

**DISTRICT OF UCLUELET**  
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the  
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on  
December 08, 2009 at 7:30 pm

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Eric Russcher  
Councillor Bill Irving  
Councillor Dario Corlazzoli  
Councillor Derek Drake  
Councillor Randy Oliwa

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Andrew Yeates, CAO  
Barb Gudbranson, Admin. Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES:**

*It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as amended by changing the request of a meeting with Mr. Lunney to staff forwarding a letter, and to adopt the Public Hearing minutes of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**Business Out of Minutes:**

N/A

**DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:**

**D-1 Re: Coastal Planning Terms of Reference**

Jake Martens & Kevin Head (Director of Planning), West Coast Aquatic

West Coast Aquatic is a forum for coastal communities, individuals and bodies to come together to assist in aquatic resource management. The management area along the west coast of Vancouver Island is between Brooks Peninsula and Sheringham Point. Planning units are the WCVI unit, Barkley Sound and Clayoquot Sound. West Coast Aquatic is implementing a multi-year coastal planning process called Tsawalk Partnership that is bringing governments, industry and communities together to develop a vision and strategy for the protection and future development of the region. The draft terms of reference were developed by a planning management committee and are available on the website for review and comment; there will be another public session in January. The vision is to see the aquatic resources of traditional territories managed by the people in a sustainable ecological, economic and socio-cultural context. Sub committee's will be appointed by Aquatic Management Board, people interested in volunteering should speak with representatives from Ucluelet area: Tony Bennett, Doug Kimoto (alternate), Dan Edwards, Eric Russcher (alternate).

**D-2 Re: Food Action Plan & Local Government Partnership**

Chantel Gemmel, Ucluelet Community Food Initiative

The Ucluelet Community Food Initiative has been in operation for over a year, the creation of a food action plan is in process and council is invited to comment. Vision of the group is to network and achieve a more sustainable food system in the Ucluelet area by ensuring the community has the knowledge, access and ability to grow domestic and wild foods. Group has engaged the community at various functions and formed working relationship with CBT and Coastal Family Resource Coalition. Looking for available land

within the District for a food initiative site, a perfect location would be at the new community centre. Group would like to request councils support with an agricultural plan for the municipality and invite a council member to be a representative on the steering committee. There is also a stakeholders meeting at the end of January that will look at the groups assets, challenges, and potential partnerships that council is invited to attend. There are a number of funding possibilities the Food Initiative group can apply for with the support of Council.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**C-1 Re: Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement**

Iris Frank, Ucluelet First Nation

*It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to move forward with the emergency services agreement.*

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**I-1 AVICC Resolutions Notice & Request**

Mayor Christopher Causton, President

**I-2 Provincial Funding Assistance to the Arts**

Mayor Darrell Mussatto, City of North Vancouver

**I-3 Transportation & Highway Topic**

Harry Bains & Gary Coons, Opposition Critic for Transportation & Highways

**I-4 Ucluelet Christmas Hamper Program**

Food Bank on the Edge

**I-5 Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism**

Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

**I-6 Courage to Come Back Awards**

Lorne Segal, Coast Mental Health Foundation

*It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive information items I-1 through I-6 for information.*

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEES:**

*Mayor Eric Russcher*

**Alberni Clayoquot Regional District**

- presentation by West Coast Aquatic on Terms of Reference for WCVI, Barkley Sound and Clayoquot Sound.
- Councillor Oliwa volunteered to be member on the sub-committee of West Coast Aquatic

**Clayoquot Biosphere Trust**

- advertised for project call of proposals, though there is limited funding.

**Ucluelet Economic Development Corporation Advisory**

- progressive meeting took place last week, reports will come out in-camera;

*Councillor Irving*

No meetings

*Request from the Harbour Advisory Commission for staff to put together 2009 rates package and harbor expenditure budget from 2009.*

*Councillor Oliwa*

**Provincial/Ucluelet Emergency Program**

- meeting was held on November 26, 2009; Committee has been expanded to include a member from Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and West Coast Rangers.
- Manager of Emergency Services put together exercise of hazard risk and vulnerability; group had to verify risks, potential hazards and severity of issue.

*Councillor Drake*

**West Coast Community Resources Society**

- AGM held at Tin Wis in Tofino; financial report and audit clean though there is a shortfall in funding which is a large concern.
- accepted a nomination for position of director
- budget is almost half a million dollars for the six programs which include the Transition House Outreach, Community Outreach, Stopping the Violence Counseling Program, Community Youth Worker Program, Children Who Witness Abuse, and West Coast Transition House.
- West Coast Transition House statistics noted a total bed stay of 570 this year: 334 for children, 66 nights above capacity, 324 calls for aid, 65 non-resident calls for aid.
- Society trying to address the lack of space in Tofino for basic items likes photocopying, etc.

*Councillor Corlazzoli*

**Vancouver Island Regional Library Board**

- discussed financial plan for next five years, which was then approved.
- presentation by Campbell River concerning the mill not paying taxes and the effect this will have on the library rate for the area and taxation as a whole.
- explained at the meeting the ability of smaller communities like Ucluelet having to come up with 12.5 percent increase to cover costs; the Regional District is under the same type of pressure.

**REPORTS:**

**R-1 Expenditure Voucher G-21/09**

Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

*It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Irving to receive Expenditure Voucher G-21/09.*

**CARRIED**

**R-2 Appointment of Recreation commission Directors and Community Centre Name Recommendation**

Abby Fortune, Director of Recreation

*It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive the Director of Recreations appointment of Recreation Commission Directors.*

**CARRIED**

*It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Irving to request the Director of Recreation to solicit ideas from the community for naming the Community Centre by advertising in the newspaper, flyer to schools and District website.*

**CARRIED**

## **LEGISLATION**

### **B-1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1110, 2009**

*It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Irving to adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1110, 2009.*

**CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **AVICC Convention**

April 9-11, 2010 in Powell River, council members interested in attending please let the Administration Secretary know as soon as possible.

### **School Board Meeting**

Commend the community on the high level of attendance at the School Board meeting. Next meeting date is January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. PAC is having a meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, looking for logical ideas for decreasing the deficit. Thank you to all of council for attending.

*It was moved and seconded by Councillors Irving and Corlazzoli to forward a letter to the School Board clarifying the growth of Ucluelet's population, development of surrounding and outlying areas; the negative connotations behind announcement regarding Tofino's school not closing; closure of a Ucluelet school is not an acceptable option; work together to find a solution before any drastic measures are taken; copy letter to the Minister.*

**CARRIED**

### **Last Regular Council Meeting**

Thank you to the public and press for attending council meetings throughout the year. We wish everyone a happy holiday season with a happy, prosperous new year.

### **Transportation Meeting**

Met with Ministry of Highways representatives and the impression from the meeting were that they are not familiar with a number of local concerns. Explained about the diminishment of highway and lack of maintenance taking place; number of cats eyes missing and not being replaced. Representatives were interested in the issues and will look into them. Will try and have a yearly meeting.

### **Community Centre**

Group meeting and site tour at the community centre, coming along. Removal of alder trees is great, stumps need to be removed closer to ground, continue on with yearlings in the area and girdle them.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Roger Gudbranson, Harbour Advisory Commission - request update on fish cleaning station dock and ramp that was promised by SCH at the beginning of year and if a staff liaison has been assigned to group as of yet. Also would like to know if anyone has spoken to the fish plant about the concrete slabs and if it is possible to send a member of the advisory to the HAABC Convention. The District is looking at the budget to see if

they are able to provide a staff liaison; the SCH engineer has not been responding to District enquiries and phone calls regarding the ramp and gangway. The District will look at budget and see what is left in the SCH section to assist with gangway and ramp. Fish plant has said they are not willing to release the concrete slabs so we will have to look at pouring concrete or purchasing blocks. The HAABC Convention is basically for Harbour Authority members but will look at the possibility of a HAC member attending part of the conference.

Sarah Douziech, Westerly News - Questioned expenditure voucher in regards to Tourism Ucluelet and if the same 2% hotel tax applied as it does in Tofino. Both communities are designated as resort communities, annual budgets are forwarded to the Districts through the Chamber of Commerce. Request for Council to respond to an email regarding the District's budget process and what the priorities for each councillor may be.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.*

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:** Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

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