

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
September 22, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Abby Fortune, Director of Recreation
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 Irving to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8th, 2009 as amended by stating Councillor Irving was opposed to the Co-op signage motion.

CARRIED

Business out of the minutes:

Emcon Property-site has recently been purchased by Ucluelet First Nations.

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Nicolas Volkow, City of Burnaby

Re: Industrial Property Taxes

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to write a letter supporting municipalities with respect to the non-payment of industrial property taxes.

CARRIED

C-2 Steve Bergh, BC Lightkeepers Local

Re: **Staffed Lighthouses**

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive as information as letter was previously sent.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1 Justin Hodgkinson, Office of the Information & Privacy Commission

Re: **Right to Know Week Proclamation**

I-2 Gerry Furney, Port McNeil

Re: **Letter of support – Pacific Salmon Treaty Initiatives**

I-3 Dora Turje, Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society

Re: **81st BC Youth Parliament**

I-4 Suzanne Allard Strutt, BC Recreation & Parks Association

Re: **Thank you for support**

I-5 Carolyn Tatton, MISTIC

Re: **National Technology Week Proclamation**

I-6 Jodi Mucha, BC Healthy Communities

Re: Status of BC Healthy Communities Network

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

CARRIED

I-1 Right to Know Week Proclamation

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Corlazzoli to secure the proclamation of Right to Know Week from September 28th to October 2, 2009.

CARRIED

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

ACRD

- Long Beach Golf and Cherry Beach Golf applied for tax exemptions and have been accepted.
- Airport terminal building coming close to completion at the Long Beach Airport, Budget will move in as one of the tenants, several other potential tenants on a list.
- CT Scanner opened at the West Coast General Hospital on the 17th

Ucluelet Recreation Commission

- Ukee Days wrap up, report going to council along with financial balances
- Olympic Torch Relay is on November 1st
- October 7th is the Recreation Commission AGM, opening available for new recruits
- Had tour of community centre site, building is something the community will be very proud of.

West Coast Coastal Health

- Issues are still the same, looking for doctors, nurses and a new hospital
- Economic decline will make achieving issues more difficult but won't change the long term plan.
- Local health officer has plan in effect for flu pandemic if anything should happen.

Food Bank on the Edge

- July and August stayed constant with about 85 clients
- Opening of fish plant offering steady employment has helped to lower the numbers.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

- Meeting was held in Opitsaht at the redone meeting hall.
- Hesquiaht Band has returned as a participating member.
- Looking at moving office due to health and safety concerns, spoke with Ucluelet First Nations about relocation to possible site in Tofino on waterfront.
- Funds are rebounding, now at 13 million will look at calls for proposal next year

Central West Coast Forest Society

- Received good news from Parks Canada regarding the \$145,000 Riparian Stream Work program

Councillor Irving

Coastal Community Network

- Support communities on west coast in regards to Pacific Salmon Treaty issues.
- Large issue on how commercial fisherman are supposed to survive when American funds from treaty won't be received for a couple of years.

- Highly encourage council to approach officials at UBCM and push this issue.

Ucluelet & Area Historical Society

- Tidying up museum business plan, will forward to council and then next step will be applying for building funds.
- Need to know about dispensation of Coast Guard lands, have a thirty year lease but makes it hard to pursue funding for building when there is no confirmation on ownership of the land.
- Also need to push issue of obtaining the light keepers house for storage of artifacts at the moment. At present items are being stored at various locations, some without heat which can be detrimental.

Councillor Corlazzoli

Vancouver Island Regional Library

- Mostly in-camera meeting due to budget short falls. Sensitive information with cutbacks of hours, personnel and programs which will be announced shortly.
- Annual report is deceiving as it shows a surplus of 1.5 million dollars when this money is already allocated to various upgrades and such, a library cannot run in a deficit like a School Board can.
- Preliminary budget was released with the highest increase in Ucluelet at 11.2 %; this is due to assessed values increasing and new lots and subdivisions that have been put on the market.
- Budget constraints won't change tenancy at Community Centre

Wild Pacific Trail

- People are using board walk area by lighthouse that has "under new construction" sign posted.
- Spoke about placing new donation box at the Browns Beach parking area.

Fisheries

- Hake have been very patchy in the area, some up north but higher coast to truck them down.
- Fish plants should be running until the 1-2 week of November

Councillor Oliwa

No meetings.

REPORTS:

R-1 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-15/09

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive Expenditure Voucher G-16/09.

CARRIED

LEGISLATION

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Wyndansea Property -

Signature Circle subdivision is being completed, bond will be given back and properties can be sold. No changes on the development plan, have to stay with original plan, would have to resubmit if there were any changes they wanted.

Community Center

Would like to see a monthly operation cost for the building.

Tourism Ucluelet

District hasn't done anything with portion of hotel room tax outside of assistance with development of Wild Pacific Trail's extension, washroom and signage. Would like an update on account and what is happening with that.

Seaplane Base Launch

Need policy and signage on what type of vessels can be launched from this site. Commercial enterprises have been using, need bylaw to monitor site.

UEDC

looking at feasibility of opening up the Kennedy Lake log sort which may be available to commercial groups for launching or working on barges and such.

Heritage Tree Bylaw

District staff and summer students were working on a bylaw to protect historical plants, shrubs and trees, would like a draft form to come before council as soon as possible to the bylaw can be placed into effect.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Tom Mureika, Westcoaster.ca - Numbers of distribution for the food bank, to contact the Mayor. Securing lighthouse building for storage of historical items, need to speak with Coast Guard personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Abby Fortune
Director of Recreation

Approved