



## 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, B.C. on Friday, March 25, 2011.

### **PRESENT**

Chair B. Pages, Village of Masset  
Vice-Chair J. Mussallem, City of Prince Rupert  
Directors N. Kinney, City of Prince Rupert  
C. Delves, Village of Port Clements  
M. Kristoff, District of Port Edward  
C. Kulesha, Village of Queen Charlotte  
D. Nobels, Dodge Cove (Electoral Area "A")  
K. Bergman, Oona River (Electoral Area "C")  
E. Putterill, Moresby Island (Electoral Area "E")

Regrets B. Setso, Graham Island (Electoral Area "D")

Staff J. Merrick, CAO  
H. Koning

### **1. CALL TO ORDER 7:07 pm**

### **2. AGENDA**

- 2.1 MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Delves, that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:
- 3.2 Insert Attachment - SQCRD Special (Budget) Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2011
- 5.1 Gary Coons, MLA – Delegate
- 7.7 Fraser Basin Council – Remote Community Implementation (RCI) Program – Notice of Funding
- 7.8 Village of Queen Charlotte – Proposed Resolution NCLGA, re: Remuneration
- 7.9 Village of Queen Charlotte – Proposed Resolution NCLGA, re: Three and Four Year terms of office
- 7.10 City of Prince Rupert – Sponsorship for North Central Local Government Association AGM & Convention – Prince Rupert
- 8.3 Joan Merrick, CAO – Emergency Program Funding Area D & E
- 9.4a Schedule A – Please add to the Five Year Financial Plan
- 11.1 NDIT Economic Development grant funding application
- 11.2 North West Regional Hospital District resolutions to the NCLGA, Re: LEED Gold Hospital Capital Projects Climate Action Charter.
- 13 Delete In-camera



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### 3. MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

#### 3.1 SQCRD Regular Meeting — February 18, 2011

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the minutes of the SQCRD Regular Meeting held February 18, 2011 be adopted.

**120-2011**

**CARRIED**

#### 3.2 SQCRD Special Meeting — March 18, 2011

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Mussallem, that the minutes of the SQCRD Special Meeting held March 18, 2011 be adopted.

**121-2011**

**CARRIED**

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

#### 4.1 Minutes of the Moresby Island Management Committee (MIMC) meeting held February 10, 2011.

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that the minutes of the Moresby Island Management Committee meeting held on February 10, 2011 be received as presented.

**122-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 5. DELEGATIONS

#### 5.0 Chair Pages welcomed Mr. Gary Coons, MLA to the meeting to discuss strategies and an appropriate process by which to lobby against the proposed ferry fare increases announced by the BC Ferry Services Inc.

Mr. Coons offered the following suggestions:

- 1) That the SQCRD appeal to the members of the BC Ferry board, namely Mr. Steve Smith and Mr. Dan Miller outlining the significant and detrimental economic impact to all communities within the North Coast region;
- 2) That the SQCRD consolidate a package of information and letters from others including the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, Prince Rupert Tourism, North Coast Ferry Advisory Committee and First Nations bands and appeal to the:
  - Operating Group of BC Ferry Corporation



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- Minister Responsible for Transportation (provincial and federal)

- 3) That the SQCRD request a meeting with the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, and upcoming NCLGA Convention and AGM.

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Mussallem that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting a meeting during the upcoming NCLGA 2011 Convention & AGM May 11 – 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed ferry fare increases.

**123-2011**

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Putterill that the SQCRD contact Patrick Marshall at the Coastal Community Network to request his assistance to garner support from other coastal communities to collectively lobby against the proposed ferry fare increases.

**124-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 6. FINANCE

- 6.1 Cheques Payable over \$5,000 — February, 2011

MOVED by Director Delves, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the report of cheques payable over \$5,000 for the month of February, 2011 be received as presented.

**125-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 City of Burnaby – BC's Heritage Program

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Kinney to receive and file the letter.

**126-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 7.2 Canadian Cancer Society – Project to build a Residential Lodge in Prince George

MOVED by Director Mussallem, SECONDED by Director Nobels to provide a letter of support to build and operate a Residential Lodge in Prince George to serve residents across the north referred for treatment in the new Northern Cancer Clinic in Prince George, and that the letter indicate that presently the SQCRD is not in a financial position a \$1 per capital commitment to the Lodge project.

**127-2011**

**CARRIED**



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### 7.3 Volunteer firefighters – Tax credit

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Putterill that a letter of support be sent to Nathan Cullen, MP asking him to support the tax credit for Volunteer Fire Fighters.

**128-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 7.4 Township of Langley – Medicinal Marijuana

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Nobels to receive and file the letter.

**129-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 7.5 UBCM – Consideration of a Two-Phase Campfire Prohibition

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kristoff to receive and file the letter.

**130-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 7.6 Matt Simmons, Prince Rupert Backcountry Society – Request for funding towards the ‘Outsider’s Guide to Prince Rupert’ guidebook

MOVED by Director Mussallem, SECONDED by Director Putterill that the SQCRD refer this letter to the City of Prince Rupert.

**131-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 7.7 Fraser Basin Council – Remote Community Implementation (RCI) Program – Notice of Funding

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Kulesha to receive and file the letter.

**132-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 7.8 Village of Queen Charlotte – Proposed Resolution NCLGA, re: Remuneration

MOVED by Director Mussallem, SECONDED by Director Nobels to receive the resolution for information.

**133-2011**

**CARRIED**



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- 7.9 Village of Queen Charlotte – Proposed Resolution NCLGA, re: Three and Four Year terms of office

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Kristoff to receive the resolution for information.

**134-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 7.10 City of Prince Rupert – Sponsorship for North Central Local Government Association AGM & Convention – Prince Rupert

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Nobels that a letter be sent to request how the Regional District could offer an in-kind contribution through staff time or other means to assist the City as they host the event.

**135-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 8. REPORTS - RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 QCI Recreation Coordinator – February, 2011 Report

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Putterill that the QCI Recreation Coordinator's February report be received and filed.

**136-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 8.2 Joan Merrick, CAO – Code of Conduct Policy

MOVED by Director Mussallem, SECONDED by Director Nobels to receive and file the Code of Conduct Policy report and that the Board adopts the Code of Conduct Policy as presented.

**137-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 8.3 Joan Merrick, CAO – Emergency Program Funding Area D & E

MOVED by Director Mussallem, SECONDED by Director Nobels that staff draft a resolution for the NCLGA AGM requesting the Minister responsible for Emergency Preparedness Programs provide increased financial support for all communities to provide proper emergency response systems.

**138-2011**

**CARRIED**



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MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kulesha that the CAO report on Emergency Program Funding Area D & E be received and filed and that the budget be amended to include taxation allocation for Area “D” in the amount of \$18,571 and for Area “E” in the amount of \$10,000 and further that Area “D” would have \$18,571 set aside for use in 2011 or some future date.

**139-2011**

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Mussallem, SECONDED by Director Putterill that staff contact Patrick Marshall of the Coastal Community Network and request that he solicit support from all coastal communities to lobby the Minister responsible for the Provincial Emergency Program to increase funding for emergency response programs.

**140-2011**

**CARRIED**

### 9. BYLAWS

- 9.1 Bylaw No. 280.1 – 2011 Being a bylaw to amend the North Pacific Cannery Village Museum Grant-in-Aid Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 280 - 1995.

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels that the North Pacific Cannery Village Museum Grant-in-Aid Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 280.1 – 2011 be adopted.

**141-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 9.2 Bylaw No. 473.1 – 2011 A bylaw to amend the Sandspit Fire Protection Grant-in-Aid Local Service Bylaw No. 264-1994

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kulesha that the Sandspit Fire Protection Grant-in-Aid Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 473.1 – 2011 be adopted.

**142-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 9.3 Bylaw No. 529 – 2011 A bylaw to provide for the borrowing of money during fiscal year 2011 in anticipation of revenue

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Mussallem that the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 529-2011 be adopted.

**143-2011**

**CARRIED**



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- 9.4 Bylaw No. 531 – 2011 A bylaw to establish the Five Year Financial Plan for the years 2011 to 2015

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kristoff that the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 531 – 2011 be given first, second and third readings.

**144-2011**

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Nobels that the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 531 – 2011 be adopted.

**145-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 9.5 Bylaw No. 530 – 2011 Being a bylaw to amend the Graham Island Interim Zoning Bylaw No. 192

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Delves that the Graham Island Interim Zoning amendment Bylaw No. 530 – 2011 be given first reading and that a public hearing date be set for April 19, 2011.

**146-2011**

**CARRIED**

### **10. LAND REFERRALS**

- 10.1 Helen Koning - Zoning Amendment for Lot 14, Block 870, Plan 8940 (Tow Hill Road)

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Delves that the report be received and filed.

**147-2011**

**CARRIED**

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

- 11.1 NDI – Economic Development Grant funding

MOVED by Director Mussallem, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the two mainland electoral directors meet with staff to provide direction for the project objectives for the grant funding application.

**148-2011**

**CARRIED**

- 11.2 Northwest Regional Hospital District resolutions regarding LEED Gold and Carbon Tax

MOVED by Director Putterill, SECONDED by Director Kulesha, that a letter of support be sent to NCLGA, supporting the following resolutions:



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### **LEED Gold Hospital Capital Projects:**

WHEREAS the Provincial LEED Gold standard has been instituted province wide for construction of public infrastructure and is applicable to construction of new medical facilities, including hospitals and residential care facilities.

AND WHEREAS the LEED Gold standard is designed to make these facilities more energy and cost effective and can add an additional 3% to 10% to the capital cost of these facilities.

AND WHEREAS the Regional Hospital Boards and their local tax payers contribute 40% towards the capital cost of new facilities but gain no direct benefit from the LEED Gold standard as its results contribute only to operating costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to mitigate the increased cost to the Regional Health Board contribution of the capital cost of these new facilities by reducing Regional Hospital Districts share of construction costs by basing the split on the base line cost of instituting LEED Gold standards on a project by project basis.

### **Climate Action Charter:**

WHEREAS the Climate Action Charter of British Columbia which was initiated by the Province through Bill 27 and has been instituted province wide.

AND WHEREAS in order to meet the Province's carbon neutral goals, the Province has mandated a system of carbon offset purchases by government funded authorities such as the Provincial Health Authorities.

AND WHEREAS these authorities are spending tax money to purchase carbon offsets,

AND WHEREAS our communities could be better served using this money in the services that they were originally intended for.

AND WHEREAS the Health Authorities are not eligible to apply for capital upgrade grants from the Pacific Carbon Trust.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and the UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to suspend the requirements for carbon offset payments by Health Authorities indefinitely and look for alternative methods of achieving carbon neutrality that do not impact service delivery by these Health Authorities.

**149-2011**

**CARRIED**



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### 12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were 3 questions from the public.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Kulesha, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that the regular meeting be ADJOURNED at 8:29pm.

**150-2011**

**CARRIED**

Certified correct:

Approved & adopted:

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J. Merrick, CAO

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B. Pages, Chair