



## SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

**MINUTES** of the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors of the **Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District** (SQCRD) held at the Regional District Office, Prince Rupert, BC on **Saturday, December 17, 2011.**

### PRESENT

Vice Chair D. Nobels, Dodge Cove (Electoral Area "A") *"Presiding"*

Directors A. Ashley, City of Prince Rupert *via telephone*  
G. Garon, City of Prince Rupert  
B. Pages, Village of Masset *via telephone*  
K. Bjorndal, District of Port Edward  
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte  
K. Bergman, Oona River (Electoral Area "C")  
E. Putterill, Moresby Island (Electoral Area "E") *via telephone*  
M. Racz, Graham Island (Electoral Area "D")

Absent N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert  
I. Gould, Village of Port Clements

Staff J. Merrick, CAO

**1. CALL TO ORDER 9:38 am**

**2. AGENDA**

2.1 MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

7.4 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) – Resolution Submission Deadline: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

7.5 BC Water & Waste Association (BCWWA) – Invitation to meetings

11.3 Tow Hill Blowhole Boardwalk Project - Community Recreation Program application

11.4 Bank Signing Authority – Requires recommendation to establish new signing authority.

11.5 Elected Officials Training – Port Clements

11.6 Workshop on small water system

11.7 DFO – Staff Reductions

11.8 PNCIMA/IOAC - Update

**366-2011**

**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING**

## 3.1 SQCRD Regular Meeting — November 25, 2011

MOVED by Director Pages, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the November 25, 2011 Minutes be adopted as presented.

**367-2011****CARRIED**

## 3.2 RISE &amp; REPORT – None.

**4. STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES – BUSINESS ARISING**

None.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**6. FINANCE**

## 6.1 Cheques Payable over \$5,000 — November, 2011

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon that the report of cheques payable for over \$5,000 for the month of November, 2011 be received as presented.

**368-2011****CARRIED****7. CORRESPONDENCE**

## 7.1 Ministry of Health – Age-friendly British Columbia (AFBC)

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that correspondence from the Ministry of Health regarding Age-friendly British Columbia be received and filed.

**369-2011****CARRIED**

## 7.2 The Corporation of the Village of Slocan – Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic &amp; Trade Agreement Negotiations

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that correspondence from The Corporation of the Village of Slocan regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement Negotiations be received and filed.

**370-2011****CARRIED**

7.3 Moresby Island Management Committee – QCI Recreation Services for Sandspit

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the correspondence from MIMC regarding the QCI Recreation Services for Sandspit be referred to staff and the Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Coordinator and that they report back at the next SQCRD Board meeting.

**371-2011**

**CARRIED**

7.4 North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) – Resolution Submission Deadline: March 2, 2012.

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that staff bring forward a reminder closer to the date of the NCLGA Resolution Deadline.

**372-2011**

**CARRIED**

7.5 BC Water & Waste Association (BCWWA) – Invitation to meetings

MOVED by Director Pages, SECONDED by Director Racz, that staff get more information on the critical issues related to water & wastewater as identified in the correspondence from the BC Water & Waste Association.

AND THAT the staff arrange for any interested directors to attend by teleconference.

**373-2011**

**CARRIED**

## **8. REPORTS – RESOLUTIONS**

8.1 Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Coordinator – November, 2011 Report

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Coordinator's November, 2011 report be received and filed.

**374-2011**

**CARRIED**

8.2 Joan Merrick, CAO – Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (Great Bear Initiatives Society)

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the Board receives the report from Joan Merrick, CAO regarding the Great Bear Initiatives Society's grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust.

**375-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 8.3 MOVED by Director Ashley, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that the Board supports the Great Bear Initiatives Society application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> (one third) of their request for a \$20,000 Feasibility Studies grant and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> (one third) of their request for a \$20,000 Marketing Initiatives grant from the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District's nominal allocation of the Northwest Regional Development Account for the "Coastal First Nations: Building a Regional Conifer Essential Oils Industry" Project.

**376-2011**

**CARRIED**

## **9. BYLAWS**

- 9.1 Bylaw No. 541-2012 A bylaw to provide for the borrowing of money during fiscal year 2012 in anticipation of revenue.

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Pages, that the Board gives first, second and third readings to the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 541-2012.

**377-2011**

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Pages, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the Board adopts the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 541-2012.

**378-2011**

**CARRIED**

## **10. LAND REFERRALS**

None.

## **11. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Proposed Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Board Meeting Schedule for 2012

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Bergman, that the Board accepts the 2012 SQCRD Meeting Schedule dates, but holds commitment on the location of the meetings until after the Northwest Regional Hospital District meeting dates are known.

**379-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 11.2 Director Carol Kulesha – GwaiiTel Update

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the Board sends a strongly worded letter to the Province and CRTC regarding the poor cellular phone and internet service on Haida Gwaii.

**380-2011**

**CARRIED**

11.3 Tow Hill Blowhole Boardwalk Project – Community Recreation Program application

MOVED by Director Pages, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District Board approves the Community Recreation Program Grant application on behalf of Old Massett Village Council (partners) for the Tow Hill Blowhole Boardwalk Project.

AND THAT staff look at options for recovering any support costs incurred for administering the project.

**381-2011**

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Bjorndal, SECONDED by Director Racz, that staff drafts a policy on administration costs.

**382-2011**

**CARRIED**

11.4 Bank Signing Authority

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Putterill, that the Board assigns the following directors to have signing authority for the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District during the fiscal year 2012:

- 1) Chair - Barry Pages
- 2) Vice Chair - Des Nobels
- 3) Director Anna Ashley
- 4) Director Nelson Kinney
- 5) Staff – Joan Merrick, CAO
- 6) Staff – Jennifer Robb, Treasurer

AND THAT previous Director Jack Mussallem be removed from signing authority.

**383-2011**

**CARRIED**

11.5 Elected Officials Training – Port Clements

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Bjorndal, that the Board cover workshop and travel costs and for the Electoral Area Directors interested in attending the Elected Officials workshop in Port Clements and that the costs be funded from the Electoral Area budget.

**384-2011**

**CARRIED**

11.6 Workshop on small water system

Discussion only – No motion made.

11.7 DFO – Staff Reduction

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the Board send a letter to the Department of Fisheries & Oceans expressing their concerns with the loss of jobs and stating their disappointment with the way resource has been managed.

- Director Bergman **OPPOSED-  
CARRIED**

**385-2011**

11.8 PNCIMA/IOAC – Update

Director Nobels provided the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District Board with an update on the PNCIMA/IOAC process.

**12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were 2 questions from the public.

**13. IN-CAMERA**

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Alternate Director Garon, that the Board move to the In-Camera meeting under sections 90.(1)(a) and 90.(1)(g) of the Community Charter following the regular meeting.

**386-2011**

**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Racz, that the regular SQCRD meeting be ADJOURNED at 10:53 am.

**387-2011**

**CARRIED**

Certified correct:

Approved & adopted:

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J. Merrick, CAO

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B. Pages, Chair