

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

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

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrew Yeates, CAO
Saila Hull, Director of Corporate Services
Felice Mazzoni, Director of Planning
Jason Niles, Assistant Planner
Superintendent of Public Works

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Russcher called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 10th, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 17th, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Drake to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 24th, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

D-1 Tony Bennett, West Coast Aquatic Management Board

Re: Coastal Planning Grant

Mr. Tony Bennett presented on the marine and coastal planning project for the west coast of Vancouver Island being proposed by the West Coast Aquatic Management Board. The WCAMB is seeking a \$6000 contribution from the District at the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District table towards a \$34,000 regional grant for the coastal planning project.

The decisions around boundaries and local planning and the planning process are yet to happen – need to develop Terms of Reference with the communities – it uncertain whether Barkley or Clayoquot Sound will be chosen and if Ucluelet harbour would be included in the Barkley Sound plan. It was noted that there would be no monetary contributions from First Nations; however they contribute the fisheries resource.

It was noted that the correspondence to and from the District to FOC relating to fisheries management should be passed on to the West Coast Aquatic Management Board as they are the level to represent Westcoast communities.

D-2 Dan Edwards

Re: Commercial Halibut Fishery

Mr. Edwards expressed concerns about council support for the lobby of the recreational sports fishery for the status quo of two a day catch. Asking for council to write a letter in

support of the Minister of Fisheries decision (88-12) and to respect due process in terms of the allocation process.

The Mayor noted that the letter sent from the District was to point out value of sports fishing to the community – did not directly address the allocation.

D-3 Pam Lewis, Pacific Rim Arts Society

Re: Overview of the results of our Community Consultations on Arts & Culture; review of coming projects.

Greg Blanchette presented the initial results of a community survey on arts and culture conducted by the Pacific Rim Arts Society over the course of the winter.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Timmermans expressed concerns about the low-emissions vehicle bylaw in terms of upcoming technology changes, regulations and safety and suggested delaying the bylaw.

Mr. Foster also expressed concerns about which type of vehicles this would apply to – clutter of beaters possibility.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 T Schievink, Food Bank on the Edge

Re: Request for funding

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to receive and refer the Food Bank Request to the 2009 budget process.

CARRIED

C-2 Peter Ayres, Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board

Re: Request for letter of support for IMEA Negotiations

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Irving to write a letter that the Province sit down with applicable First Nations and work towards a new relationship to replace the IMEA and to try to meet with the Province at the AVICC to understand their level of support for the agreement.

CARRIED

C-3 Pam Lewis, Pacific Rim Arts Society

Re: Annual budget allocation for PRAS – Request for \$3500

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Irving to receive and refer the \$3500 request from the Pacific Rims Arts Society to the 2009 budget process.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1	Jeff Hurst, BC Hydro Re: Application for Beautification Funding (Peninsula Rd between Marine Dr & Alder St.)
I-2	Local Government Program Services, UBCM Re: Grant Opportunities & Upcoming Deadlines
I-3	Union of BC Municipalities Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds
I-4	J. Linning, School District 70 Alberni Re: 2009 Committee Appointments

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

CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

Coastal Health Care Committee

- New doctor in Tofino – now have full complement of physicians except for locums – actively seeking one more in Ucluelet just need space.
- Obstetrics and midwifery capacity; looking at viability
- Viability study for wheels for wellness which is a transportation service

Regional Hospital Committee

- Budget for Tofino hospital – includes renos, security doors, nursing and disinfection station

Ucluelet Recreation Commission

- Whale festival coming up; Ucluelet team is set
- Joint meeting set for joint meeting with Tofino Parks and Rec
- Working on Torch Relay schedule for November
- Rec department is almost done spring programming – staff have worked with schools on input

ACRD

- Almost completed 5-year financial plan; have copies of RD grant-in-aid application process would like to see District staff develop a more formal application process
- Airport access and multiplex site review

Tourism Ucluelet

- Signed contract with Tourism Vancouver Island to market Ucluelet (\$40,000)
- Video being prepared including local dignitaries
- Logo is similar to District's and have kept "Life on the Edge" slogan

Councillor Irving

Historical Society

- Moving ahead on museum project; good to see it is of interest to community through the PRAS survey
- Ask that staff look into the technical issues regarding insurance and continuing the discussions with Coast Guard regarding acquiring house at waterfront as it is needed for storage of artefacts

Audit Committee

- Newly formed committee with Finance staff – have set up expectations and role
- Expect to see quarterly financial reports

Councillor Drake

Chamber of Commerce

- Have hired marketing and information services coordinator at the Junction (Sheena Walker)
- Have adopted a code of conduct based on a CBT document
- Looking at strategic planning and looking for input from District and planning staff for the long-term vision at the Junction
- Will get them to define their process
- Had inquiries to the District on the public washroom downtown project (will it be in place for the summer?) and siren testing for tsunamis (refer to new MES)

Councillor Oliwa

Emergency Program

- Pleased with communication from District of late
- Met with fire department – in good spirits and confirmed their role in Tug-of-Whale

Whale Festival

- Amazing event – was able to confirm the grant from the District
- Great merchandise for the event
- Have better reporting and accountability controls

COM 2 Recommendations of the HAC February 19th, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to direct staff to provide the requested information on fish cleaning station budget and survey/map of Alder St foreshore area for the Harbour Advisory Commission.

CARRIED

Request from Irving for Director of Finance to explain how harbour and municipal budgeting works to the HAC.

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-05/09

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

CARRIED

R-2 Superintendent of Public Works

Re: Traffic Signs at Marine, Matterson and Rainforest

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to refer the report back to staff to provide further information detailing traffic and safety concerns and develop an alternative plan.

CARRIED

Council expressed concern about future usage at the Community Centre and proximity to schools and need for the change.

The Superintendent of Public Works explained how traffic is using it as a thoroughfare at Rainforest; following direction within OCP for arterial route (stops signs only are placed on local roads). The existing crosswalks would not be removed.

The Director of Planning explained that the OCP would have to change in terms of the road designation.

R-3 Superintendent of Public Works

Re: 4-3-2-1 Drinking Water Treatment for Surface water.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake that the 4-3-2-1 Waterworks Response Plan be submitted to the Vancouver Island Health Authority, and to consider a Surface Water Feasibility Study in the 2009 budget estimated at \$15,000.

CARRIED

The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the deadline is past but VIHA has allowed a grace period to submit the response plan.

R-4 Superintendent of Public Works

Re: Sanitary sewer infiltration grouting workshop

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Oliwa to receive the Superintendent of Public Works' report for information.

CARRIED

R-5 Abby Fortune, Director of Recreation

Re: Van Isle 360

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

CARRIED

It was noted this request has been approved by council in the past as the majority of communities around the Island do the same. There was concern expressed about the precedent set for other major events and groups that would not receive the same privileges.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa that the moorage fees for the Van Isle 360 for June 14th-17th, 2009 and the rental fee for Seaplane Base Recreation Hall for the evening of June 16th, 2009 be waived and that the District pay the Harbour Manager's commission as per the contract.

CARRIED Councillor Drake – opposed

R-6 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner

Re: Development Permit Variance Request – 1784 Cypress Rd.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to approve the requested variance permit for 1784 Cypress Road.

CARRIED

R-7 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner

Re: Residential Strata Conversion Application – 1527 Peninsula Rd.

The assistant planner noted that the strata would form two sets of ownership under one legal plan and the rest would be common property. The Director of Planning indicated that the report would be referred to the HPO to see if coverage would be required. He also stated that the development of rental units does not seem to be in the horizon either through the private market or through the District's affordable housing initiative. It does offer opportunities for affordable ownership and it complies with OCP and zoning bylaw.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to deny the application and to direct planning staff to provide more information on the status of the rental inventory and vacancy rates in the District.

CARRIED

LEGISLATION:

BR-1 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner

Re: Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles

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

CARRIED

Council questioned if technology has improved so that speeds for electric vehicles have increased and if this type of bylaw is needed. The issue of installing charging stations or providing other items such as signage would be required by the District.

The Assistant Planner noted that these type of vehicles are only allowed to go up to 40 km an hour under current Provincial regulations; and this allows them to go up to 50 km/hr.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to proceed with 1st and 2nd readings of the “Ucluelet NZEV Bylaw No. 1096, 2009 by including the “restricted areas” where the NZEVs are unable to operate due to the posted speed limits (Peninsula Road north of Minato Rd to the Municipal Boundary).

CARRIED

B-1 Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles Bylaw No. 1096, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to give first reading to the Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles Bylaw No. 1096, 2009.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to give second reading to the Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles Bylaw No. 1096, 2009.

CARRIED

Council noted that before the bylaw comes back for the third reading that they would like more public input on the concept and some follow up to the concerns brought up at the meeting.

LATE ITEMS:

LR-1 Superintendent of Public Works

Re: Build Canada Infrastructure Grant – Local Roads - Peninsula

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to apply for Build Canada Funding for the Peninsula Road project from Marine to Matterson at a total project cost of \$3,325,000 and projected completion date of March 31, 2011.

CARRIED

The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the advantage of applying for the grant is that it accelerates the Pen Rd project, which is looked upon favourably in applications. The project could possibly be stretched out to three years for budgeting purposes – will be submitted electronically on Friday, they have promised a quick turnaround – 1 month to 4 months for an answer.

NEW BUSINESS:

FCM Conference (June 5 to 8, 2009)

ACRD has voted to send Mayor McCrae to represent all our communities as average cost per person is \$3000.

Homelessness Issue

Media has noted recent incidents of people sleeping outside and what District is doing. The Mayor suggested that the affordable housing committee review the issue; the District does not have a formal action plan at this time.

School lands report from Burnaby

UBCM discussion – mayor recommended that council support the issue.

Coastal Planning Grant (D1)

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa for the Mayor to express council support for the process at the ACRD table.

CARRIED

Commercial Halibut Fishery (D2)

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to write a letter in support of the existing allocation formula.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Mr. Foster expressed concerns about traffic and children safety at the Big Beach area and need for three stops signs at Matterson and Marine. Felt that the NZEV bylaw needed to describe the type of vehicles – vehicle standards are regulated by the MOT.

Mr. Edwards expressed concerns about the motion regarding the support for the commercial fishery and existing processes. Thought it would be important for the coastal planning process to connect with real issues in community such as viability of the fisheries.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 9:52 pm.

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

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Saila Hull
Corporate Officer