

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
May 26, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

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 Irving and Oliwa to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting held on May 12th, 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 May 12th, 2009 as amended by changing UEDC to Multiplex under Councillor Drake's reports.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

D-1 Jim Martin, Wild Pacific Trail Society

Mr. Martin brought forward the society's concerns about the He-Tin-Kis trail extension project. The society would like to see trail criteria be set and incorporated into tender packages, and is concerned about the width of the trail being constructed.

Council recommended that the society work on construction criteria for the Wild Pacific Trail and forward them to the District.

Robert Sabine, CAO from Alberni Clayoquot Regional District

Mayor introduced and welcomed Mr. Sabine to the meeting

Vivian Robinson Award (V.I. Emergency Preparedness Society)

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General sent a letter in recognition of outstanding service and commitment from Christine Brice and Darlene Rouleau with Ucluelet's Emergency Social Services. Ms. Brice and Rouleau were honoured with the Vivian Robinson Award.

Pieter Timmermans

Mr. Timmermans thanked the public works department for the nicely patched area on the bicycle path coming down the hill near the water tower.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Lisa Brisco, Ucluelet & Area Historical Society

Re: Heritage Trees & Shrubs

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to ask staff when the tree bylaw will be completed.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- I-1 Kim Carter, Ombudsman
Re: Early Resolution Process - update
- I-2 Andrew Cowan, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Re: FCM-CH2M Hill Sustainable Community Award Applicant
- I-3 Passenger Transportation Board
Re: Taxi Rate Changes in BC

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Drake to receive information items I-1 through I-3 for information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

ACRD

- Received an excellent presentation on various facts, figures and programs available at Vancouver Island Regional Libraries by Rosemary Bonanno, Executive Director. Information package will be available in the District's library. The Director of Finance came up with statistics on why the District is paying more; received facts which provided more comfort about the tax dollars spent on the library.
- Hospital Board met last week and Port Alberni is still looking for doctors; hospital is fifteen patients above capacity at the moment.

Chamber of Commerce

- Aired some concerns that were happening between committees; things are cleared up.

Recreation Department

- Flea Market had a good turn on the weekend and the Recreation Director set up a good soccer game with the young ladies from Port Alberni coming in.

UEDC

- Will be attending (BCCFA) Community Forest Conference in Port Alberni this weekend and then in Victoria to meet with the ministry on wave energy. Had a meeting with Julie Edwards and an expert about the closed containment farms, which have been successful with halibut. Looking at the possibilities of partnering with local first nations on this initiative. Farms are large and will need to be located outside the municipality, a test spot might be able to be done locally. The request of a donation of two thousand dollars from the District has been tabled.
- Mr. Lyons has put in an application with the Community Adjustment Fund.

Food Bank on the Edge

- AGM was on April 23rd. Mayor Russcher voted in as Chair, Vice-Chair is Tom Stere, Tierney Schievink is secretary, Leslie Anderson is Treasurer and Lori Foster remains the coordinator.
- Food Bank is not going in the proper direction as it is getting busier all the time. Donated 31,509 pounds of food which is a huge increase. The society is meeting the demands of the public thanks to a tremendous effort from the volunteers.
- Will be making a declaration for Food Hunger Day, June 2nd.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

Approved

- AGM on June 4th, - there are two or three directors to be reappointed or replaced. Hesquiat has put their seat on hold for the moment.

Councillor Irving

No Meetings

Councillor Drake

Chamber of Commerce

- Pacific Rim Visitor Centre visioning session Thursday 28th at Black Rock - invite to all council to attend.

West Coast Community Resource Society

- Finishing budget. Able to fund a youth worker for this year. The transition house needs more funding or will have to be cut back.
- West Coast Child Care Society has asked the West Coast Community Resource Society to run the Child Care Society. This idea is being considered as well as making the Child Care Society a committee under the Community Resource Society.
- Community lunches on Thursday from one to three pm are continuing and have been well attended.

West Coast Multiplex Society

- Reviewed events from past year -Skate and Swim in Port Alberni, Hockey-ville Competition, Jake Burma Logo Competition.
- Elected new member Rod McDonald, co-chairs are Kendal Kelly, Mosses Martin, Dave Taron. Geoff Lyons joined a while ago.
- Almost all of the eight communities have returned a letter of support in spirit, just waiting for a couple letters to go before First Nation councils.
- Fred Dabiri consultant from David Nairne and Associates discussed his background and the work he will be doing for the society of seeking grant monies and cost sharing negotiations.
- AGM well attended, family event with activities.

Councillor Oliwa

Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade

- Department social was well attended, compliments to master chef John Millar.
- Calvin Clark, Jarod Oye received ten year pins and Shawn England received a fifteen year pin for volunteer services.
- Special mention was made to the late Lorne White, who was a life time member. Loren housed the fire phone in his home between 1950 and the 1970's, if a fire was called in Loren would run up to the fire department and ring the bell.

George Fraser Society

- The ninth annual George Fraser Day took place over the weekend, well attended.
- Society unveiled a new sign depicting an interpretive walk through George Fraser lands at the George Fraser Park on the promenade.
- Bill Dale, dedicated disciple of George Fraser and his horticulture talents made the event at 92 years of age.
- Next year will be tenth annual and a big event with dignitaries. Looking at initiative of having flower beds extending more throughout Ucluelet.
- Thank you to the District and Public Works for assistance and everyone involved.

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-10/09

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive Expenditure Voucher G-10/09.

CARRIED

LEGISLATION:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Rainforest Dance Society

Council received an email from the Treasurer of the Rainforest Dance Society regarding the sprung floor at the community centre.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Irving to forward the Rainforest Dance Society letter to the Director of Recreation.

CARRIED

Historical Society

The committee felt that their request to council for public works assistance was not met before the event date. They would like an avenue of good communication as next year is the tenth anniversary and will be a much larger event. District staff will be meeting with Committee to clarify needs and wants.

District Signage Policy

Tourism Ucluelet and Malaspina College have previously done a sign audit for Ucluelet and came up with a dynamic proposal of uniformity. The font is small with our signage when you are travelling at fifty kilometers per hour. The District will review the sign audit proposal.

Ucluelet Aquarium

Lease request has been sent in to Integrated Land Management for the new site location; Aquarium Society is working closely with the Planning Department on a building structure.

Official Community Plan

Review will be coming up in June.

Twinning Program

Council would like the District to become involved if the program still exists and look at twinning with a third world country.

Trail Standards

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Oliwa for district staff to bring forward a trail building standards document.

CARRIED

Van Isle 360

Approved

Invited to attend opening on June 5th, Councillor Drake will be representing Ucluelet.

Food Bank on the Edge

It was moved by Mayor Russcher and seconded by Councillor Irving to proclaim June 2nd as National Hunger Awareness Day and adopt the following proclamation;

WHEREAS addressing the food security needs of children youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of Ucluelet, BC;

WHEREAS the need for comprehensive coordinated emergency food programs place upon our community a critical responsibility;

WHEREAS it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts towards the health and well-being of hungry Canadians;

WHEREAS THE FOOD BANK ON THE EDGE through its unique approach to providing emergency food supplies, is effectively caring for the needs of hungry children, youth and families in our community;

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Eric Russcher, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2009 to be Ucluelet's National Hunger Awareness Day and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting the needs of hungry people to unite on that day in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of Ucluelet with the fundamental necessity to support eh work of food banks in meeting the food security needs of hungry children and youth and families.

CARRIED – so proclaimed by the Mayor.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Tom Mureika, Westcoaster.ca – Asked who the recipients of the Vivian Robinson Award were.

Sarah Douziech, Westerly News – asked if trail standards would be reestablished before construction continued. District and contractor will be in discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Andrew Yeates
CAO