

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

Minutes of the Harbour Authority Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
February 17, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher
Councillor Bill Irving
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.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1 Harbour Authority Bulletin

Re: What happened at the last NHAAC

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

CARRIED

REPORTS:

R-1 Steve Bird, Harbour Manager

Re: Report

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive the Harbour Manager's Report as presented.

CARRIED

Mr. Bird presented his report and noted the following:

- No timelines on ramp – need to find out from Small Craft Harbours
- Whiskey dock unloading are collected – the revenue was about \$9,000 in 2008. It is mainly large commercial vessels that are known. The boats can also be tracked through Archipelago Marine Research for dates as they perform an observing role. The unloading mainly occurs at night. The Frances Barkley are charged in advance for the summer – they pay an unloading and reservation fee. The dragger charge is \$15 a day for having nets on the dock whether it is in a ball or spread out (it is in the bylaw).
- Parking at the outer basin has been discussed through the Harbour Advisory Commission. It was noted that the entrance can't be blocked off completely as there needs to be room for an ambulance. Have discussed line painting options with public works such as crescents, cross-hatching and no-parking with boulders. Will create 3 spots and have discussed signage and limited time parking at the fish cleaning station.

R-2 Saila Hull, Corporate Officer

Re: Harbour Authority Schedule in 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to amend the council schedule to include the harbour authority meetings on the following dates: May 12, September 8, and November 24.

CARRIED

R-3 Saila Hull, Corporate Officer

Re: Harbour Advisory Commission Applications

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa to appoint the HAC applicants as follows:

- *Rich Parlee for the term ending October 2009*
- *Lawrence Charnell for the term ending October 2010*

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Ramp at Main St Dock

Councillor Corlazzoli asked for a status update of dealing with ramp at the Main St dock. The CAO noted that it was identified in a Municipal Insurance Association document to fix or remove and that the Director of Planning was handling that file.

Harbour Manager Report

Mr. Bird identified some issues and projects that will be contained in his next report.

- It was noted that Small Craft Harbours (SCH) would be funding a complete electrical upgrade of the main facility which should occur in September (\$1 million project) which will result in less costs and maintenance.
- Approach is re-decked with new timber – originally the District was supposed to cover labour and materials but negotiated with SCH for them to pay
- Tofino Tech will be presenting to the Harbour Advisory Commission this Thursday regarding wireless Internet at the main facility – it is about \$2,000 to set up and \$60-70 a month for operating costs, and daily, weekly and monthly rates can be established
- SCH is looking at removing the dock at 52 steps. An engineering study was completed and the main issue is the approach that is deteriorating. They are examining 2 options: removal or installing a bigger facility at outside basin that is concrete and can be driven on (40 foot wide dock). This option would be more reliable for bigger boats and can put in other fees to generate more income. A similar project was completed in Port Hardy – the water lease needs to be dealt with and dredging. The floats and gangway are in okay condition so options for dealing with those will be explored.

Small Craft Harbours Vancouver Island AGM

Councillor Irving attended the meeting in Courtenay and met with federal government staff. He noted that the SCH liaison will be coming to Ucluelet in next month or so with an engineer. The Harbour Authority needs to be clear with our priorities to realize funding as there has been a tripling in the federal budget for these capital projects. Some ideas include dredging, increasing capacity at the boat launch and dealing with 52 steps. He noted that it would be beneficial for the electrical upgrade to include a “green” element such as solar lighting (LED system) at a cost of \$2,500 which comes with a 25-year warranty.

Harbour Business Plan

Councillor Irving noted that the Harbour Advisory Commission had completed a draft of the business plan with the assistance of Barb Gudbranson and the Director of Finance as the consultant was not able to complete the project. The plan identifies priorities, scope and possible timelines and council feedback is needed. This will assist in receiving federal government funding.

Lady Rose

It was noted that the Lady Rose is for sale as they cannot afford to meet commercial inspection requirements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 8: 10 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Harbour Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Saila Hull
Corporate Officer