

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
January 27, 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.

MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Councillor Oliwa to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 13th, 2008 with the amendment of adding the words "Tourism Ucluelet" to page 5 under Chamber of Commerce committee reports.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

D-1 Kim Hoag, Pacific Rim Hospice Society

Re: Donation request

Ms. Hoag presented on the activities of the hospice society, its organization, and a request to Council for a \$1,000 grant-in-aid to match the District of Tofino. This request is to help defray costs of hospice volunteer training and education. There is a need in Ucluelet with a high number of referrals.

Council suggested that Ms. Hoag approach the Regional District and First Nations through the Central Region Chiefs or the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

D-2 Jim Martin, Wild Pacific Trail Society

Re: map presentation

Mr. Martin presented a map of the subject property on Weyerhaeuser lands for community fundraising to preserve a section of trail (it is near Cynamocka and Marine Drive and the new viewpoint).

PUBLIC INPUT:

Pieter Timmermans inquired when the draft of the OCP would be ready for public review and if there would be opportunity for more public input. The CAO responded that the planning department is in the process of finishing the compilation of public input, and that they would schedule an open house after that.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Marny Saunders, Chamber of Commerce

Re: PRVC Retail Sale Guidelines

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive for information.

CARRIED

C-2 Carol Sedgwick, Ucluelet Secondary School

Re: 2009 Bursary Awards

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to approve the \$500 request as an approved budget item and instruct staff to confirm the award for 2009.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to provide a \$2,000 annual grant to the high school by February 1st to be administered by the student union and the teacher in charge for funding requests and to ask the student union representatives to present to council on their process for allocating the funds and the results of the projects.

CARRIED

Council was concerned the elementary school might have the same request and the CAO noted he would look into the historical budget requests from the PAC.

C-3 Chris Higgins, Seasmoke

Re: Seasmoke PR Contract Renewal for PR Services

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to forward the inquiry by Seasmoke to the budget and strategic planning process.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1	Ministry of Technology, Trade & Economic Development & Western Economic Diversification Canada Re: Canada-British Columbia Western Economic Partnership Agreement (WEPA)
I-2	Union of British Columbia Municipalities Re: UBCM Membership
I-3	Ted Olynyk, BC Hydro Re: Congratulations
I-4	Micheline Leduc, Director General, Small Craft Harbours Re: 20th Anniversary of Harbour Authority Program (framed Certificate downstairs)
I-5	Civic Info BC Re: Order of British Columbia Call for Nominations
I-6	Union of British Columbia Municipalities Re: Regulation of Home and Property Inspection

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

Island Coastal Economic Trust

- Filled vacant seats – new chair and board member

- Reviewed applications and where spent \$50 million – 60 million committed but not all will go forward. The Premier has stated the Province intends to continue the funding.
- Many applications were harbour and trail related. Possible source for the Harbour Advisory Commission to look into.

ACRD

- Reviewed bylaws / authority for drug houses. Port Alberni has instituted a nuisance bylaw and the Regional District is looking at one. Referred to CAO for staff to look at the materials.

Councillor Corlazzoli

Pacific Rim Visitor Centre (Chamber and Parks Canada)

- Concerns include site vandalism, overheating some days in the summer, signage
- Reviewed quality service review report – 90% overall score
- Received stats from Parks – total visits in 2008 was 113,000 which is down 5,000 from the year before – more operating days, slower start but higher peak
- Discussed future plans for expansion of building, funding the building is too small for volume of visitors

Councillor Irving

Historical Society

- Received plans and design for museum. Note the new federal announcement for cultural and heritage funding thus business plan development is a priority.

Harbour Advisory Commission

- Attending AGM meeting in Comox
- New Ucluelet representative for Small Craft Harbour has stated that the federal government will provide a ramp and dock for the fish cleaning station which reduces the capital budget request of \$25,000 for those items, but it will require marine engineering.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Irving to accept the ramp and dock donation by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and refer the balance of the project to the budget process (it will possible need up to \$5,000 for marine engineering, anchors, etc.)

CARRIED

Councillor Drake

UEDC

- Looking for one more director
- Prepared materials for upcoming strategic planning session.

Councillor Oliwa

Fire Brigade

- Working on communication, meeting went well
- Waiting to hear status of hiring process

Mayor Russcher reminded Councillor Oliwa to put together a Tug-of-whale team for the Whale Fest opening.

COM 2 – Recommendations from the Harbour Advisory Commission

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive and note contents as the items were previously brought up at the January 13th meeting.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-01209

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

CARRIED

The CAO noted he would clarify to council how their income and expenses are treated and reported on.

R-2 Gayle Ryon, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Re: Security Camera Recommendation for Inner Boat Basin

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to authorize the purchase of the Digital Wireless Bundle for the Inner Boat Basin security camera for a cost of up to \$2000 for purchase and installation to come out of the Small Craft Harbour budget.

CARRIED

R-3 Hedley Crowther, Supt. Public Works

Re: Infrastructure Planning Grant for Sewage Lagoon Sludge Removal Study

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Irving to apply to the Ministry of Community Services for an Infrastructure Planning Grant for fifty percent of the \$20,000 cost of undertaking a Sewage Lagoon Sludge Removal Study, and to include an amount of \$20,000 in the Sewer Utility Capital Budget.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Historical tree preservation

Councillor Irving inquired into the status of this project.

Hospice Request

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to refer the hospice request for \$1,000 to the budget process.

CARRIED

Federal Representation

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to write a letter requesting Dr. Lunney to visit with Council.

CARRIED

Parking in front of fire hall

Councillor Oliwa noted there are issues with cars parking and trucks offloading in front of the fire hall. The CAO noted that the bylaw officer would look at a series of options for recommendation to council.

Mayor's Office

Approved

Mayor Russcher noted that staff will be setting up the mayor office as a council area with access to a laptop / internet and for use as a meeting room and library.

NTC President

It was moved and seconded by Mayor Russcher and Councillor Irving to send a letter of congratulations to Cliff Atleo Sr as the new President of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council and to ask them to meet with Council in the near future.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Westerly Reporter Tom Mureika asked about the location for the ramp and dock. Councillor Irving noted it was at the new fish cleaning station at Small Craft Harbours in the middle of the lot.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 27th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Saila Hull
Corporate Officer