

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Council held Monday May 4, 2009 in the Council Chambers.**

Present:

Mayor Delves

Councillor Cheer

Councillor Hughes-McMullon

Councillor Stewart

Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Press/Public

Mayor Delves called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. ADOPT AGENDA.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**CARRIED**

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS.

D-1-Brigid Cumming-School bussing issue.

Brigid Cumming read a prepared letter to the Village Council regarding the recent article in the paper regarding the Masset Bus Service.

Ms. Cumming also clarified some mistruths that Council had been presented with.

Ms. Cumming also asked for an apology for the quote in the paper "they created the problem by given them a choice" stating that in her opinion Mayor Delves was calling the children who use the Charlotte service the "problem". Mayor Delves clarified that he was in no way insinuating that the children that use the service are the problem.

D-2-Brigid Cumming-Community Hall.

Brigid Cumming read a prepared letter to the Village Council regarding the Community Hall and the issues that she has with the fact that the Village Council is no longer operating the hall and is passing off the responsibility to another group.

3. MINUTES.

M-1-Minutes Regular meeting, April 20th, 2009.

M-2-Minutes Special meeting, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Financial Plan 2009-2011.

M-3-Minutes Special meeting, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Court of Revision.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to accept the minutes of April 20, 2009; April 23, 2009; and of the April 23, 2009 Court of Revision.

**CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

BA-1-Gwaii Forest Society-Letter of support

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to support the request to keep the Gwaii Forest doors open for business.

**CARRIED**

BA-2-Tourism

Councillor Cheer reported on the past meeting of the Tourism committee. The Committee talked about the possibility of having a BBQ at the sunset park for Canada Days.

Tourism Committee is to prepare a budget for the BBQ and submit to Council for approval, and staff is to look into the possibility of using the UBCM grant towards this function.

Germain is going to be talking to Heather about coordination with the village requirements and the web page.

BA-3-Permission for Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien to remove Alders & Brush along Shoreline Park in front of home.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Cheer to approve the request of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien to remove the alders and salmon berry bushes on the trail directly in front of their property at 268 Bayview drive for the 2009 season, before work commences on the trail they must notify the office.

**CARRIED**

BA-4-Strategic Planning Session-Gordon McIntosh available June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Mayor Delves will talk to Mr. McIntosh and report back to Council at the next meeting.

BA-5-Bloomin in Port Clements.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to accept the recommendation to continue with the Bloomin' in Port Clements for the 2009 year, with \$100.00 contribution towards plants and the voting taking place on the Canada Day weekend.

**CARRIED**

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

C-1-Haida Gwaii Tourism Association membership renewal.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to renew the membership with the Haida Gwaii Tourism Association.

*Withdrawn*

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to table the Haida Gwaii Tourism Association membership renewal for staff to research the value of the membership to Port Clements.

**CARRIED**

C-2-Canada Post-response to letter to Canada Post from Port Clements. It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to work with the other municipalities while at the NCMA to brainstorm how to deal with the Canada Post situation together.

**CARRIED**

C-3-Ambulance Paramedics of BC-Letter of support for deterioration of the BC Ambulance Service.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to encourage the Provincial Government to return to the table with a mediator to ensure that Ambulance services are not reduced.

**CARRIED**

C-4-United Way-Financial support for research in the north regarding social challenges, on island May 12<sup>th</sup> for meeting with council if available.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to table the United Way-Financial support for research in the north regarding social challenges, on island May 12<sup>th</sup> for meeting with council for further information.

**CARRIED**

C-5-BC Ambulance Superintendent, Executive Director for Northern BC touring the islands and would like to meet with Council May 6<sup>th</sup> between 10 & 2 if available. Making presentation to Terry Mitchell at the school on the day.

Councillor Cheer should be able to attend

C-6-Northern Haida Gwaii Hospital & Health Centre-Pole raising, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## 6. GOVERNMENT.

G-1-Sewer Frontage Bylaw #370, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to reconsider and finally adopt Sewer Frontage Bylaw #370, 2009.

**CARRIED**

G-2-Water Frontage Bylaw #371, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to reconsider and finally adopt Water Frontage Bylaw 371, 2009.

**CARRIED**

G-3-Bylaw #373 Financial Plan for years 2009-2013.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to reconsider and finally adopt Financial Plan 2009-2013 Bylaw 373, 2009.

**CARRIED**

G-4-Bylaw #374, 2009 Levying of rates for Municipal, Hospital and Regional District purposes for the year 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to reconsider and finally adopt Tax Rate bylaw 374, 2009.

**CARRIED**

7. FINANCE.

F-1-Cheque list May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to accept the cheque listing of May 1, 2009.

**CARRIED**

8. NEW BUSINESS.

NB-1-M. Gaspar-Letter of concern, derelict building on #8 Tingley Street. It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to table sending a letter to the executor and probate lawyer until staff can find out the information regarding putting the demolition on to the land as a lien.

**CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to write a letter to Mr. Gaspar and Ms. Shantz thanking them for their letter of concern and that Council shared this concern as well and that Council is looking into rectifying the issue of the property located at 8 Tingley Street.

**CARRIED**

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to have staff amend the Unsightly premises bylaw to allow for the Village to close up or board up buildings on a property for safety and unsightly reasons.

**CARRIED**

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS.

R-1-Action Plan

R-2-Public Works Report to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to have the Public Works Superintendent prepare and issue requests for proposals for the fencing around the lagoon with the following options 1. Re-use old fencing material. 2. Use new fencing material. 3. The use of cedar posts and 4. Brush out around the lagoon to prevent future blow downs.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Stewart**-Attended the Emergency meeting.

**Councillor Cheer**- Attended tourism meeting.

**Councillor Hughes-McMullon**- Attended tourism meeting.

**Mayor Delves-** Had nothing to report.

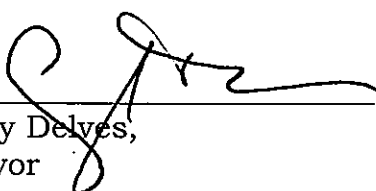
It was moved by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to continue the meeting past 10:00pm.

**CARRIED**

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to adjourn the meeting at 10:21pm.



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Cory Delves,  
Mayor



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Heather Nelson-Smith,  
Clerk/Treasurer