

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET

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

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

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 Oliwa to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 10th, 2009 as amended by removing Councillor Oliwa from Council Present.

CARRIED

Business Out of Minutes:

Global Education Class - good exercise for students to report to council on trip criteria and where monies are being used.

Pacific Rim Visitor Centre - sign for Tourism Ucluelet and Tofino to be erected at PRVC; sign needs to be approved by the Chamber of Commerce and should be passed by council as a formality as the District of Ucluelet are the landlords.

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Carol Gagne, District of Tofino

Re: Invitation to Joint Council Meeting

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli for staff to organize a meeting in late January or February 2010.

CARRIED

C-2 Tracy & Ted Eeftink, Majestic Ocean Kayaking

Re: District Signage Request for Marine Drive Road

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

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to proceed with the District Signage Program along Peninsula Road; to request Majestic Ocean Kayaking fill out the appropriate forms for the signage program; to deny Black Rock Resorts request of three sign posts and invite to participate in District Signage Program.

CARRIED

C-3 Barb Beasley
Re: Pesticide Bylaw Research

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- I-1 Mayor Gerry Furney, Port McNeil
Re: Aquaculture: Sea Lice Research
- I-2 Director Brian Booney, Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Re: Municipal Operating Expenditure
- I-3 Minister Bill Bennett, Ministry of Community & Rural Development
Re: Resort Community Status
- I-4 Minister Kevin Krueger, Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Arts
Re: Off-road Vehicles Management
- I-5 Vancouver Island Health Association
Re: Request for Proposal for Crisis Line Service
- I-6 Vancouver Island Health Association
Re: Island Wide Needle Exchange Service Increase
- I-7 Andy Burianyk, SAFERhome Standards Society
Re: SAFERhome Standards Tool Kit

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive information items I-1 through I-7 for information.
CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

Alberni Clayoquot Regional District

- Tofino Ucluelet Airport will be announcing grand opening of new terminal building; seating to be installed and black top of parking lot to be finished.
- Airport Commission to be created which will be comprised of a member from Tourism Ucluelet, Tourism Tofino, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Parks Canada and the Mayor of Ucluelet and Tofino. It will be the Commissions job to oversee operations and hire an Airport Manager; Port Alberni Airport might also be included in Commissions responsibilities.
- Tofino Ucluelet Airport is on a large parcel of land and additional options of revenue generation need to be looked at.

Food Bank on the Edge

- Christmas Hampers will be assembled at the UAC Hall on December 21st starting at 9:15 a.m.
- Food Bank numbers have increased from eighty two to a hundred and fifteen. There is an average increase across the country of 36%.
- Co-op food drive brought in seventeen hundred pounds of food for Food Bank. Thank you to the citizens of Ucluelet and Tofino for their consistent generosity.

Chamber of Commerce

- Special resolution made on Thursday night. No major changes to executive board at AGM.

Tourism Ucluelet

- Executive board has a couple changes, everyone going in the same direction. Good presentation made at the meeting.

Ucluelet Day Care Society

- Fundraiser at Delicado's well attended and contributed to by council members.

West Coast Aquatic

- Will be attending council as a delegation on December 8th with Terms of Reference, planning process and direction of group.

RCMP Meeting

- Dec 10th meeting with RCMP in Tofino at Tofino Council Chambers regarding possibilities of Tofino Detachment acquiring a new building which may lead to Tofino being declared the Regional Headquarters.
- Council representation required at meeting to affirm Ucluelet RCMP has large land mass to cover, a growing population and First Nation communities.

Councillor Irving

No meetings

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli for staff to forward a letter of appreciation to the Ucluelet Co-op for their exceptional support to the Food Bank through the food hamper drive.

CARRIED

Councillor Oliwa

George Fraser Committee

- Worked on Terms of Reference to bring forward to Historical Society
- Brain storm session for next George Fraser Day
- Received an inquiry from a reporter in Fochaber Scotland asking about information on the George Fraser Heritage Day celebrations.

Ucluelet Emergency Program

- Coordinators meeting on November 26th

Councillor Drake

West Coast Community Resources Society

- Meeting on the 26th of November
- Spoke with the Ucluelet Child Care Society on importance of having operational plans laid out for the Day Care.

Ucluelet & Area Child Care Society

- In process of writing formal letter to be delivered at AGM requesting responsibilities be transferred to West Coast Community Resources Society.

Councillor Corlazzoli

Hake Consortium/Fisheries

- Discussed various problems for the season like the Joint Venture which was dragged on throughout the season with no decision being made;
- Large problem was the world market; Processors ended up storing product; foreign countries had problems acquiring currency; product ended up being sold at reduced price.

- Six metric tons of quota was not caught so will be carried over to next year.
- Presence of Humboldt squid in our area has raised concern, affected fishery.

COM-2 Ucluelet Harbour Advisory Commission Minutes

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

CARRIED

Harbour Bylaw fee schedule is missing a month; Advisory group working on rate review; require term dates of members; staff representative.

LC-1 Harbour Authority Association of BC – 13th Annual Conference

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to send a delegate from the Harbour Authority.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-20/09

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive Expenditure Voucher G-20/09.

CARRIED

R-2 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: 2010 Council Schedule

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive the 2010 Council Meeting Schedule.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Mayor Russcher to have day time council meetings on every fourth meeting date as presented in the 2010 council schedule.

DENIED

Opposed- Councillor Corlazzoli, Councillor Drake, Councillor Oliwa.

R-3 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: SCH Liveaboard Application

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to approve the liveaboard application subject to approval of bylaw inspection and payment of lease fees.

CARRIED

LEGISLATION

BR-1 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner

Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1110, 2009 (Clean-up)

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to approve the Assistant Planners recommendations.

CARRIED

B-1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1110, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Irving to approve third reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1110, 2009.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Corlazzoli for staff to review regulations that allow two separate buildings connected by a causeway to be considered as one dwelling and the regulation of a foundation allowing more than one building on it but considering it one building as long as the foundation is continuous.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Vancouver Island Regional Library Board

It was moved and seconded by Mayor Russcher and Councillor Drake to re-appoint Councillor Corlazzoli to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board and re-appoint Councillor Irving as the alternate.

CARRIED

School Board Meeting

There is a Public Meeting with School District Board on December 2nd in the USS Band Room regarding the possible closure or combining of schools in our area due to the 1.8 million budget deficit. Council presence would be beneficial to enforce the dissatisfaction of losing a piece of infrastructure that keeps families in Ucluelet. Would like the School Board to attend a meeting with council, alternative ideas for education should have been suggested. School electives have already been removed from the curriculum; thankfully parents have raised funds to support educational activities, sports and playground equipment.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Councillor Corlazzoli for staff to forward a letter to the Ministry over concerns of possible school closures and copy letter to School District 70, First Nation Communities and District of Tofino.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli for staff to write a letter to James Lunney regarding the Coast Guard property, Affordable Housing, and Small Craft Harbour projects.

CARRIED

Ucluelet Businesses

Congratulations to the service sector on being ambassadors to Ucluelet in such tough economic times, excellent job of representing the community.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Sarah Douziech, Westerly News - to acquire a new building the Tofino RCMP Detachment may have to be named as the Regional Office which would greatly impact the policing of Ucluelet; Proposal for old fish plant is still in the works, creating Master Development agreement; Manager of Finance has information on school taxes.

Steve Bird, Harbour Manager - concerned with discussion on Tofino RCMP Detachment possibly becoming regional headquarters for the area, this would cause Ucluelet to lose custom clearance capability.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Approved

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

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Andrew Yeates
CAO