

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Clements Tourism Committee held Thursday, February 10th 2011 in the Council Chambers

Present

Chair Urs Thomas
Councillor Wally Cheer
Germain Vigneault

Harmony Blais
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jasmine Erin Ryland

Chair Urs Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

1. ADOPT AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. DELEGATES

3. MINUTES

M-1- Minutes January 13th 2011

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Germain Vigneault to accept the minutes as written.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BA-1- Council Update-Councillor Cheer

Councillor Cheer informed the committee that public works will be installing a memorial bench for a past member of the Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department who had passed away. This bench will either be put at the Sunset Park or at the Port Clements Wharf.

Council will be meeting with Ken Dodds of Island Timberlands on Wednesday February 16th at 7:00pm to discuss the logging along Port Main.

Council will also be meeting with Bob Brash regarding the lack of employment for the residents of Port Clements in the logging industry.

On Saturday, February 19th, Council will be meeting with Nathan Cullen,

BA-2- Report to Tourism Committee

The report submitted by the administrator was discussed.

BA-3- Plexiglas for South Entrance Kiosk

Urs will be contacting the Village Office with the measurements needed and with the information that he acquired from All West Glass in Terrace. Council will decide from there where the funds for the Plexiglas will be taken from and where we will get the material.

BA-4- 2011 Budget for Council Approval

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Germain Vigneault to request \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars) for the 2011 Tourism budget for tourism related expenditures.

CARRIED

BA-5- 2011 Tourism Committee Meetings

It was moved by Councillor Cheer, seconded by Germain Vigneault to table the 2011 Tourism Committee Meetings schedule to the March 10th Tourism meeting.

CARRIED

BA-6- Port Clements Tourism Committee Action Plan

Welcome to Port Clements sign- Councillor Cheer will follow up with Heather to find out when the sign will be put up.

“Open for Business” Flyer- would like something to be put together for the end of April.

Commercial Advertising Board- Councillor Cheer will be talking to Hyland Fraser about using the technology that they have out at Justkatla for making maps of the back roads for tourists. It would be nice to see something up on the board that is near Bayview Market for the tourist season.

Plant and Tree Species signs on Sunset Trail- The signs will be ready to be put up for the May Sunset Trail Clean Up.

Solar Lights for Welcome to Port Clements Sign- Chair Urs Thomas will have information on the solar lights for the next meeting.

Recruiting New Tourism Committee Members- Chair Urs Thomas has talked to Harmony Blais and Evelyn Robinson about joining the committee. Both have expressed interested and will consider joining in the next month. Councillor Cheer has talked to Councillor Gould about re-joining the committee and will have an answer by the next meeting.

Harmony left the meeting at 9:04pm

BA-7- Conservancies and the Golden Spruce Trail

Chair Urs Thomas received a reply from Lucy about the Golden Spruce Trail and other trails in the conservancies. Lucy said that they are asking for funds to clean up the Golden Spruce Trail and to put up an aluminum sign at the trail head. She also informed Urs that during these hard economic times there is no funding available for new trails in the conservancies at this time.

BA-8- Island Timberland logging along Port Main

On Wednesday, February 16th, Ken Dodds of Island Timberlands will be meeting with Council regarding the logging along Port Main.

BA-9- Tourism Advisory Board Update

Chair Urs Thomas reported that the Tourism Advisory Board is sending a letter to BC Ferries regarding the increases in the fares. They are also discussing how they are going to be spending their remaining budget. The election for TAB is coming up.

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

C-1- Copyright Permission-Province of BC Websites

The committee went over the email that Germain Vigneault received from the Province of BC regarding using information off of their websites. The committee is allowed to use some of the information for the Sunset Trail information signs without formal permission.

6. NEW BUSINESS

NB-1- Village of Port Clements Pins

The committee discussed the purchase of Village of Port Clements pins and has no comment on the purchase. The Committee agrees that the Village does need some sort of item that can be given to volunteers, tourists, other municipalities, and visitors but think that perhaps pins are not the answer but would rather Council make that decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm

Urs Thomas
Chair

Jasmine Erin Ryland
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer