

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held in the
Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC on
September 8, 2009 at 7:30 pm

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance
Jason Niles, Assistant Planner
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 August 11th, 2009 and the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on August 24th, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

Business out of the minutes:

N/A

DELEGATIONS and PUBLIC INPUT:

Sergeant Jeff Swan, RCMP

Introduced to council and touched on key policing initiatives for the community. Excited to be posted in a small detachment, constables are a young group in service, eager in heart. Look forward to initiating programs for youth and being involved with the community. SGT. Swan is a trained restorative justice facilitator and would like to see this non-adversarial, non-retributive approach to justice re-established in Ucluelet. Open to suggestions from council and the public on areas of concern or requiring more enforcement visibility.

Mary Listen, UVIC Masters Student

Two month research project looking at improving the understanding of small resource based coastal community and how climate change has impacted the aquaculture/fishing industry and how these effects are being dealt with at a local level. Starting with a focus group combined of local persons with community planning and resource background.

D-1 Jim Martin, Wild Pacific Trail

Re: Trail Update

On short notice the WPT applied for federal funding opportunity for trail ready projects. The grant monies are to be applied for the connection trail between He-Tin-Kis and Terrace Beach up to Peninsula Road. Surveying has been done in the area, seems there are a couple discrepancies which we hope the planning department will help to straighten out. The project will include First Nation involvement with the historical knowledge of a canoe haul out location and information from archeologists on a midden in the area.

Regrettably the WPT made a mistake misinterpreting the District's budget process and an invoice from 2008 that was received late and not identified resulted in the withdrawal of over 80% of the WPT 2009 budgeted monies from the District. Federal grant monies cannot be received unless the District matches the donation. A discussion with CAO and Director of Finance has resulted in assistance with financial guidance so that this situation does not happen again. The WPT would like to request \$8500.00 from council to go with the \$1500.00 that is left in the account.

Delegation ended 8:04

D-2 Glen Downton, Ucluelet Consumer Co-op
Re: Signage

Councillor Oliwa removes himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest.

Would like to request council to allow the back lit signage at the Co-op to be turned on. There was no discussion in the emails between the District and architects regarding signage and regulations when the building upgrades were being discussed. Costs were forty one thousand dollars for Co-op signs and installation, it would cost more to reorder and replace. Outstanding matters on the Co-ops development permit were discussed and possible amendments to the sign bylaw.

Delegation ended 8:10

Councillor Oliwa returned to meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Keith Gibson, Long Beach Golf Course

Re: Wickannish Inn Pro -Am Golf Tournament - request for funding

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to sponsor a "hole" in the Pro-Am Tournament.

CARRIED

C-2 Lisbeth Edwards

Re: Deer in Ucluelet

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive and direct staff to forward a copy of the letter to Ministry of Environment/Conservation Officers Service and ask for an opinion.

CARRIED

C-3 Tara Taggart, Canadian Cancer Society

Re: Health Promoting Bylaws (pesticides)

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

CARRIED

C-4 Barbara Murray, Nanoose Bay

Re: Wild Salmon Stocks

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

I-1 Harbour Authority Bulletin, NHAAC Update

I-2 Ted Blowes, Communities in Bloom

Re: Winter Lights Celebration

- I-3 Gail Shea, Ministry of Fisheries & Oceans
Re: Pacific Salmon Treaty
- I-4 Marie Savage, UDI Victoria
Re: CRD Proposed ban on wood waste & product stewardship materials
- I-5 BC Hydro
Re: Funding Available for Electric Beautification Projects
- I-6 City of Burnaby
Re: Letter to Premier Campbell on funding for public libraries
- I-7 Carol Goozh, community Living BC
Re: Employment for People with Developmental Disabilities
- I-8 Don Head, Communities Responding to Human Needs
Re: Restorative Justice Week 2009
- I-9 Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries & Oceans
Re: Pacific Salmon Treaty – Chapter 3
- I-10 Kim Saastad, Ministry of Housing & Social Development
Re: Prevention & Loss Management Service Branch – enhanced phone service

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Irving to receive information items I-1 through I-10 for information.

CARRIED

I-9 Pacific Salmon Treaty

Meeting is trying to be booked with James Lunney and the WCA. Thirty percent reduction of fisheries was at the expense of the West Coast troll fleet, no decrease to the first nations, charter fishing or sport fisheries. Monies to assist in transition period will not be available until 2010 at the earliest; this is not way to treat people. Need to pursue this issue at the UBCM Convention and set a meeting with the Attorney General.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor Eric Russcher

ACRD

- Emcon has moved everything to other site and are cleaning up yard to place for sale before Christmas. Road construction by campsite may be access to acreage behind.
- Invasive species of carp in Sprout Lake are there to stay. Eradication of the carp is not possible, will have to try and control by a fishery of some type. Though the carp are plant eaters they still disturb and destroy bedding sites for spawning.

Food Bank on the Edge

- Building is sporting a new roof and food bank is still very busy.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

- Will be meeting next week, have resolved the society status and can issue receipts.

West Coast Aquatic

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Ministry of Environment attended meeting, planning of area and boundaries off to a good start with a two hundred mile limit.
- Still have to prioritize between either Clayoquot or Barkley Sound with the start of a planning strategy.

Tourism Ucluelet

- Marketing program well underway with commercials on A-Channel and members attending upcoming trade shows.
- Signage for Ucluelet in progress, 2009/2010 budget is being worked.

Councillor Irving

Local Marine Advisory Committee

- Announced that Coast Guard is looking at unmanning lighthouses on the Pacific Coast.

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to forward a letter of concern regarding the unmanning of lighthouses and to request information on the reasoning to the Canadian Coast Guard and forward a copy of the letter to LMAC.

CARRIED

Councillor Corlazzoli

Vancouver Island Regional Library

- Concern over budget cuts, meeting next week will have more information.
- 2009 Budget was 16 million, government grants 1.4 million, municipal 14.2 million.
- Programs that are funded by the government and have become very popular like “books for kids”, “on-line teen website” will be the most affected, day to day operations are not going to be affected.

Fisheries

Hake Consortium

- Have had four to five conference calls regarding joint ventures offshore. Need to have consensus which is not going to happen this year. Tough year for hake market.

Ground Fish Development Authority

- Dividing the remaining quota between fleet and processors; ninety percent of fishing quota is given to fishermen and companies, ten percent is held back.
- Trying to implement a joint venture were fishermen join up with a processing company. Thirteen companies have applied and explained why they would like the extra quota. There are seven criteria to meet like sustainability, community investment, job creation, improve rating, etc.
- Good to meet persons involved with the ground fishery, good that Ucluelet has had representation at these meetings.
- Should have a meeting and be more involved with Ucluelet Seafood Processors and see how their year went, what are their winter plans and if we could have a tour of the plant.

Councillor Drake

West Coast Multiplex Society

- Moving along with fundraising process, boat/truck lottery;

Councillor Oliwa

No meetings.

REPORTS:

**R-1 Steve Bird, Harbour Manager
Re: September Report**

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to receive the Harbour Mangers Report.

CARRIED

R-2 Jeanette O'Connor, Manager of Finance

Re: Expenditure Voucher G-15/09

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Drake to receive Expenditure Voucher G-15/09.

CARRIED

R-3 Superintendent of Public Works

Re: Sewage Lagoon Study

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to forward the Koers Sludge Removal Study recommendations to the Budget Committee. .

CARRIED

R-4 Barb Gudbranson, Admin. Secretary

Re: Hosting AVICC Convention 2011, 2012, 2013

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to apply to host the 2012 AVICC Convention.

CARRIED

R-5 Barb Gudbranson, Admin. Secretary

Re: Small Craft Harbour Liveboard Lease Request

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Oliwa to accept the lease application subject to bylaw inspection and lease payment.

CARRIED

R-6 Koers & Associates Engineering

Re: Helen Road Sewage Pump Station Improvements – Tender Review

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive Koers report and award contract to Windley Contracting Ltd subject to funds being available.

CARRIED

R-7 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner

Re: Development Permit Amendment – Lots 2&3 VIP66186 (Boardwalk Blvd)

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to receive the planning departments recommendation of accepting the addition of a Built Green Platinum Level to the existing green building policy and amending the development permit for Lots 2&3 VIP 66186 by removing the required LEED Silver rating and adding the requirement for a Built Green Platinum standard to be achieved for all residential units on the subject property.

CARRIED

LEGISLATION

BR-1 Jason Niles, Assistant Planner

Re: Temporary on-site accommodation during construction

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to approve recommendation of amending the second reading of bylaws 1101 & 1102 and direct staff to proceed with a public hearing for bylaw 1102.

CARRIED

B-1 Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1101, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Corlazzoli and Irving to rescind the second reading of Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1101, 2009.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Drake and Corlazzoli to give second reading as amended to Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1101, 2009.

CARRIED

B-2 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1102, 2009

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Drake to rescind the second reading to Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1102, 2009.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Oliwa and Drake to give second reading as amended to Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1102, 2009.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Co-op Signage - Councillor Oliwa leaves council chambers

It was moved by Councillor Corlazzoli and seconded by Mayor Russcher to direct staff to request the Co-op apply for a sign variance and advise that the back lighting of the Co-op signage will not be permissible.

CARRIED

OPPOSED - Councillor Irving

Wild Pacific Trail Extension

It was moved and seconded by Councillor Irving and Corlazzoli to request staff to locate \$8500.00 in the budget and request the Wild Pacific Trail Society to forward a copy of the trail proposal for the He-Tin-Kis, Terrace Beach, and Peninsula Road connector.

CARRIED

Seaplane Base Kayak/Boat Launch

Would like staff to report on what is remaining in the budget for boat launch and for boat launch to be placed as part of this year's budget discussion.

Wholey's Plant

Plant is being used as temporary housing for Wholey staff, requested a couple months ago if this meets zoning and bylaw regulations and if a permit is required?

Council Meetings

Would like staff to report on options for day council meetings and what the financial gains would be for not using staff at night.

H1N1 Flue

Mayor has discussed plan of action with Emergency Services; RCMP and Fire Department are aware of the situation. Recommendation for persons that are susceptible or elderly is to acquire a flue shot in the fall once the new vaccine has come out.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Jen Dart, Westerly News - is the District working on or have a contingency plan for on outbreak? Manager of Emergency services has a plan in the works; there is a regional plan for a pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Eric Russcher adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009 at 7:30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, BC.

Eric Russcher
Mayor

Jeanette O'Connor
Manager of Finance