



**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 28, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL
7360 COLUMBIA STREET**

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

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

REGRETS: Councillor Jessie Hemphill

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

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 two addendum to the agenda:

D. DELEGATIONS: 2. Russ Hellberg N.I. 101 Squadron and Don Ford, Royal Canadian Legion re: Update on Cenotaph Refurbishment project.

G: NEW BUSINESS: 3. Resolution to UBCM re: Non-Treaty First Nations Participation in UBCM.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of June 28, 2016 be accepted as amended.

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held June 14, 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held June 14, 2016 be accepted as presented.

2. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 14, 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held June 14, 2016 be accepted as presented.

3. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 14, 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 14, 2016 be accepted as presented.

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AGENDA
ACCEPTED AS
AMENDED

2016-126
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES JUNE
14/16 ACCEPTED

2016-127
COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE
MINUTES JUNE
14/16 ACCEPTED

2016-128
REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING JUNE
14/16 ACCEPTED

D. DELEGATIONS

DELEGATION
T. KERNACHAN RE:
UNSIGHTLY
PREMISES BYLAW

1. Tami Kernachan re: Unsightly premises bylaw and how unsightly accumulation of grass and weeds on private property is not covered in the District Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

Ms Kernachan distributed handouts of her presentation to Council and discussed her concerns regarding:

- A growing number of unoccupied and unsightly properties in the community with long grass and weeds on the properties.
- Long grass as fuel for fires.
- Lowering of property values.
- Beautification of the town has been voiced as Council priority.
- Invasive and noxious weeds in the community – orange hawkweed and knotweed as two examples.

Ms Kernachan discussed the need for added wording to the Unsightly Premises Bylaw regarding the accumulation of grass not attended to on private property. It was suggested Council add the following excerpt from the City of Vancouver bylaw to the District Unsightly Premises bylaw:

Every owner or occupier of a parcel of real property shall keep the same cleared of weeds, brush, trees or other growth, with a reasonable standard of that prevailing in the neighborhood.

Council members thanked Ms Kernachan for her presentation and agreed that she has raised good points for their consideration. Allison McCarrick, CAO advised that the District is undertaking a Wildfire Protection Plan that is looking at District properties and may provide suggestions to Crown and private land owners for wildfire protection strategies.

Ms Kernachan requested she be kept informed of Council action on her request.

ADDENDUM:

2. Russ Hellberg N.I. 101 Squadron and Don Ford, Royal Canadian Legion re: Update on Cenotaph Refurbishment project

DELEGATION
R. HELLBERG RE:
CENOTAPH
RESTORATION
PROJECT

Mr. Hellberg advised the grant from Veterans Affairs, Canada Cenotaph / Monument Restoration Program has been approved, and when signed copies of the agreement are received the project can begin. The presentation included:

- Review of the cenotaph project and grant applications
- Review of approved amount, funding shortfall and plans to fundraise
- Plans for fundraiser to make up difference
- Timeline for construction and dedication scheduled for November 11, 2016
- Signage for the project

Council members thanked Mr. Hellberg and Mr. Ford for their dedication and determination over the past few years that has enabled the project to come together.

E. ACTION ITEMS

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1. Council action items were received for information.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Candy Nomeland, (June 22/16) re: Thank you for support for Go Fly A Kite Day was received for information.
2. Rachel Blaney, MP, North Island-Powell River (June 14/16) re: Opportunity to share photos of community was received for information.
3. Al Richmond, President UBCM (June 16/16) re: Provincial response to District of Port Hardy resolution at the 2015 UBCM Convention regarding Rural Two Tier Hydro Rates was received for information.

Councillor Robertson requested further Council follow up and action to the BC Utilities Commission on this resolution.

Councillor Marcotte advised that the BC Utilities Commission is reviewing the tiered rates and that this is a good step in the right direction.

4. Jonathan X. Cote, Mayor City of New Westminster (June 24/16) re: Support for resolution by New Westminster City Council to UBCM regarding tenant evictions through renovations.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Allison McCarrick, CAO re: Adoption of 2015 Annual Report, (separate handout) as per Sec.98 of the Community Charter.

Council members thanked Allison McCarrick, CAO and staff for the good job done on the 2015 District of Port Hardy Annual Report.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council accept the District of Port Hardy 2015 Annual Report as presented.

2. District of Port Hardy In Camera Release of Information was received for information.

ADDENDUM

3. Resolution to UBCM re: Non-Treaty First Nations Participation in UBCM

Heather Nelson-Smith, Director of Corporate Services reviewed for Council the history of the First Nations Relations Committee recommendation and Council support of a request to UBCM for Non-Treaty First Nations Participation in the UBCM. No response has been received from UBCM to the May 20, 2016 letter and Councillor Hemphill would like a resolution put forward to the UBCM for consideration at the September 2016 Annual General Meeting. The deadline for resolutions is June 30, 2016. Council was advised that Councillor Hemphill will speak to the resolution at the UBCM Convention.

MOVED/SECONDED/CARRIED

THAT Council request UBCM consideration of the following resolution at the 2016 UBCM Annual General Meeting and Convention:

2016-129
2015 DPH ANNUAL
REPORT
ACCEPTED

2016-130
RESOLUTION TO
UBCM 2016
CONVENTION RE:
NON-TREATY FIRST
NATIONS
PARTICIPATION IN
UBCM

NON TREATY FIRST NATION PARTICIPATION IN UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS the Union of British Columbia Municipalities recognized and receives membership from Treaty First Nations Governments in BC;

AND WHEREAS non-treaty First Nations Governments should be recognized the same as Treaty First Nations, Municipalities and Regional Districts when it comes to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities formally recognizes the ability for all First Nations Governments to join as delegates and subsequently **THAT** all First Nations Governments be provided with an invitation to endorse the recommendation to participate in the Union of British Columbia Municipalities

H. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillors Pat Corbett-Labatt, Dennis Dugas, 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.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Draft minutes of the Parks & Recreation Review Committee meeting held June 15, 2016 as received for information.
2. Draft minutes of the Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting held June 16, 2016 was received for information.

The Tourism Advisory Committee recommends:
THAT Council approve the Tourism Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, as amended.

Moved/Seconded/Carried

THAT Council approve the Tourism Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, as amended.

3. Draft minutes of the Operational Services Committee meeting held June 20, 2016 was received for information.

J. STAFF REPORTS

No Staff Reports

K. CURRENT BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

No current bylaws and resolutions.

L. PENDING BYLAWS

No pending bylaws.

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TOURISM
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TERMS
OF REFERENCE
ACCEPTED

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: 7:44pm

CORRECT

APPROVED

Original signed by:

DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES

MAYOR

2016-1324
ADJOURNMENT

