



**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL  
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hank Bood and Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, Jessie Hemphill, Rick Marcotte, Fred Robertson and John Tidbury

**ALSO PRESENT:** Allison McCarrick, Director of Financial Services  
Leslie Driemel, Recording Secretary

**REGRETS:** Rick Davidge, Chief Administrative Officer

**MEDIA:** N.I. Gazette **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 2

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bood called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Kwakiutl people.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved/Seconded/Carried  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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AGENDA  
APPROVED AS  
PRESENTED

**C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 11, 2015.

Moved/Seconded/Carried  
THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 11, be approved as presented.

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REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES AUG 11/  
2015 APPROVED

2. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held August 17, 2015.

Moved/Seconded/Carried  
THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held August 17, 2015 be approved as presented.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 14 2015  
APPROVED

**D. DELEGATIONS**

1. Mike DesRochers, Strategic Natural Resource Consultants re: Knotweed Eradication Program Outline.

Mr. DesRochers gave an overview of historical and current the knotweed eradication program on the North Island. He advised:

- the knotweed issue is widespread, ongoing, and needs a long term capacity building eradication plan from North Island communities as well as the Ministry of Transportation and BC Hydro.
- a best practise would be to have municipal workers qualified to administer pesticides on an ongoing basis.
- that the District had previously budgeted \$5,000 and \$5,000 for in kind help for the Regional District of Mount Waddington grant application

M. DESROCHERS  
STRATEGIC  
NATURAL  
RESOURCE  
CONSULTANTS RE:  
KNOTWEED  
ERADICATION  
PROGRAM

- that that there is 2-3 week window this fall where eradication can still take place using the previously approved funding
- that communication with the Kwakiutl First Nation regarding the eradication program on their traditional lands is important

Council members discussed with Mr. DesRochers:

- the Regional District of Mount Waddington Eradication program grant being resubmitted in the spring
- the short window of the proposed fall eradication program and workers, staff and equipment involved
- public awareness programs through Forestry week and school visits
- knotweed sites inventory as an ongoing process

Mayor Bood thanked Mr. DesRochers for his informative presentation.

#### **E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. Council action items were received for information.

#### **F. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Gary Paget, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development and Gary MacIlsaac, Executive Director, UBCM (July 29/15) re: Successful efforts to measure and reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions for 2014 reporting year was received for information.
2. From Pascale Roche, A/Regional Manager, Canadian Heritage (Aug. 5/15) to Russ Hellberg, Committee Chair, "Port Hardy and First Nations War Monument Cenotaph" project. Re: project not funded was received for information.
3. Angela Smith, Executive Director Port Hardy Chamber of Commerce (Aug.14/15) re: Long term strategy to engage with BC Ferries and request for financial support for annual web hosting, domain registration, one time marketing cost/advertising.

Council discussed the funding request with the Director of Financial Services and was advised that there is budget available in economic development for the project. Councillor Hemphill discussed with Council the domain name presented and suggested it be changed from bcfac.ca to phfac.ca to reflect the name Port Hardy Ferry Advisory Committee.

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PH CHAMBER RE:  
BC FERRIES LONG  
TERM STRATEGY  
FUNDING SUPPORT

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves the request from the Port Hardy Chamber of Commerce for financial support for annual web hosting (\$200) annual domain registration (\$15.00), and a one-time marketing cost/advertising (\$300.00) to help develop a long term strategy to engage BC Ferries and the general public AND THAT Council requests the Chamber of Commerce change the domain name to phfac.ca

4. Cops for Cancer, Invitation to attend 2015 Tour de Rock Gala on Saturday September 12, 2015 was received for information.

5. Copy of correspondence from Chris Nelson, Coordinator, Leisure Development Course Committee (June 5 2015) to Melinda Dennison, Aquatic Supervisor re: Congratulations to Melinda Dennison on receiving the Doug Sessoms Memorial Bursary 2015 was received for information.

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Strategic Natural Resource Consultants re: Knotweed Eradication Program Outline.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves a contribution of \$5,000.00 plus an equivalent amount of assistance with in kind support to include personnel and equipment for use as part of the Knotweed Eradication Program as presented by Strategic Natural Resource Consultants.

#### **H. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, Jessie Hemphill, Rick Marcotte, Fred Robertson and John Tidbury reported on their recent meetings and other activities they attended and/or undertook on behalf of the District.

Councillor Tidbury advised that the Filomi Days Committee may take on the District 50 year Anniversary celebrations in 2016. Mayor Bood commented that the Committee did an excellent job with 2015 Filomi Days and would do a good job with the anniversary celebrations.

#### **I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Draft Minutes of the District of Port Hardy First Nations Relations Committee meeting held August 11, 2015 was received for information.

#### **J. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Accounts Payable for July 2015 was received for information.
2. Accounts Payable for August 2015 was received for information.

#### **K. CURRENT BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**

No bylaws

#### **L. PENDING BYLAWS**

No pending bylaws

#### **M. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Information and announcements in the agenda package were received for information.

#### **N. NOTICE OF IN CAMERA MEETING**

No in camera meeting scheduled at this time.

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RESOURCES  
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COUNCIL  
REPORTS

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ADJOURNMENT

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved  
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 7:40pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

*Original signed by:*

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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MAYOR