

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Council held Tuesday September 8, 2009 in the Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Delves

Councillor Cheer

Councillor Hughes-McMullon

Councillor Stewart

Councillor Traplin

Clerk/Treasurer Heather Nelson-Smith

Press/Public

Mayor Delves called the meeting to order at 7:30

1. ADOPT AGENDA.

BA-3 Ferries

BA-4 Canada Port

NB-1 MSP

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS.

D-1-Sheri Disney Haida Gwaii-Success by 6.

Ms. Disney introduced herself. She has been working since 2006 with success by six. Some past items were bringing Robert Munsch to QCI and working with School District to get children ready for their school career. Handed out a snap shot overview of what the province sees as being important for school age children.

3. MINUTES.

M-1-Minutes regular meeting Aug 17th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to accept the minutes of August 17, 2009.

CARRIED

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

BA-1-UBCM Conference.

Mayor Delves will be unable to attend as he is not sure he will be able to guarantee his return from vacation. Councillor Hughes-McMullon will review her schedule as she may also be unable to attend and let staff know later in the week.

BA-2-Large Wharf fee setting Bylaw revisit.

Staff is to report back at the next meeting with changes to the Large Wharf Bylaw regarding loading and off loading rates, wording for long term docking at the facility and a change to the power rate to include a metering charge.

BA-3 Ferries

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to have Mayor Delves write a letter to the crew of the BC Ferries, Northern Adventure commending them on their improved customer service and the added improvement to voyages.

CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to write a letter to BC Ferries, cc to MLA Coons urging BC Ferries to revisit the fare structure to make more equitable for all passengers. Charge per actual lineal foot of space vehicles are using and remove the over height charges.

CARRIED

BA-4 Canada Post

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to write a letter to Moira Greene stating that we have been patient and hoping that our mail would make it to and from us in a timely basis, unfortunately it has not. Also state that there are solutions to the reasons for not providing air mail to the islands.

CARRIED

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

C-1-BC Housing Director James Munro, thanking Port Clements for their interest to explore partnership opportunities under the new Seniors' Rental Housing initiative.

C-2-Premier Gordon Campbell-thank you letter expressing support for BC public libraries.

C-3-UBCM invitations-Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines & BC Hydro reception.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to receive and file C-1, C-2 and C-3.

CARRIED

C-4-Village of Queen Charlotte-letter to Honourable Bill Bennett regarding the Community Development Trust Transitional Assistance Program.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to receive and file for information.

CARRIED

C-5-Communities Responding to Human needs-Proclaim Restorative Justice Week Nov 15th-22nd, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to receive and file for information.

CARRIED

C-6-Village of Queen Charlotte-Gwaii Trust Letter of Support.

It was moved by Councillor Traplin, seconded by Councillor Cheer to write a letter in support of the Village of Queen Charlotte's Request to the Gwaii Trust. for a decorative wall at the Skidegate Landing.

CARRIED

6. GOVERNMENT.

G-1-Employee Benefits Policy #4 Draft.

There was discussion regarding the wages for the office staff and the inability to provide benefits to the staff working less than 24 hours per week. It was discussed that for those staff a wage review adjustment would be more appropriate.

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Stewart to table the staff wage review discussion to when they are due in November.

CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to approve the Employee Benefit Policy with the following changes 1. The hourly rate in lieu of benefits be removed and 2. The section about a doctor's note be changed to *may be required*.

CARRIED

7. FINANCE.

F-1-Cheque list Aug 14th, 2009.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Cheer to accept the cheque listing of August 14, 2009

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS.

NB-1- Medical Services Plan

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to write a letter to the Village of Masset and the Village of Queen Charlotte stating that some concerns have been brought to Council's attention regarding the wait times for examinations and surgery, if the other Village's are faced with these issues, perhaps the patients experiencing the delays should be encouraged to direct their experiences to the Northern Health Board. Council would also like Mayor Delves to pass on this information to the chair of the North West Regional Hospital Board for the UBCM meeting with the Minister of Health.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS.

R-1-Action Plan

R-2-Jasmine Ryland-MATI Foundations report to Council.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon, seconded by Councillor Stewart to accept the Report to Council regarding MATI Foundations prepared by Jasmine Ryland.

CARRIED

Councillor Stewart- Had nothing to report

Councillor Traplin- Had nothing to report

Councillor Cheer- Will be attending the Tourism meeting Thursday night.

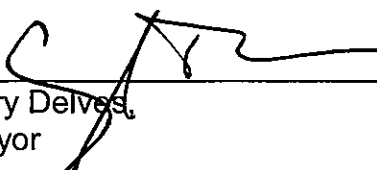
Councillor Hughes-McMullon- VIRT meeting on the 19th

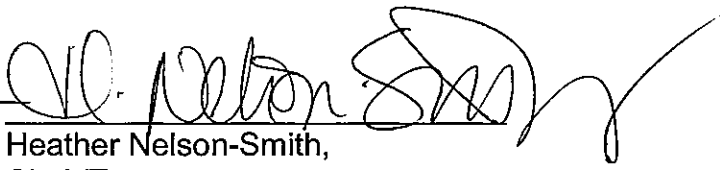
Mayor Delves- Attended the Northern Development Trust meeting and Will be away from September 12th to the 29th

10. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS.

ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved by Councillor Hughes-McMullon to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm


Cory Delves,
Mayor


Heather Nelson-Smith,
Clerk/Treasurer