conversation we need to have when the contractors get going is what kind of fence we want and when we should get moving on it. He has a contact for supplying fencing materials, the same people we used for the Community Park, and has gotten estimates from them. If that’s not required anymore, we need to figure out what is required – the big fence on the contractor was \$170,000 but now the Village is doing. The estimate to do the whole site was between \$40-50,000 for materials (8ft high chain-link with barbed wire on the top), if the area was reduced, likely \$30,000 for materials and another \$20,000 for installation. Maybe chain-link around, with two electric wires hooked up to the same poles (protecting so it doesn’t energize the chain-link).*

CAO Dobson: In written report identified that the Village was visited by the Federal and Provincial government employees to inspect our waste water compliance. The provincial staff were present around June 8<sup>th</sup>, while the federal staff were here at the end of May, about a week before. The federal staff seemed happy with where we are at and our progress. The provincial staff were more technical and did a more in-depth site inspection. One thing that came up is that they were questioning the outfall as the last inspection was in 2019 and as per our permit it is supposed to be annually inspected. They are encouraging us to do an inspection with the outfall as is required by our permit. We also have an opportunity to apply for the permit to be amended so that the inspection is only required to be done once every 5 years, and staff will be pursuing that amendment. Both were quite happy with the records being kept and the testing reports. The provincial staff will be writing us regarding the outfall. In a former report we had indicated that it should be part of the sewer lagoon project, but Council is pending completion of the new sewer lagoon’s construction to see if it impacts the discharge before proceeding with the outfall.

2025-06-150—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianca  
THAT Council receives the written and verbal reports from Council and staff.  
**CARRIED**

10. ACTION ITEMS

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & PRESS

**Question – Maureen Bailey:** Thank you for the Village for the cleanup at Sunset Park campground with the tree brushing. Most of all the other communities on Island have done a derelict vehicle collection recently (except Masset), will the Village be considering one?

**Answer:** The Mayor will be inquiring with the Regional District as they funded the Sandspit removal. There is still someone on Island doing it in Masset. They are not paying for the vehicles, but also are not charging for them but you have to get the vehicles to them. They may be interested in coming to Port Clements, but whether we are interested or not needs further consideration. He is supposed to be around for most of the summer.

**Question – Maureen Bailey:** Was there a Spring Clean Up this year (free tipping day, etc)? I have been waiting for it but have not seen it advertised.

**Answer:** One has not been scheduled yet. Last year we had free tipping on 4 successive Saturdays. We could do this arrangement again, advertising for July. Just free tipping at the dump, do it yourself and potentially coordinate with volunteers (if volunteers sign up).

2025-06-151—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianga  
THAT Council directs staff to arrange the same free tipping arrangement for the Village’s Clean up as last year for every Saturday in July 2025.

**CARRIED**

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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (d) the security of the property of the municipality;

90(2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiation between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;
- (c) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public must be excluded from the meeting.

2025-06-152—Moved by Councillor Cumming, seconded by Mayor Cabianga  
THAT Council moves in-camera as per section 90(1)(a)(c) and (d) and section 90(2)(b) and (c) of the *Community Charter* at 7:54.

**CARRIED**

13. RISE AND REPORT

14. ADJOURNMENT

2025-06-153—Moved by Councillor Cumming,  
THAT Council adjourns this meeting at 9:08 PM.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor Scott Cabianga

  
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CAO Marjorie Dobson