

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
May 12, 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
Barb Gudbranson, Admin. Secretary
Felice Mazzoni, Director of Planning
Jason Niles, Assistant Planner
Steve Bird, Harbour Manager

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 Special Council Meeting held on May 5th, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

D-1 Julie Edwards

Re: Closed Containment Salmon Aquaculture Facility

This is a new industry opportunity with closed containment salmon facilities. Over the years there has always been conflict with the open pen system of salmon farming with escapement issues, waste, diseases, chemical treatment, etc. The closed containment system offers an environmentally friendly and economical system. This model is such that additional pens can be added onto as the operation grows, so not all of the required capital has to be invested at once. Additional business opportunities may arise from the closed salmon pens such as a high grade of fertilizer created by salmon feces. Ucluelet used to truck out fish that were used for reduction of oil and animal feed, if we were to process this ourselves it would reduce the carbon foot print and provide employment opportunities for locals. Wave Energy may also be incorporated with the circulation system, this would increase the environmental benefits. Placement for a demonstration project could be located at the head of the bay or the old Wholly Plant, one module built and operational in 52 weeks to raise 500,000lbs.

There is a lot of excitement from various companies and First Nation groups. We have discussed this idea with the Natural Resources Committee and Ucluelet Economic Development Corporation. Looking for financial support from large stores or companies and will see if they would like to partner. We would like to apply for money under a company or associate name, there is a lot of grant money available now that won't be available in 2012.

Would like to request a letter of support for this initiative from the District and donation of \$2000.00 towards creating the proposal.

Delegation ended 7:58

PUBLIC INPUT

Don Foster – 1341 Pine Road
BR2 and B5 – want to ensure that these are legal electric vehicles and not golf carts running around the streets.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Carol Sedgwick, Ucluelet Secondary School Principal

Re: Commencement Ceremony

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to honour the school with the Mayors presence for the Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 6th, 2009.

CARRIED

C-2 Wanda McAvoy, George Fraser Memorial Project

Re: Interpretive Signage and Public Works Assistance

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to approve the requests subject to public works schedule and council approval on proposed new signage for WPT site.

CARRIED

C-3 Tracy & Ted Eeftink, Majestic Ocean Kayaking

Re: District of Ucluelet Signage Program Request

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

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Irving to refer to the Planning Department to check policy and continuation of signage program.

CARRIED

C-4 Lisa Brisco, Ucluelet & Area Historical Society

Re: 50th Anniversary of the Alberni-Tofino Road Opening

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive and forward to Chamber of Commerce and associated groups.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1 Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Re: 2009/10 Regional Community to Community Forum Funding

I-2 Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries & Oceans

Re: Halibut Management

I-3 Nestle Waters

Re: Bottled Water

I-4 Neil Hastie, Encorp Pacific (Canada)

Re: BC Bottle Depot Association

I-5 Act Now BC, Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport

Re: Games Town 2010

I-6 Human Resources & Skills Development Canada

Re: Nomination of 2009 Volunteers

I-7 Frank Leonard, Municipal Finance Authority

Re: MFA Program Dividends

I-8 Crystal Dunahee, Child Find BC

Re: Proclamation for Nation Missing Children's Month & Day

I-9 Interfor, Canfor, West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd

Re: Forest Industry CEO's correct the record on forestry issues

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive information items I-1 through I-9 for information.

CARRIED

I-8 – Crystal Dunahee, Child Find BC

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to proclaim May as "Missing Children's Month" and May 25th as "Missing Children's Day."

CARRIED- Mayor so proclaimed.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

Recreation Commission

- Getting ready for Ukee Days and will be looking for council volunteers.

Food Bank on the Edge

- May 23 is AGM and election of officers. Lori Foster is coordinator and runner of the show.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

- Thank you to ex- councillor Nick Thorp for attending in mayor's stead. At the moment have pulled back a bit, but can still manage to hand out some monies.

Councillor Corlazzoli

Wild Pacific Trail

- Talked about using the marathon as a fund raising opportunity for the WPT, ask participants to donate a dollar to the trail.
- Still trying to get directors insurance, tried to piggy back on another society or be listed with the District and not allowed.
- Looking at making thank you cards and brochures that have the Districts aerial photograph for advertising.
- Earth day event was not well attended in Ucluelet as it was believed too many events were happening at the same time and they will try and have a coordinated event next year.

Councillor Irving

Historical Society

- Continuing to pursue the Coast Guard House as temporary site for the Historical Society operations and some temporary displays for the public. This would be an excellent opportunity to have a presence before the museum is built. Thank you from the society for the Districts contribution.
- Had a successful plant sale.

- Digitized photo inventory is well underway and would like to request community members to bring forward old photographs to be digitized.
- Had prior request in for summer planning students to assist with upgrade of the existing business plan. There is already a file developed and society will assist.

Local Marine Advisory Committee

- Bamfield Music Festival on July 11th to 20th, would like to encourage everyone to attend or for the charter and tour companies to be aware as option for clients.
- Government budget 175 million to refit coast guard vessels, offshore, inshore and research vessels will all see up grades.

Affordable Housing Society

- Looking to council for a resolution/letter of support for the continuation of the Bay Street project.
- Would also like to request the Planning Department to look at the pro's and con's of reducing DCC's on affordable housing for developers and a tax rebate or remission some communities have already developed grades.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake for the District to write a letter of support for the Bay Street Project.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to have the Planning Department investigate the pro's and con's of reducing DCC's on affordable housing for developers and a tax rebate or remission for affordable housing.

CARRIED

Councillor Drake

Multi-plex

- Multiplex Society passed a motion for DNA to create a fund raising plan and cost sharing initiative for operating costs between the potential partners. This consultant has a lot of experience with securing grants for First Nations and will help make the connection between the different grant sources.

Chamber of Commerce

- continuing to work with Tourism Ucluelet over sharing of staff.
- Natural Resources Committee meeting tomorrow night, will brainstorm on the closed containment salmon facility.
- Board of directors looking for more members as we've recently had some resignations.

Councillor Oliwa

Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade

- Happy with budget- new CAF system for fire truck and training options being discussed.

- Open house on Saturday was well attended, great cooperative effort with Ucluelet Auxiliary Coast Guard, Search & Rescue, Emergency Social Services, West Coast Rangers and Fire Department.

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-09/09

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

CARRIED

R-2 Steve Bird, Harbour Manager

Re: May 2009 Report

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive the Harbour Managers report for information.

CARRIED

A meeting was recently held with SCH representatives, Advisory Commission and Harbour Authority members where emphasis was placed on having a good working relationship and creating visions for the future. Significant money in the Federal Budget for upgrading and expanding the facilities, talked about off loading facility for tractor trailers. The first step will be completing the fish cleaning station which should be done by June. SCH is assisting with grant procedures with Community Futures for a laundry/shower project and they want to proceed with the project immediately.

Mayor Noted: Storage area off of washroom facility needs to be cleaned out, very visible area to the public.

LEGISLATION:

B-1 Ucluelet 2009-2013 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1097, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to adopt the Ucluelet 2009-2013 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1097, 2009.

CARRIED

B-2 Property Value Taxes Bylaw No. 1098, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Councillor Oliwa to adopt the Property Value Taxes Bylaw No. 1098, 2009.

CARRIED

BR-1 Felice Mazzoni, Director of Planning

Re: Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1094, 2009 & Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1095, 2009.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Mayor Russcher to receive the Director of Planning recommendation for third reading on Bylaw's 1094 and 1095 and for the Director of Planning to proceed with creating a phased development agreement or master development agreement for the subject lands.

DEFEATED – opposed Councillor Corlazzoli, Councillor Drake, Councillor Oliwa

B-3 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1094, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to give third reading to Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1094, 2009.

DEFEATED – opposed Councillor Corlazzoli, Councillor Drake, Councillor Oliwa

B-4 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1095, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to give third reading to the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1095, 2009.

DEFEATED- opposed Councillor Corlazzoli, Councillor Drake, Councillor Oliwa

BR-2 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner

Re: Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles (NVEZ)

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

CARRIED

B-5 Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles Bylaw No. 1096, 2009

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Containment Salmon Aquaculture Facility

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Irving to provide Julie Edwards with a letter of support for Closed Containment Salmon Aquaculture.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Drake to forward Closed Containment Salmon Aquaculture initiative to the UEDC to study possibilities and financial implications and report back to Council.

CARRIED

Community to Community Forum

Positive, progressive meeting with UFN, good participation by staff and thank you for the contribution towards the meeting. Facilitator will forward a report of actions items which we look forward to.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzolit to request staff to develop a maintenance plan and reserve fund for the Main Street dock.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa for staff to write a letter to DFO requesting an immediate increase of funding to hatcheries; for a development plan to rebuild the Chinook stock in this area be created and funded; for increased stream restoration and enhancement.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Roger Gudbranson asked about signage and access to parking at Terrace Beach, the old road is blocked with a log. The Director of Planning responded that the old road is privately owned, Terrace Beach is accessible through the Cabins at Terrace Beach parking area and signage is being produced.

Geoff Lyons cautioned about the change of the force main into sewer line with proposed new development and would be surprised if the seven million dollar debt had been paid off in twelve years. Second point is the annual assessment for the outfall from force main and that one of the four parties should know that that is an ongoing cost.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 9:44 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Andrew Yeates
CAO