

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
February 10, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Yeates, CAO
Saila Hull, Director of Corporate Services

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 27th, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Marny Saunders, Chamber of Commerce

Re: Pacific Rim Visitor Center Contract

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa to authorize the District's signatories to enter into a five-year "licence of occupancy of land" and "operational agreement" with options for renewal starting in February 2009 and ending December 31, 2013 and to add clauses for opting out, paying rent, and renewal options.

CARRIED

C-2 Mike North

Re: 1970 Cynamocka

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa that an asphalt diversion curb be installed at the driveway of 1970 Cynamocka when paving crews are in the area.

CARRIED

C-3 Brian Clarkson, Canadian Princess Resort

Re: Halibut Allocation

It was moved and seconded by Mayor Russcher and Councillor Drake to receive for discussion.

CARRIED

Mayor Russcher noted that the halibut allocation issue was being discussed at the Alberni-Clayoquot's Regional Fisheries Committee, and that the Halibut Commission had yet to reach a decision as they are waiting for the scientific numbers to be finalized.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa to write a letter of support to leave the recreational halibut take at status quo outlining the economic benefits of sports fishing to the community.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1	Victor Shopland, Public Works Association of BC Re: National Public Works Week (May 13 to 23, 2009)
I-2	Pitch In Canada Re: Operation Clean Sweep
I-3	Pat McAllister, Heritage BC Re: Heritage Week – Feb 16-22, 2009
I-4	AVICC Re: Forestry Forum – April 3rd, 2009
I-5	Rick Jeffery, Coast Forest Products Association Re: Coastal Forestry

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive information items I-1 through I-5 for information.

CARRIED

I-1 National Public Works Week

It was moved and seconded by Mayor Russcher and Councillor Corlazzoli to proclaim May 17-23 as “Public Works Week” and for the Superintendent of Public Works to write an article in May for the media on the activities of the public works crew.

CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

ACRD

- Conducted strategic planning and visioning - board provided staff with project ideas and thoughts on budget

Recreation Commission

- Would like to conduct visioning – they are waiting for council strategic planning to be completed as they are looking for direction
- Master plan nearing completion

Food Bank on the Edge

- Numbers from Dec to Jan stayed the same in terms of need
- Seeking donations and food contributions – co-op has been great help
- Looking for volunteers to assist with bottle sorting

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

- New business plan – contributions have been approved for 2009, next call in 2010
- 1-year gap in order to stabilize the funds in the trust – target is \$15 million
- They are conducting a forestry economic data collection / survey targeted at selected stakeholders

Councillor Corlazzoli

Vancouver Island Regional Library

- Conducted orientation including the procedure and responsibilities of staff and newly elected officials
- New board election
- Will be sitting on HR committee

Wild Pacific Trail Society

- Have some new members pre-AGM
- Showed video for community fundraising by Lance
- Procedure / visioning for community fundraising for hotel site

Councillor Drake

Westcoast Multiplex Society

- Pursuing gaming licence and focusing on fundraising to move the next stage forward
- Had meeting with MP James Lunney and the Mayor
- \$500 million in recreation infrastructure funding available in next year (up to 50% funding available)
- Looking to be “shovel ready” by August and this will require local government contributions including the Regional District – need to secure property from the RD and have ground testing done
- Would like letter of support from all project partners to move forward
- Need to look at cost-sharing arrangement and operating costs so pushing a realistic plan that is affordable

Chamber of Commerce

- Chamber also received Mr. Clarkson’s letter and will be responding through natural resources committee
- Looking at adopting a code of conduct
- Received a \$5,000 Spirit of BC grant for volunteer bbq and drum café
- Merchants Committee will work with the new Manager of Visitor Experience (Parks Canada position) to work out a plan for reducing merchandising and addressing the cost implications. The parks position is still being filled.

Councillor Oliwa

Fire Brigade

- Attended with CAO to get feedback from the volunteers about the Manager of Emergency Services position
- Met with Emergency Social Services and have put forward a nomination for a volunteer who has kept the group together without a coordinator in place.

George Fraser Society

- Working on signage and have great ideas

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O’Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-03/09

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive the Manager of Finance’s report.

CARRIED

R-2 Saila Hull, Director of Corporate Services

Re: Funding Support for Bear Aware Program Delivery Specialist

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive for discussion.

CARRIED

Council discussed their concerns with funding the position such as the ongoing costs associated with it, what having the position achieves, and that the District has already spent significant funds in trying to become bear aware. It was acknowledged that creating

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summer employment would be positive but that the District could promote bear aware initiatives through its own staff and existing communication mechanisms.

It was moved by Councillor Corlazzoli and Mayor Russcher to not approve the funding request.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic control signage near schools

The Superintendent of Public Works provided a memo to council about changes to speed control signs near the schools.

It was moved and seconded by Mayor Russcher and Councillor Drake to modify the existing “school zone” signs to read “8am to 9pm” in place of the existing script of “ 8am to 5pm school zone” and that the “playground” signs be limited to Matterson approaches and to either side of the elementary school playground.

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PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Speeding near schools

Mr. Timmermans noted that it would be beneficial for the RCMP to ticket the school area at lunch time, and if the school board could better identify the schools. He also noted that Matterson Rd should be 30 km.hr as well.

The CAO noted that council could bring this up with the Acting Staff Sergeant of the RCMP when they meet with him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Saila Hull
Corporate Officer