

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
March 24, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

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 Irving and Oliwa to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Held on March 10th, 2009 with the following amendment: Replace the wording on page 7, regarding the commercial halibut fishery with "write a letter of support of the existing allocation formula".

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

Council inquired into insurance at the museum site, Coast Guard house for use as a temporary display, inventory of rentals and vacancy rates (lot analysis), and type of public input process for the vehicle emission bylaw.

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

Jan Draeseke – informed council about upcoming proposal and request to council for the budget to sponsor the wholesaling of cloth bags to fundraise for the junction information centre. The junction info centre has been mandated to get out of retail sales in the long-term and need to replace \$40,000 in income. The merchants committee of the Chamber is looking for sponsorship from Tourism Ucluelet, Tourism Tofino, District of Tofino and Ucluelet for 50,000 bags (limited edition each year). The maximum level of support needed is \$5,000 from each municipality and \$15,000 from each Tourism organization.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Marny Saunders, Chamber of Commerce – Merchants Committee
Re: Banning of Plastic Bags

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1	Kevin Krueger, Minister of Community Development Re: Community Investments by Provincial Government
I-2	Daisy Foster, Mike Nolan, BC Water & Waste Association Re: Drinking Water Week 2009 – May 3 rd – 9 th
I-3	World Wildlife Federation Re: Earth Hour 2009
I-4	Suzanne Smith, City of North Vancouver Re: Lights Out across Canada for Earth Hour on March 28 th , 2009
I-5	Pat Bell, Minister of Forest and Range Re: Working Roundtable on Forestry
I-6	Cara Fisher, Built Environment & Active Transportation Re: Health by Design: Transportation & Healthy Built Environments (April 2/09)

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

CARRIED

I-3 and I-4 Earth Hour

Mayor would like to see District of Ucluelet and the press support the one-hour lights out on March 28, and do it annually as long as it is supported worldwide.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake that employees and residents of the District of Ucluelet are encouraged to participate in Earth Hour on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30pm in support of action on climate change by turning off lights for one hour and by not driving during that hour.

CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

ACRD

- Second reading of budget, approval will be tomorrow. Looking flat compared to year before – District of Ucluelet assessment went up by 24%.
- EDC in Port Alberni has asked for contributions from Regional District members. Mayor declined support for Ucluelet, asked if could use on a contract basis if needed.

Food bank on the edge

- Doing well with volunteers – looking for donations of cash and donations – numbers increased
- Some structural issues with the building – leaks in roof, and better footings for addition

Councillor Corlazzoli

- No meetings

Councillor Irving

- No meetings

Councillor Drake

Westcoast Community Resources Society

- Produced calendar of upcoming events – Allison Crowe concerts in Ucluelet and Tofino, spaghetti dinner on April 25, walk a mile in her shoes coming up
- Provincial gaming fund was increased by 30% which will enable community outreach program to maintain same level of activity
- Homelessness article – the society can help people on a short-term basis in terms of appropriate resources
- Letter of support for funding application to province to maintain level of service for community youth worker

Westcoast Multiplex Society

- Working on refocusing priorities

Councillor Oliwa

George Fraser Society

- Completion of signage; first sign made locally will show plant info, history and 1km self-guided walking tour (May 23rd). Will be placed at memorial park.

Whale Fest Society

- Big success – venues sold out and sizeable increase in numbers
- Fire rescue winning 6-4 in the spout ball won by Ucluelet
- Tug-of-whale – Ucluelet won
- Chowder chow down – numbers exceeded expectations 13 restaurants (500-600)
- Congratulations to Rec department and thank you to supporters

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-06/09

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

CARRIED

R-2 Gayle Ryon, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Re: First Quarter Summary

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive the Bylaw Enforcement Officers report for information.

CARRIED

Council brought up the issue of enforcement of semi-trucks parking on Peninsula Road and at the industrial park near Sonbird where there is no room for them. Would like staff to look at the issue and possibly install signage for no-parking areas and more patrols for parking issues.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Irving to direct bylaw to undertake a derelict vehicle enforcement program before summer, especially any on District property.

CARRIED

R-3 Gayle Ryon, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Re: Enforcement strategy in front of the fire hall

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to allocate \$600.00 dollars for in the fire department budget for painting and that a protocol be developed in conjunction with the Manager of Emergency Services for the reporting and removal of vehicles that park in front of the fire hall.

CARRIED

R-4 Saila Hull, Director of Corporate Services

Re: Electronic council agendas & budget for new community room

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to approve the direction to move towards electronic agendas and place \$12,000 for laptops, chairs and a document camera for the community room in the 2009 budget.

CARRIED

R-5 Saila Hull, Director of Corporate Services

Re: Records Management Review

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to refer the records management review project to the 2009 budget process.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Requests

- Road signage - It was noted that there is missing a road sign at Imperial and Otter.
- Water tower – It was noted that there is no fencing around the water tower
- Timeline on stop sign report at Marine and Matterson from planning department
- Landscape and clean-up needed at Rec Hall
- Timeline on plaques for cemetery and bylaw
- Look into a broom bash program for the community (The Mayor is to find out from Regional District about their program and free tipping at landfill)
- Examine moving the ambulance station to the UAC site in 2010 in conjunction with upgrades to the fire hall. Councillor Corlazzoli noted that it would need private contributors and it is very expensive to build the appropriate commercial building required by the Province – could tie in with contract negotiations.

Chamber of Commerce Request

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to include the sponsorship of the cloth bags for the Merchant Committee in the 2009 budget process.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Don Foster Inquired into the whereabouts of the sign at the Frank Jones Memorial Park. The Mayor responded that the sign became unsafe, but the dedication is still on the boulder where it occurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Approved

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 24th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Saila Hull
Corporate Officer