

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
June 23, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

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 Corlazzoli and Oliwa to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 9th, 2009 as amended by removing Councillor Irving's name from council present and noting Amy Hancock was introduced as a new member of Tourism Ucluelet at Chamber of Commerce meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

D-1 Simon & Valerie Watson

Re: Residential Strata Conversion (1527 Peninsula)

On March 10th brought forward strata conversion application and council requested more info on rental and vacancy rates in Ucluelet. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation do not survey municipalities under 10,000. Port Alberni is the closest community to compare to and their rate is at 4.6% which is high comparable to the rest of the province. Carl Scott has been in the rental business for many years in Ucluelet and his opinion is that vacancy rates in Ucluelet are around 9% at the moment. Most new homes are built with secondary suites so there is more accommodation available than in the past. At the moment there are twenty eight R2 lots within the District, R2 allows for multi-family but would like to convert this property into two strata properties.

D-2 Jan Draeseke & Marek Zaleski

Re: Earth Voices Museum

This visual art exhibit gives the opportunity to show the world who Ucluelet is without words or hype, just with pure images of the west coast. Hope the community understands the importance of investing in art and culture as it has the ability to create emotional and spiritual awareness. This initiative provides the opportunity to share this area with visitors and the world at large. Mr. Zaleski is donating the content of the earth voices museum. Request a letter of intent from the District of Ucluelet to host the earth voice museum in the community centre during the 2010 tourist season.

**D-3 Lucio Piccianno, dlp Architecture Inc.
Re: 272 Main St. Development Permit**

Design proposal is on an existing commercial building sixty years of age. Presently renovations have been completed on the main and second story, would like to continue the renovations by building a caretakers suite on a third floor. The site line of the roof would be improved with a caretaker's suite and green roof that has herbs or plants no higher than thirty six inches. A thirty foot wind turbine system which has an automatic shut off for 140 mph winds, collapsible, easily serviceable and noise dba of approximately 60, noise volume comparable to a gasoline vehicle, would provide power for building. Proposed rainwater collection system may provide irrigation of green roof and water for bathroom facilities in building. The other features of the development are solar hot water heater, new windows to first storey, bike parking and electric car recharge stall. Four new street parking stalls, two loading spaces and repairs to the existing concrete located on Helen Street are proposed. The rockery at the back of the lot will be landscaped when the parking stalls are created. This development proposal will help revitalize the area and improve the overall appearance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

**C-1 Wanda McAvoy, George Fraser
Re: Thank you**

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

CARRIED

**C-2 Leslie King, Vancouver Island University
Re: Development of Relationship**

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

**I-1 Mr. Rhodes, Ucluelet Secondary School
Re: Scholarship Award Recipient**

**I-2 Bruce Jagger, Philanthropic Gifts
Re: Kids Help Phone**

**I-3 Peter Julian, MP, New Westminster
Re: Banning Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers**

**I-4 UBCM, Community Economic Development Committee
Re: Roundtable on Forestry & BCUC Inquiry**

**I-5 Derek Corrigan, Mayor of Burnaby
Re: Municipal Liability in Building Construction Regulations**

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

Edge to Edge Marathon

- Compliments to the organizers and volunteers on a very successful event.

Seniors Picnic

- Forest Glen seniors hosted a picnic at Big Beach that was well attended.

Ucluelet First Nations

- Attended thank you luncheon today with Ucluelet First Nations; great gathering.

Aboriginal Day

- Attended the Aboriginal Day ceremonies at the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve on Sunday. Event was very well put together with various stalls of arts and crafts; the CBT was also in attendance.

USS Graduation

- Congratulations to this year's graduating class, unfortunately one graduate was quite ill. Councillors Drake and Oliwa were also in attendance

Coastal Health

- Tofino Hospital group is still trying to have an obstetrician, many stumbling blocks to make this happen. There were almost twenty babies born in the last year. There is also an investigation of building a new hospital as the old one is starting to show its age.

ACRD

- Hosted last meeting in the Court Room, nice luncheon at Black Rock and toured group through some of the new subdivisions.
- Airport access still under discussion, trying to set meeting with Premier to finalize issue.

Food Bank on the Edge

- Hosting Ukee Day's Pancake breakfast; need volunteers
- Numbers are still up at the Food Bank; require tea, rice, canned vegetables, and bulk wieners.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

- Don McMillan elected on to executive committee.
- Funding at a low due to economy, would like the twelve million to grow so that they are able to help more groups.
- Presentation by Daniel Arbour from EcoTrust Canada, not a whole lot of activity yet.

Councillor Corlazzoli

No Meetings

Councillor Irving

Comments on Wild Pacific Trail

- Questioned how the protocol for trail criteria/development is going to be developed. New area has loose guard logs and some cedar pieces along side of trail are pointed like spikes.

Harbour Advisory Commission

- Refocus funding application, government has a lot of projects underway. Looking at upgrades for the washroom facility and landscaping issues.
- Garbage containers at 52 Steps and Whiskey Dock are being used on the majority for household garbage, costs of pick up should be billed accordingly, not to SCH or Whiskey Dock accounts.

Aquatic Management Board Meeting

- Many issues that they are presently working on. Would like to find out what is happening with the Wild Salmon Strategy that DFO proposed; DFO seems to have vanished since the issue was raised.
- Need to reaffirm that compensation monies are dedicated to west coast fishermen or strategies for First Nations and non-First Nations. Thirty million dollars over the next ten years, need to keep this money for projects on the west coast and assist in rebuilding stocks.

It was moved and seconded by Councillors Irving and Corlazzoli to write a letter to DFO requesting the status of the Wild Salmon Strategy for Barkley/Clayoquot Sound.

CARRIED

Councillor Drake

Affordable Housing Committee

- Bay Street project, waiting for transfer to happen
- Habitat for Humanity's coming in September, federal money, summer students working on project for funding.
- Proposal to super efficient housing program in tonight's agenda.
- Livesmart BC program has seventeen units confirmed, free home survey for energy efficient possibilities in homes.
- Committee is looking for new members and rental policy will be worked on over the summer.

Chamber of Commerce

- New washroom signs are large and very visible.
- PRVC would like a list of business licenses.
- Welcome to Ucluelet sign that is out past the junction, wonder if the historical society would like the old sign.
- Natural Resources Committee - terms of reference being forwarded to Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Oliwa

No meetings

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-12/09

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive Expenditure Voucher G-12/09.

CARRIED

R-2 Saila Hull, Director of Corporate Services

Re: Twinning and International Programs

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

CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to endorse the George Fraser Committee to pursue a friendship relationship with Fochabers, Scotland and for staff to contact FCM and find out more about the International Program and possibilities of pursuing an initiative in 2010.

CARRIED

**R-3 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner
Re: Super Efficient House Project**

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to request the planning department to continue pursuing participation in the super efficient house project.
CARRIED

**R-4 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner
Re: Development Permit Application**

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to accept for discussion.
CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to accept the recommendations from the Assistant Planner for the development permit on Plan 11055, Lot 10, Clayoquot District, 1767 Cedar Road and note to the developer that there are concerns regarding the driveway access, and to move the building away from the road and not so tight to the corner.

CARRIED

**R-5 Jeanette O'Connor, Manger of Finance
Re: Statement of Financial Information**

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive and approve the Statement of Financial Information as presented.

CARRIED

R-6 2008 Annual Report

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive the 2008 Annual Report.

CARRIED

**R-7 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner
Re: Development Permit Application 272 Main Street**

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

CARRIED

Reluctance about turbine unless there is clear indication from neighbors that they are okay with the noise level. Have concerns over the loading zone on Main Street and the new parking stalls on Helen Road on municipal land. There are options of purchasing land or parking stalls and possible sale proceeds can be put towards purchasing parking property for the District. George Fraser Society would need to be contacted to make sure no plants/shrubs need to be removed or cuttings taken from area. Development helps to tidy up the downtown core; green roof will bring flattering appearance to the existing flat roof and site lines.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to refer the development application back to staff to answer the parking stall issues.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Earth Voices Museum

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Irving for a letter of intent to be written for the Earth Voice Museum to be in the new Community Center in 2010.

CARRIED

Boat trailers

Boat trailers seem to be being parked around town and there is one down at the Small Craft Harbour boat basin which is not suppose to be there. Council questioned if towing was a possibility.

Clayoquot Bridge Campground

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake for a letter to be written to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Recreation Sites and Trails Division regarding the disgraceful conditions at the Clayoquot Bridge Campground and forward a copy to MP James Lunney.

CARRIED

Pioneer Boat Works

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to write a letter to Pioneer Boat Works regarding the wonderful landscaping job and the impact on beautifying the village square area.

CARRIED

Harbour

University students from Victoria do various studies on the harbour; they have done a digitized brochure with base map and facts. Can do a brochure up where people can put in their own comments or what they are interested in. The students are interested in continuing studies in the harbour and strengthening their relationship with Ucluelet. The students asked for a recommendation on studies and there are two issues regarding sludge in the harbour to look at; the first being the causeway at Hyphocus Island and the second being not able to transverse around Kavarno Island.

Community Adjustment Fund

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli for the District to apply to the Community Adjustment Fund for improvements to the Small Craft Harbour washrooms, office and facility upgrade.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Tom Mureika, Westcoaster.ca - asked what the present Food Bank numbers are running at.

Sarah Douziech, Westerly News - confirming contract for new section of the Wild Pacific Trail and that a separate contract will be issued to have security fencing installed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Andrew Yeates
CAO