



**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

PRESENT: Mayor Hank Bood and Councillors Councillor Pat Corbett-Labatt Dennis Dugas, Jessie Hemphill (via telephone), Rick Marcotte and Fred Robertson

ALSO PRESENT: Allison McCarrick, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services; Abbas Farahbakhsh, Director of Operational Services; Adrian Maas, Director of Financial Services; Leslie Driemel, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor John Tidbury

MEDIA: North Island Gazette **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 7

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

Mayor Bood advised of an addendum to the agenda under J. Staff Reports – Memo dated January 12, 2016 re: Fireworks Permit Chinese New Year February 9, 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of January 12, 2016 be adopted as amended.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Special Council meeting held December 8, 2015.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held December 8, 2015 be approved as presented.

2. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held December 8, 2015.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 8, 2015 be accepted as presented.

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Rachael Blaney, MP for North Island-Powell River and Lucas Schuller, Constituency Assistant.

Ms Blaney thanked Council for the opportunity to meet with them and advised that as one of the new 197 members of parliament she has a lot to learn about the needs and concerns of her constituency. She is also the NDP Critic for Multiculturalism and Deputy Critic for Infrastructure and Communities. The aim of this tour is to meet with local governments and learn of areas of concerns and to

2016-001
AGENDA ADOPTED
AS AMENDED

2016-002
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES DEC 8/15
APPROVED AS
PRESENTED.

2016-003
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DEC 8/15
APPROVED AS
PRESENTED

DELEGATION
RACHEL BLANEY,
MP FOR NORTH
ISLAND-POWELL
RIVER

develop communication lines, build relationships and gather a list of community needs.

Discussion with Council included:

- Improvement of social and physical infrastructure as a Council priority in Port Hardy and that government support is needed to proceed.
- Local constituency office and staffing levels, the importance of constituency assistants.
- Fisheries and Oceans licensing, harbour regulations and derelict boats.
- Federal funding going primarily to provincial governments for distribution and as a result not getting to local governments.
- Funding for First Nations business opportunities.

Mayor Bood thanked Rachael Blaney and Lucas Schuller for taking the time to come and meet with Council.

2. Gord Brownridge, S/Sgt RCMP re: October – December 2015 Quarterly report to Council.

Staff Sgt. Gord Brownridge provided an overview of his RCMP report on the fourth quarter of 2015 that was included in the agenda package.

Council discussion with Staff Sgt. Brownridge included;

- False alarm calls and the manpower required to investigate each one.
- Homelessness in the community.
- Vehicle theft and specific concerns in the harbour parking areas.
- Working together to accomplish work in the 'Broken Window' report.

Mayor Bood thanked Staff Sgt. Brownridge for his presentation.

3. Tom Beshr and Pat McKenna, Habitat for Humanity re: To provide information on affordable housing partnerships; provide a "Habitat 101" on programs and to announce the "Jimmy Carter Build" planned for 2017.

Mr. Beshr and Mr. McKenna gave a presentation to Council on Habitat for Humanity programs. The mission is to mobilize volunteers and the community to build affordable housing to break the cycle of poverty. Presentation points included:

- Building homes to secure a family's future.
- Not free homes, they are sold to families.
- 500 hours of committed 'sweat equity' as an alternative to a cash down payment.
- Provide interest-free mortgages – extra income encourages families to invest in their education.
- Provide a safe and decent place to live.
- Funding through Re-Stores provides for organizational costs and one home per year.

Social benefits

- Families report an improvement in their children's grades
- Families have school-age children.
- Reduction in use of food bank.
- Quality of employment - fewer jobs worked, greater stability.

Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North started the Friends of Habitat program to assist rural communities in implementing the Habitat for Humanity program in

DELEGATION
RCMP QUARTERLY
REPORT

DELEGATION
TOM BESH AND
PAT MCKENNA,
HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY

their communities.

Mr. Beshr advised they are looking for community champions to work with Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North.

Discussion with Council included:

- Land obtained by purchase and donation of municipally owned land.
- Working with First Nations and land ownership.
- Promotion of program in the community – finding families and application process.
- Contacting the Community Poverty Reduction Program coordinator.
- Habitat for Humanity is a grassroots organization that provides assistance and has local groups sponsor and carry out the projects.

Mayor Bood thanked Mr. Beshr and Mr. McKenna for their presentation.

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council action items were received for information.

PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE TO
NEXT COW

Councillor Robertson requested an update on the status of the development of a personnel committee.

Mayor Bood directed staff to bring forward discussion on a personnel committee to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

'BROKEN WINDOW'
REPORT AND
UNSIGHTLY
PROPERTY

Councillor Dugas requested an update on the status of the actions and letters written to property owners as a result of implementing action from the RCMP 'Broken Window' Report.

Heather Nelson-Smith, Director Corporate Services advised that letters have been sent to property owners regarding their properties but that no replies have been received back. The next step would be for staff to bring back a report for Council regarding authorizing remedial action and the cost of such action being charged back to the property owner's tax account.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy of letter to Ms Claire Trevena, MLA, North Island from Hon. Terry Lake, Minister of Health (Nov. 26/15) re: Parking fees at Campbell River Hospital was received for information.

Councillor Robertson commented that parking charges at the Campbell River Hospital is an added expense for North Island residents and that requesting no parking at those facilities is one that Council should continue to pursue.

Councillor Corbett-Labatt advised that the City of Delta has a bylaw for free of charge parking in public use zones that applies to hospitals in that community.

LETTER RE: FREE
PARKING AT
NORTH ISLAND
HOSPITALS.

Council directed staff to draft a letter to Terry Lake, Minister of Health for the Mayors signature to reiterate Council's position for free parking at Campbell River Hospital.

2. Anthony Danks, Executive Director, Spills Response Regime Project, Environmental Protection Division (Dec. 21/15 re: Update on provincial spill response regime was received for information.
3. Copy of letter from Patricia Heintzman, Mayor – District of Squamish to Hon. Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Dec.1/15) re: Transit challenges in active and growing communities was received for information.
4. Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services, UBCM
 - a. (Dec.15/15) re: 2016 Asset Management Planning Program – Grant Approval was received for information.
 - b. (Dec.23/15) re: Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update Grant Approval was received for information.
5. Email from Adrienne Breen, Communications & Community Relations Advisor, Island Health (Jan.7/15) re: Request for road closure for the portion of Hastings Street in front of New Beginnings House (located at 8735 Hastings Street) between 10 am and 1 pm on January 21, 2016.

Allison McCarrick advised that Island Health is waiting for ministerial approval for the open house event at the 'New Beginnings' house at 8735 Hastings Street.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approves Island Health request for road closure for the portion of Hastings Street in front of New Beginnings House (located at 8735 Hastings Street) between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on January 21, 2016 AND THAT nearby local property owners be advised of the road closure.

2016-004
ROAD CLOSURE
8735 HASTINGS
STREET JAN 21/16
APPROVED

G. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

H. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

COUNCIL
REPORTS

Councillor Hemphill left the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Councillor Fred Robertson advised he is looking forward to Council proceeding in the next year with important initiatives regarding: developing and improving relationships with First Nations, municipal responsibility to help with climate change actions by utilizing North Island resources for energy projects and proceeding with social (recreation) and physical infrastructure projects.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held November 24, 2015 was received for information.
2. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held December 1, 2015 was received for information.

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3. Draft minutes of the Emergency Planning Committee meeting held December 8, 2015 was received for information.
4. Draft minutes of the First Nations Relations Committee meeting held December 8, 2015 was received for information.
5. Draft minutes of the Parks and Recreation Review Committee meeting held December 16, 2015 was received for information.
6. Draft minutes of the Operational Services Committee meeting held December 17, 2015 was received for information.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Accounts Payable December 2015 was received for information.
2. Heather Nelson-Smith, Director Corporate Services (Dec.11/15) re: Port Hardy Reigns Volley Ball.

2016-005
PORT HARDY
REIGNS VOLLEY
BALL / SD 85
RECIPROCAL
AGREEMENT

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council:

- a. Write a letter in support of using the District's reciprocal agreement with School District #85 to use the gym for the U16 Volley Ball Port Hardy Reigns;
 - b. Request the School District to extend our agreement one month to allow for full coverage of the group and;
 - c. Provide the group with a \$400.00 donation from the 2015 donation budget.
3. Heather Nelson-Smith, Director Corporate Services (Jan.6/15) re: Canada 150 Grant Application - Local First Nation History Murals.

Councillor Corbett-Labatt reviewed the process and work of the Canada 150 Grant Working group and advised that the application will include letters of support from the Working Group, Kwakiutl Band Council and Kwakiutl Hereditary Chief Hunt.

2016-006
CANADA 150
GRANT
APPLICATION
FIRST NATION
HISTORY MURALS

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the Council of the District of Port Hardy submit application to Heritage Canada under the Canada 150 program to complete the First Nation History Murals in the Port Hardy Civic Centre with a total budget of \$46,050.00.

Addendum:

4. Heather Nelson-Smith, Director Corporate Services (Jan12/16) re: Fireworks Permit Chinese New Year February 9, 2016.

Heather Nelson-Smith, Director Corporate Services reviewed the request from Denny Seto and Robert Johnsen to have fireworks on Chinese New Year, February 9, 2016. The request was brought forward to Council as it is outside of the regulatory date of October 31, in Bylaw No 05-2010, A Bylaw to Regulate the Possession and Discharge Of Fireworks.

Mayor Bood requested the applicants bring forward a complete application package for Council review.

2016-007
TABLE
APPLICATION ON
CHINESE NEW
YEAR FIREWORKS
PERMIT
APPLICATION

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council table the fireworks permit application made by Denny Seto and Robert Johnsen to the January 26, 2016 Council meeting.

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.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Time: 8:23pm

2016-008
ADJOURNMENT

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR