

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
June 9, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher
Councillor Derek Drake
Councillor Randy Oliwa
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 Drake to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 26th, 2009 as amended by changing Loren to Lorne and George Fraser to Historical Society under New Business.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

Jan Draeseke, Earth Voice Museum

The first Canadian HD TV Nature Museum cinema encompassing natural and cultural heritage sites of the Pacific Northwest with prominent focus on Ucluelet that would be broadcasted through podcast on iTunes Stores in 79 countries would like council to consider hosting an exhibition in the Community Center for six months in 2010. Request to be a delegation at next meeting to present part of exhibit. This project is on par with the Wild Pacific Trail or aquarium for the community and tourism.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Jan Draeseke & Marek Zaleski

Re: Earth Voices Museum

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

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Corlazzoli to request the Director of Recreation to communicate with Ms. Draeseke and Mr. Zaleski at her earliest convenience.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1 Robert Godfrey, Citizenship & Immigration Canada

Re: Multiculturalism Program

I-2 Grant Main, Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport

Re: World Elder Abuse Awareness

I-3 Al Hanet, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

Re: Use of handheld devices while driving

I-4 Joe Cressy, Polaris Institute

Re: Bottled Water

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa to receive information items I-1 through I-4 for information.

CARRIED

I-2 World Elder Abuse Day

Forward to Ucluelet Secondary School and Forest Glen

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

BC Community Forest Association Conference & AGM

- Very educational conference - discovered Ucluelet is not unique in having First Nation involvement with community forests and that there are many municipalities applying for community forests but not with the same land mass.

Wave Energy

- Large meeting with representatives from various Ministries, Ocean Renewable Energy and BC Hydro in Victoria. BC Hydro recognizes that wave energy will be coming on line, haven't figured out how the power will be put on grid with ocean energy. Provincial and federal governments have to form policy for renewable energy to be set up in water. Three ocean energy project sites being identified are Ucluelet, Tofino and Campbell River.
- Have upcoming meeting with Charlie Cornfield, Mayor of Campbell River – both councils will present a unified front to the Ministry at UBCM with regards to wave energy.

ACRD

- Meet tomorrow afternoon, there will be discussion on airport access as there was no land given for access to this area. Lieutenant Governor has denied ACRD's legal application for access route. May have to go back to the federal government and request access or get them to take the airport back.

Chamber of Commerce

- Attended a visioning session for Junction Visitor Center at Black Rock, large representation of various groups, Tourism Ucluelet & Tofino, both Chambers, Parks Canada, etc. Created a long term vision and expansion ideas.
- Environmental problem at Sproat Lake with the invasion of carp. DFO has been contacted as carp are famous for taking over gravel beds in trout and salmon spawning areas. Would like Tseshaht First Nations to look at creating a fishery.

Harbour Advisory

- Funding application for shower and laundry facility was turned down.

It was moved by Mayor Russcher and seconded by Councillor Drake for staff to apply to ICET for funding for shower and laundry facility at SCH, proposal is to include a cost estimation.

CARRIED

Recreation Commission

- Discussed Ukee Days, assignments being handed out.
- Canada Day grant has been approved.
- Seniors Picnic took place on the weekend at Big Beach, very well attended.
- Sunday is Edge to Edge Marathon, encourage all to volunteer.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

- AGM was last week, Eric voted in for another three years; next meeting will chose the executive.

Councillor Corlazzoli

Ucluelet & Area Child Care Society

- Concern was raised on when their portion of the \$110,000 needs to come to the District, can it be paid in installments, come from the sale of the property or all upfront with the MOU signed for partnership.
- Asked about the status of the \$50,000 grant held by the District to be turned over to the society.
- Concerns rose over being a volunteer group running the Daycare Society, not comfortable with becoming business people and have spoken with West Coast Community Resource Society to assist with hiring staff, registration, and other paper work.
- Ensure government process of space per child

Fisheries Groundfish Management Workshop

- Coastal Community representative Dave Smith, Mayor McCrea, DFO Biologists, Dan Edwards, seven troll fishermen and other quota holders were present. Main focus was of the pilot project that has been going on over the last three years. Extending program for another year.
- Would like to be able to account for 100% of mortality, no longer able to throw catch overboard.
- Concern over availability of quota for product caught accidentally – black cod fishing and catch halibut, captain has to obtain quota to cover halibut poundage before returning to sea.
- Spoke with DFO, need to have meeting on hake and determine offshore factory ships, not much room for ships when quota has been cut. Port Fish is talking about purchasing their own factory ship.

Wild Pacific Trail

- Held emergency meeting regarding He-Tin Kis Park section of the trail, everything seems to be resolved now.

Councillor Drake

West Coast Community Resource Society

- The idea of absorbing the Child Care Society will come up at AGM, will be worked into agreement with whomever will be running child care portion of community hub.
- Volunteer policy has been updated; made progress with Ministry of Children & Family Development on community youth program position.

West Coast Multiplex Society

- Meet every two weeks; discussed access to park through airport lands, will be requesting delegation.
- New fund raising idea - local coupon book that can be purchased.

Chamber of Commerce

- Met last night, introduced to new member of Tourism Ucluelet Amy Hancock
- Positions at visitor center are fully funded, have gone from no positions a couple years ago to four positions and now twelve.
- Washroom issue with downtown area

Approved

- Welcome to Ucluelet sign on Highway 4 is going to be replaced, new sign has been designed by Tourism Ucluelet and approved by Chamber. Looking at storing the old sign for future use, possible historic item.

Van Isle 360

- Starting to arrive late on June 14th, groups will be meeting vessels as they arrive, Christine Brice's class will meet and greet some vessels. On the 16th there is a salmon BBQ with local musical talent. Send off the morning of the 17th for final leg of journey.

Councillor Oliwa

No meetings

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-11/09

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive Expenditure Voucher G-11/09.

CARRIED

R-2 Ucluelet Economic Development Corporation

Re: Council Report

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa to receive the UEDC Report for discussion.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Oliwa for staff to apply for a membership with Renewable Energy group subject to a maximum of five hundred dollar fee.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Sidewalks

There are areas around town where brush overhangs the sidewalks forcing pedestrians to duck or move out of the way, may become a liability issue for the District. Council questioned who is responsible for maintaining boulevards and how it can be enforced. Suggested sending staff to find areas that need assistance.

Pacific Rim Visitor Center

If center was larger would be able to have more counter space thus assisting more visitors at a time. At the Visioning Session held at Black Rock there was discussion about the forested lands around the centre and how to go about obtaining them. Include Forest Society, First Nations, CBT in acquiring land, would be considerable cost for property.

Community Centre

Discussion on sprung wood floors as there is concern over cost of upkeep and damage from chairs or tables being dragged about. Sprung floors agreed to, surface of flooring still to discuss, linoleum, square replaceable tiles, etc.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

n/a

Approved

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Andrew Yeates
CAO